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**Project in Chelan County**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

**Wenatchee  
Renovating Lincoln Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to renovate the 18-acre Lincoln Park in south Wenatchee. The City will build a BMX pump track in an underused part of the park, add a group picnic shelter, replace an outdated playground, add a splash pad, build a new stage, and improve the walkways, parking areas, and landscaping. This project will create a vibrant recreation hub in the most culturally diverse and lowest income portion of the city. The project also provides active play elements to help combat the area's above average childhood obesity rates. Wenatchee will contribute more than \$1 million in cash, staff labor, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1250)

**Projects in Clallam County**

**Grants Awarded: \$656,920**

**Port of Port Angeles  
Replacing a Port Angeles Fuel Float**

**Grant Awarded: \$497,320**

The Port of Port Angeles will use this grant to replace the marina fueling float at the Port Angeles Boat Haven. The Port will use most of the existing infrastructure at the marina and will replace the fuel float and gangway, which were installed in 1973. Once completed, the project will provide guest and local boaters a reliable and modern fuel facility. The Port of Port Angeles will contribute \$223,433. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. (18-1954)

**Van Rippers Resort  
Replacing Guest Moorage**

**Grant Awarded: \$159,600**

The Van Rippers Resort in Sekiu will use this grant to provide guest moorage for boats larger than 26 feet at the northern part of the Olympic peninsula. The resort will replace 280 feet of docks with moorage docks that will accommodate the larger vessels. Van Rippers Resort will contribute \$56,077. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) program. (18-1779)

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## Projects in Island County

**Grants Awarded: \$929,000**

### **Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving the Kristoferson Working Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$929,000**

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use two grants to buy conservation easements<sup>1</sup> on about 147 acres of forest and 80 acres of farmland at the 231-acre Kristoferson Farm on Camano Island. The land is a local icon, providing a scenic backdrop along nearly a mile of Northeast Camano Drive, the main road to and from the island. Purchased by Alfred Kristoferson in 1912, the farm is now in the fourth generation of family ownership. Recently, the Kristoferson family diversified the farm, adding lavender, apples, and pumpkins to the organic hay historically grown there. Farming without chemical fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides is a family tradition, and Kristoferson Farm is certified organic by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The family's dedication to preserving the farm and wildlife habitat is central to its mission. Major environmental initiatives such as improving salmon passage, restoring the banks along Kristoferson Creek, and the family's embrace of sustainable farming serve as model practices. In 2014, Kristoferson Farm was named "Washington State Wildlife Farm of the Year" by the Washington Association of Conservation Districts. To keep the farm financially sound, the Kristofersons have supplemented traditional working forest and agriculture practices with ecotourism, corporate leadership training and team-building, and farm events. The family's Canopy Tours Northwest gives visitors access to the forest in an environmentally friendly way that is compatible with sustainable timber harvest. The fourth generation of Kristofersons are committed to the property and eager to protect it for many generations to come. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.3 million in conservation futures,<sup>2</sup> a federal grant, a grant from the salmon recovery program, and a donation of property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [here](#) and [here](#) for more information and photographs of the projects. The grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#) and the [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (19-1530, 19-1531)

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**Project in King County**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

**Seattle**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

**Building a Boathouse at Green Lake**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to help build a new boathouse at the Green Lake Small Craft Center. The grant will pay to build one story of a two-story boathouse that will replace the existing boathouse. The first floor will be used for storage and support amenities. Located on the southeast corner of Green Lake Park, the small craft center has provided public instruction and supervised rowing, paddling, and sailing since 1948. The popularity of the center's boating programs, particularly among youth, has increased the need for more storage, instructional, and activity space. The current lack of space creates safety concerns and limits the department's ability to meet increased demand. Seattle will contribute \$995,000 in local and other grants and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1274)

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**Project in Klickitat County**

**Grant Awarded: \$277,000**

**Columbia Land Trust**

**Grant Awarded: \$277,000**

**Conserving a Trout Lake Valley Farm**

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>3</sup> to protect permanently 101 acres of prime farmland in the scenic Trout Lake Valley. Trout Lake is 1,800 feet above sea level at the base of Washington's second tallest peak, Mount Adams. The easement would protect high-quality, volcanic, agriculture soils on land that has been platted for development, and enable the organic dairy farm there to expand its operations by buying additional at-risk farmland. The easement would ensure the source of milk for a nearby cheese creamery, securing at least eight full-time jobs and additional part-time jobs. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute \$277,000 in a federal grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1539)

