

At a Glance

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Forestland Preservation Category	
Purpose	This category provides money to acquire and preserve opportunities for timber production by leasing the land or buying a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities and towns • Counties • Nonprofit nature conservancies • Washington State Conservation Commission
Is a plan required?	A plan is not needed for the grant applicant to be eligible; however forests must be enrolled in a county's open space or forestland property tax program and a forest management plan is required.
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of property rights through a conservation easement • Combination of acquisition and habitat enhancement or restoration.
What are the grant limits?	\$350,000
What must I contribute?	Cities, counties, and nonprofit nature conservancies must provide a one-to-one matching share. There is no match required for the Washington State Conservation Commission.
How is my project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears your in-person presentation and scores your project.
When are applications due	May 1, 2018
When are grants awarded?	July 2019
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must review <u>and confer</u> with local jurisdictions on all acquisitions. • Site stewardship plans are eligible. • Modified the Communities Values criterion. • Added a new Multiple Benefits evaluation criterion.