

Proposed Agenda Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Regular Meeting

October 17-18, 2018

Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA, 98501

Time: Opening sessions will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by board discussion and then public comment. The board makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda item.

Public Comment: To comment at the meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff. Please be sure to note on the card if you are speaking about a particular agenda topic. The chair will call you to the front at the appropriate time. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person. You may also submit written comments to the board by mailing them to RCO, attn: Wyatt Lundquist, Board Liaison, at the address above or to wyatt.lundquist@rco.wa.gov.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Chair

- Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- Review and Approval of Agenda – October 17-18, 2018 (**Decision**)

9:05 a.m. 1. Consent Agenda (**Decision**)

Chair

- A. Board Meeting Minutes – July 18-19, 2018
- B. Policy Waiver Request: Waive Appraisal Requirement and Increase Limit on Finding of Value associated with a conversion at Liberty Lake's Rock Hill Park
- C. Draft Delegation letter for Board to send on the Land and Water Conservation Fund reauthorization (if congress hasn't acted by board meeting)
- D. Time Extension Requests
 - Department of Fish and Wildlife, Edmonds Fishing Pier Renovation, RCO #[12-1160D](#)
 - Department of Natural Resources, Middle Fork Snoqualmie & Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas, RCO #[12-1178A](#)
 - Tacoma Metro, The Peninsula at Point Defiance, RCO #[12-1555D](#)

Resolution 2018-15

9:10 a.m. 2. Director's Report (**Briefings**)

- Director's Report
- Legislative, Budget, and Policy Update
- Grant Management Report
- Fiscal Report (*written only*)
- Performance Report (*written only*)

Kaleen Cottingham

Wendy Brown

Marguerite Austin

9:30 a.m. 3. State Agency Partner Reports (**Briefings**)

- Department of Natural Resources
- State Parks and Recreation Commission
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Governor's Outdoor Recreation Advisor

Brock Milliern

Peter Herzog

Joe Stohr

Jon Snyder

10:00 a.m. General Public Comment for issues not identified as agenda items. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

Chair

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFING

10:05 a.m. 4. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Framework

Scott Robinson

- Approach for presenting the ranked lists

10:25 a.m. BREAK

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

**10:40 a.m. 5. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
Habitat Conservation Account: Approval of Ranked Lists**

- A. Critical Habitat Category* Resolution 2018-16
- B. Natural Areas Category* Resolution 2018-17
- C. Riparian Protection Category* Resolution 2018-18
- D. State Lands Restoration Category* Resolution 2018-19
- E. Urban Wildlife Habitat Category* Resolution 2018-20

Kim Sellers

DeAnn Beck

Beth Auerbach

Alison Greene

DeAnn Beck

***Public comment** will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

**11:40 a.m. 6. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
Outdoor Recreation Account: Approval of Ranked Lists**

- A. Local Parks Category* Resolution 2018-21
- B. State Lands Development Category* Resolution 2018-22
- C. State Parks Category* Resolution 2018-23
- D. Trails Category* Resolution 2018-24
- E. Water Access Category* Resolution 2018-25

Beth Auerbach

Dan Haws

Karl Jacobs

Brian Carpenter

Rory Calhoun

***Public comment** will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

12:40 p.m. LUNCH

**1:10 p.m. 7. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
Farm and Forest Account: Approval of Ranked Lists**

- A. Farmland Preservation Category* Resolution 2018-26
- B. Forestland Preservation Category* Resolution 2018-27

Karl Jacobs

Kim Sellers

***Public comment** will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

BOARD BUSINESS: REQUEST FOR DIRECTION & BRIEFING

1:30 p.m. 8. Proposed Revisions of the Board's Compliance Policies

Myra Barker

2:30 p.m. 9. RCO's Compliance Inspection Strategy

Myra Barker

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

2:50 p.m.	10. Royal City Conversion: RCO #76-001A Resolution 2018-28 *Public comment will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.	Myra Barker
3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 p.m.	11. Executive Session: Director's Evaluation (For Board Members Only)	
5:00 p.m.	RECESS FOR THE DAY	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

OPENING

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order • Roll Call and Determination of Quorum	Chair
9:05 a.m.	12. Recognition of Former RCO Staff - Darrell Jennings - Leslie Connelly	Chair

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

9:30 a.m.	13. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA): Approval of Ranked List Resolution 2018-29 *Public comment will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.	Alison Greene
10:00 a.m.	14. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): Approval of Ranked List Resolution 2018-30 *Public comment will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.	Marguerite Austin
10:30 a.m.	15. Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF): Approval of Ranked List A. Large Category* Resolution 2018-31 B. Small Category* Resolution 2018-32 *Public comment will occur after each category presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.	Jesse Sims
11:00 a.m.	BREAK	

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

11:15 a.m.	16. Brief Overview of the Impact of the Recent Fires (Trends Over the Past Several Years) on Outdoor Recreation and Conservation	Brock Milliern
12:15 p.m.	ADJOURN	