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## Projects in Lewis County

**Grants Awarded: \$651,000**

### **Chehalis**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

#### **Renovating Chehalis Recreation Park**

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate Recreation Park on 13th Street in Chehalis near Interstate 5. The City will replace failing irrigation and drainage systems for the four ball fields, as well as replace the sod, improve pathways to make them accessible to people with disabilities, and replace the 25-year-old playground with a fully accessible playground. The work will keep the fields more playable during wet weather, which now causes too many cancelled games due to flooding. Chehalis will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1819)

### **PCC Farmland Trust**

**Grant Awarded: \$151,000**

#### **Conserving the Olson Farm**

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>4</sup> to protect permanently 121 acres of Lewis County's best prime farmland. Located outside Napavine, the Olson Farm is owned by the third generation of the Olson family. The farm has been certified organic since 2000 and its cattle herd is 100 percent pasture-raised. With excellent soils, on-site supporting infrastructure, and ideal access to the markets of Olympia and Tacoma, preservation of this farm provides a unique opportunity to conserve a farm that is almost double the size of the average Lewis County farm. In light of surrounding commercial and residential development, the Olson family is seeking to conserve its farm to continue their commitment to Lewis County's deep agricultural heritage and ensure that the land is available for the next generation of family farmers. The PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$185,800 in federal and private grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1445)

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## Projects in Okanogan County

**Grants Awarded: \$839,593**

### **Methow Conservancy Conserving Farmland near Mazama**

**Grant Awarded: \$290,150**

The Methow Conservancy will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>5</sup> to conserve 88.3 acres of irrigated, agricultural land with high-quality soils near Mazama in the Methow Valley. The Methow Valley is renowned for its scenic beauty and intact wildlife populations. The land proposed for protection has been owned by the same family for almost 70 years and is part of the family's larger cattle operation. The easement will extinguish 16 development rights on the land, and in doing so, will protect permanently an important piece of agricultural land and its associated water right, as well as protect signature scenic views from the adjacent Highway 20, a State Scenic Byway. The Methow Conservancy will contribute \$393,350 in a federal grant and donations of cash and land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1360)

### **Okanogan Land Trust Protecting a Farm and Cattle Ranch near Tonasket**

**Grant Awarded: \$549,443**

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a permanent conservation easement<sup>6</sup> on 842 acres of productive farmland and rangeland that support a cattle ranch northeast of Tonasket. The project also will protect prime and unique soils and grasslands of special environmental significance. The land abuts state, federal, and tribal lands. The grant will allow the Olmas Family to permanently protect and solidify its successful and growing ranching operation, and help prepare to transition the farm to the next generation. Because the land is near Tonasket, it is a prime target for a large housing development and likely would be subdivided. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$549,443 in donations of cash and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1507)

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## Project in Skagit County

**Grant Awarded: \$67,970**

### **Skagit Land Trust Protecting Devil's Mountain Forest**

**Grant Awarded: \$67,970**

The Skagit Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>7</sup> to ensure 43 acres of low elevation forest near Mount Vernon remains a working forest forever. The easement also will protect a wetland and Nookachamps Creek, a tributary to the Skagit River. The land has varied geology, topography, and microclimates, and sustains a diverse array of plants and animals, including bears. It is part of the larger Devil's Mountain forest block, which is partly owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. This area is sandwiched between Mount Vernon to the north, Interstate 5 to the west, and the community of Big Lake to the east, and is converting steadily to residential development. The Skagit Land Trust will contribute \$83,210 in donations of cash and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (19-1541)

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## Projects in Snohomish County

**Grants Awarded: \$3,333,325**

### **Edmonds Developing Downtown's Civic Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop Civic Park, an 8-acre park in its downtown. Development will include upgrading the athletic fields, playground, skate park, and tennis court. Other components will include pathways, an outdoor fitness zone, multi-use sport court, gathering plaza, picnic area, and restroom. Edmonds sees this downtown park as contributing to a sense of community identity and civic pride while promoting active, healthy lifestyles, energizing the local economy, and bolstering the city's growing reputation as a destination on Puget Sound. Edmonds will contribute more than \$11.5 million in a state appropriation, cash, council bonds, a local grant, grants from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1379)

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## **Forterra**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,280,700**

### **Conserving the Tillman Dairy Farm**

Forterra will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>8</sup> to restrict development of the 329-acre Tillman Farm, in Arlington Heights, an unincorporated community in north-central Snohomish County. The historic property is a Snohomish County Centennial Farm, and has been used to grow corn, peas, strawberries, and other crops during the past 100 years. Most recently, the farm has been operated as a dairy and to grow hay and silage for area livestock farmers. The farm has about 85 percent prime farmland soils or soils of statewide significance. According to the most recent agriculture census, about 7,000 acres of agricultural lands in the Snohomish County were converted to other uses during the 5 years between censuses, making large tracts with relatively small residential lots all the more uncommon, as well as threatened by conversion. Several entities have approached the landowner to develop the site, which offers about 66 rural home lots. Forterra will contribute \$1.2 million in conservation futures,<sup>9</sup> and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1526)

