

At a Glance

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	
Purpose	The program provides funding to acquire, restore, or improve aquatic lands for public purposes. Grants may be used to provide or improve public access to those lands and associated waters.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities and towns • Counties • Native American tribes • Special purpose districts • State agencies
Is a plan required?	No
What are navigable waters?	All projects must be associated with navigable waters of the state. Check with the Washington Department of Natural Resources aquatics land manager to see if the project is on a navigable water body.
What types of projects are eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development or renovation • Combination acquisition and development and/or restoration • Land acquisition • Restoration
What are the grant limits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition: \$1 million • Development, renovation, and restoration: \$500,000 • Combination of acquisition and development and/or restoration: \$1 million, of which not more than \$500,000 may be for development or restoration costs.
What must I contribute?	50 percent
How is my project evaluated?	An advisory committee hears in-person, virtual presentations and scores the projects.
When are applications due	May 1, 2024
When are grants awarded?	June 2025 estimated
What's new this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a cost increase policy. • Changed the evaluation criteria to address priorities in RCO's equity review and state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. • Included in the manual existing rules about time limits, extensions, inspections, acknowledgments, and signs.