Next Meeting:

January 22-23, 2019, Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA, 98501

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

Item

1B

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM**Meeting Date:** October 17, 2018**Title:** Policy Waiver Request: Waive Appraisal Requirement
RCO #08-1630, City of Liberty Lake, Rocky Hill Park Conversion**Prepared By:** Kyle Guzlas**Summary**

Waive the appraisal requirement associated with a conversion at the City of Liberty Lake's Rocky Hill Park

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Summary and Background

RCO applies the board's acquisition policies¹ for conversion and replacement properties. A sponsor must comply with the appraisal standards when determining the value of the conversion area and of a replacement property. By policy, an appraisal report is required for a property with a value that exceeds \$10,000². The director may approve a finding of value for property that has an expected value less than or equal to \$10,000.

The City of Liberty Lake has submitted a conversion request that falls within the director's authority for consideration. As allowed by policy, the sponsor utilized a "finding of value" in lieu of a full appraisal report because they assumed that both the conversion and replacement properties would not exceed \$10,000. The conversion property finding of value is \$10,000. However, the replacement property finding of value is \$15,000, which exceeds the policy limit.

The sponsor requests the board waive the appraisal report requirement, which will allow the sponsor to utilize the finding of value for the proposed replacement property.

Background

Although it is unclear when the board first adopted a policy that permitted a finding of value in lieu of an appraisal report, in 1970, the policy limited use to property that was valued at less than \$1,000³. The policy

¹ Manual 3 Acquisition Policies

² Manual 3 Acquisition Projects, Section 5: Appraisal Requirements

³ IAC Procedures Manual 1970

stated "If the total value of the property is less than \$1,000, and the expenses of an appraisal would be disproportionate to its benefit, the IAC will accept a written finding of value by a qualified person."

The threshold for a finding of value has been raised two times. The first increase was from \$1,000 to \$2,500⁴ and the most recent increase to \$10,000 was adopted in 2005.

The board's current policy that permits waiving the appraisal report requirement is:

Appraisal Waivers

When the estimated value of the property does not exceed \$10,000, and the acquisition is not complex, project sponsors may be exempt from having to meet appraisal and appraisal review standards. Such exemptions must be requested in writing before closing on the property. In lieu of the appraisal standards, a project sponsor may submit a written "Finding of Value" that includes:

The preparer's name, experience, and qualifications. The preparer must have sufficient understanding of the real estate market and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, in the real property to be valued for compensation. Project sponsor staff may not prepare the "Finding of Value."⁵

A description of the methods and factors used to reach the value for compensation. This description must have enough detail to allow RCO to understand how the preparer used market information to decide a market value.

Examples of "Findings of Value" may include an "Administrative Offer" prepared by a certified right-of-way agent, a "Broker Price Opinion" prepared by a qualified real estate broker or other individual, or other narrative summary of recent market information and the analysis used to decide the market value of the property.

Considerations

Federal and state law permit an agency to waive appraisal of a property with a low fair market value under prescribed conditions.⁶

⁴ Actual date of increase unknown, \$2,500 was the limit in 1999.

⁵ Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2010-34

⁶ 49.CFR.24.102(C) The [Federal Agency](#) funding the project may approve exceeding the \$10,000 threshold, up to a maximum of \$25,000, if the [Agency](#) acquiring the real property offers the property owner the option of having the [Agency](#) appraise the property. If the property owner elects to have the [Agency](#) appraise the property, the [Agency](#) shall obtain an [appraisal](#) and not use procedures described in this paragraph.

⁶ RCW 8.26.180(2) Real property shall be appraised before the initiation of negotiations, and the owner or his or her designated representative shall be given an opportunity to accompany at least one appraiser of the acquiring agency during his or her inspection of the property, except that the lead agency may prescribe a procedure to waive the appraisal in cases involving the acquisition of property with a low fair market value.

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program policy on appraisal standards limits use of a value estimate for property with an estimated value of \$10,000 or less. However, as permitted by the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally-Assisted Programs, the law allows a federal agency to increase the limit to \$25,000 with the consent of the landowner. Subsequently, LWCF policy permits a State to increase the limit to \$25,000.

The board may consider waiving its policy when satisfied a sponsor has provided sufficient justification, such as when the cost of an appraisal is disproportionate to the value of a property.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends waiving the appraisal report requirement to allow the sponsor to use a finding of value for the respective proposed replacement property.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018
Title: Time Extension Request
Prepared By: Recreation and Conservation Section Grants Managers

Summary

This is a request for the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to consider the proposed project time extensions shown in Attachment A.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Resolution: 2018-15

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the requested time extensions.

Background

Manual #7, *Funded Projects*, outlines the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) adopted policy for progress on active funded projects. Key elements of this policy are that the sponsor must complete a funded project promptly and meet the project milestones outlined in the project agreement. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director has authority to extend an agreement for up to four years. Extensions beyond four years require board action.