## **Lynnwood**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

### **Renovating South Lynnwood Park**

The Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate South Lynnwood Park in south Snohomish County. Development at the 4.2-acre park will include a playground, a picnic shelter, park furniture, restrooms, a bike station, tennis courts, a native plantings area with an interpretive sign, walking paths, parking, and new entry signs. South Lynnwood Park is along the regional Interurban Trail and in the heart of the south Lynnwood neighborhood, which is the city's most underserved area. Lynnwood will contribute more than \$1.4 million in cash, staff labor, a local grant, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1834)

## **Monroe**

**Grant Awarded: \$500,000**

### **Buying an East Monroe Heritage Site**

The City of Monroe will use this grant to buy 43 acres of open land along the Skykomish River for wildlife viewing and environmental interpretation. The land is in Monroe off U.S. Route 2

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between Woods Creek Road and Calhoun Road, in Snohomish County. The land is a diverse compilation of feeder bluffs, salmon-bearing oxbow channel, and wetlands. There is a natural connection to the Skykomish River and the 90-acre Al Borlin Park to the southwest. Future development may include a small parking lot, trails, interpretive signs, and connections to Al Borlin Park and the future Snoqualmie Valley and Centennial trail extensions. The landowner is proposing a zoning change to commercial, and has requested a permit to fill the area with 6,000 truckloads of material. Monroe will contribute more than \$1.5 million in cash and conservation futures.<sup>10</sup> Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1622)

## **Mountlake Terrace** **Grant Awarded: \$250,000** **Building an Accessible Playground in Ballinger Park**

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to build a playground accessible to people with disabilities at Ballinger Park, north of Lake Ballinger and west of Lakeview Drive. Development will include signs and fencing. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$255,000 in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#). (18-1335)

## **PCC Farmland Trust** **Grant Awarded: \$552,625** **Conserving Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Farm**

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>11</sup> on Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Farm, conserving 209 acres permanently. Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Farm is a fifth generation farm in the Snohomish River Valley, just a few miles west of Monroe and south of the city of Snohomish. The farm has been owned and operated by the Ricci family since 1888. It was a dairy for generations until 2001 when the family sold its herd and switched to row crops, hay production, and agricultural tourism. The Riccis are raising their five children on the farm and plan to continue farming there for generations to come. The land borders the Snohomish River, which is priority habitat for Chinook salmon, a species listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and coho salmon, a federal species of concern, as well as other species of trout and salmon. The easement will ensure the property will stay as working farmland and allow for restoration of the fish habitat. The PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$552,625 in a federal grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more](#)

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[information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1350)

## **Projects in Whatcom County**

**Grants Awarded: \$367,690**

### **Whatcom County**

**Grant Awarded: \$350,000**

#### **Ensuring Squalicum Forest Remains a Working Forest**

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>12</sup> on 160 acres near Bellingham. This forest has been managed as a working forest and the landowner wants to ensure the land forever remains available as working land. The forest also contains a significant portion of the headwaters of Squalicum Creek, which is home to several priority species. Whatcom County will contribute \$398,000 in conservation futures.<sup>13</sup> Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (19-1330)

### **Whatcom County**

**Grant Awarded: \$47,690**

#### **Conserving a Forest near Deming**

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>14</sup> on 115 acres east of Deming. The land was logged in the 1980s and largely has been left to grow as a forest with minimal management. The land is next to state-managed lands and has been used for horseback riding, hiking, and camping. The owners want to continue to manage the land as a working forest and allow these recreational uses. Known as the Kiera-Duffy property, the land contains a portion of Lake Jorgensen and is home to several priority species. Whatcom County will contribute \$274,500 in conservation futures.<sup>15</sup> Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Forestland Preservation Category](#). (19-1535)

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**Project in Yakima County**

**Grant Awarded: \$730,718**

**State Conservation Commission  
Conserving Stevenson Farm near Yakima**

**Grant Awarded: \$730,718**

The State Conservation Commission will use this grant to buy a conservation easement<sup>16</sup> to protect nearly 92 acres of irrigated, agricultural land in Yakima County. The land is next to 281 acres already preserved with an easement. This property also is on a busy road linking Yakima with the agricultural communities of Cowiche and Tieton. The surrounding area includes a mix of farms and new home construction. Conservation of this property will ensure the agricultural characteristics are not diminished and will build an agricultural buffer between rural residential and intensive agriculture. The area being considered also contains 2,220 feet of Cowiche Creek, a high priority to salmon recovery. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's [Farmland Preservation Category](#). (19-1527)

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