

At a Glance

Critical Habitat

Purpose	The program provides grants to conserve areas important for the protection, management, or public enjoyment of wildlife
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies • Federally recognized Native American tribes • Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations • State agencies
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development • Combination acquisition and development
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies, Native American tribes, and nonprofit nature conservancies: 50 percent • State agencies: No match required
Is a plan required?	A comprehensive habitat conservation plan is needed to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears an in-person, virtual presentation and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.

Natural Areas

Purpose	The program provides grants to conserve areas that have retained their natural character and are important in preserving rare or vanishing wildlife, geological, natural, historical, or similar features of scientific or educational value.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations • State agencies
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development • Combination acquisition and development
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit nature conservancies: 50 percent • State agencies: No match required
Is a plan required?	You need a comprehensive habitat conservation plan to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . Plans are due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee evaluates a written application and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.

Riparian Protection

Purpose	The program provides grants to conserve land along the water, as well as submerged land such as streambeds, which can provide functional habitat for salmon and other wildlife
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies • Federally recognized Native American tribes • Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations • Salmon recovery lead entities • State agencies
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Combination acquisition and development or combination acquisition, development, and restoration
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies, Native American tribes, salmon recovery lead entities, and nonprofit nature conservancies: 50 percent • State agencies: No match required
Is a plan required?	A comprehensive habitat conservation plan is needed to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . The plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears an in-person, virtual presentation and scores the project.
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State Lands Restoration and Enhancement

Purpose	The program provides grants to restore or enhance land owned by the State of Washington or held in trust by the State.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Department of Fish and Wildlife • State Department of Natural Resources • State Parks and Recreation Commission
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration • Enhancement
What are the grant limits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single site project: \$25,000-\$1 million • Multisite project: \$25,000-\$500,000
What must the project sponsor contribute?	No match required
Is a plan required?	A comprehensive habitat conservation plan is needed to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . The plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee evaluates a written application and scores the project.
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Urban Wildlife Habitat

Purpose	The program provides grants to conserve areas near cities important for the protection or public enjoyment of wildlife
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies • Federally recognized Native American tribes • Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations • State agencies
When are applications due?	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development • Combination acquisition and development
What are the grant limits?	None
What must the project sponsor contribute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies, Native American tribes, and nonprofit nature conservancies: 50 percent • State agencies: No match required
Is a plan required?	A comprehensive habitat conservation plan is needed to apply. See <i>Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines</i> . The plan is due March 1, 2024.
How is the project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears an in-person, virtual presentation and scores the project.
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy for exceptional economic times. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.