RCO received time extension requests for the projects listed in Attachment A. This document summarizes the circumstances for the requested extensions and the expected date of project completion. Board action is required because the project sponsor is requesting an extension to continue the agreement beyond four years.

General considerations for approving time extension requests include:

- Receipt of a written request for the time extension;
- Reimbursements requested and approved;
- Date the board granted funding approval;
- Conditions surrounding the delay;
- Sponsor's reasons or justification for requesting the extension;
- Likelihood of sponsor completing the project within the extended period;
- Original dates for project completion;
- Current status of activities within the grant;
- Sponsor's progress on this and other funded projects;
- Revised milestones or timeline submitted for completion of the project; and

- The effect the extension will have on re-appropriation request levels for RCO.

Plan Link

Consideration of this request supports the board's goal of helping its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish, wildlife, and ecosystems.

Summary of Public Comment

At the time of the writing of this memo, no public comment on the projects have been received.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the time extension requests for the projects listed in Attachment A.

Attachments

A. Time Extension Request for Board Approval

Time Extension Requests for Board Approval

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Project number/type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
12-1555 Development	The Peninsula at Point Defiance	Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$50,000 (10 percent)	10/31/2018	6/30/2019 (8 months)	<p>The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma is using this grant to develop open passive park space on approximately 11 acres located on a peninsula at the northernmost point in the city. This project will allow Tacoma Metro to expand its capacity for passive recreation along 2,200 linear feet of shoreline. This park will be created by converting a former industrial site into an open greenspace. Amenities include walking trails, site furnishings, restrooms, lighting, signage, and landscaping.</p> <p>The area is the site of a former copper smelting operation and the project is running in conjunction with remediation of the contaminated materials. The remedial efforts are being managed (and paid for) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA made major changes to their remedial strategies, which significantly altered the timeline for this project.</p> <p>Utilities and site grading are completed. Plantings, hardscape, and lighting are near completion. A time extension will allow for installation of site furnishings, additional plantings, and paving of the parking lot.</p> <p>Note: Washington State's agreement with the National Park Service (NPS), for this project, expires December 31, 2018. RCO is asking NPS to extend that agreement. RCO staff will only execute a time extension amendment for this project if approved by both the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and NPS.</p>

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project number/type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
12-1160 Development	Edmonds Fishing Pier Renovation	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	\$95,000 (10 percent)	12/31/2018	12/31/2019 (12 months)	<p>The Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) owns the Edmonds fishing pier, which is located on Puget Sound. WDFW used state bond monies, administered by RCO, to originally construct the pier in 1977. The city of Edmonds has maintained and operated the pier for public use under a long-term agreement, with WDFW obligated to make large capital repairs and handle needed asset protection. The board awarded two Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grants (\$500,000 in 2012 and \$450,000 in 2016) to WDFW so the pier could be renovated to extend its useful life.</p> <p>The scope of the project included new concrete decking, metal railings, weather shelters, a fish cleaning station, power outlets, and new LED lighting. Renovation also included replacing or repairing structural support piles as the concrete and rebar was failing from saltwater intrusion. The project was completed and the pier reopened to the public last year. It is currently used for water viewing, fishing, crabbing, and jigging for squid.</p> <p>WDFW's final inspection of the completed pier included testing the concrete piles to make sure they comply with the American Society for Testing Materials standards for concrete longevity. Unfortunately, some of the piles failed the test. This could mean a shorter life span than the 40 years required in the construction contract. This discovery has led to extensive negotiations with the contractor and the bonding company to get them to correct the deficiency. They currently do not agree on how or who should fix the piles. WDFW is asking for a time extension through December 2019 to get the issue resolved so they can release the retainage and get full reimbursement from RCO.</p>

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Project number/type	Project name	Grant program	Grant funds remaining	Current end date	Extension request	Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request
12-1178 Acquisition	Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas	WWRP Urban Wildlife Habitat	\$266,703 (10 percent)	10/22/2018	6/30/2019 (8 months)	<p>The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has purchased six private properties totaling over 733 acres of wildlife habitat threatened with conversion to residential and commercial uses. DNR also worked to pursue another high priority property under this grant but was unable to complete the purchase due to timing factors and a lower than expected appraised price.</p> <p>Recently, DNR reengaged with three newly interested sellers who each own a 2.5-acre property located within a priority area at the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area. DNR had worked with these sellers in the past, but negotiations were unsuccessful at that time due to boundary line issues, which have since been resolved. The sellers are now ready to enter contingent purchase and sale agreements with DNR and appraisal work is underway.</p> <p>A time extension will provide the additional time needed to complete appraisals and due diligence (hazardous substances assessment and cultural resources review), and proceed with closing and post-closing work (including demolition, noxious weed control and signage.)</p>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Director's Report

Prepared By: Kaleen Cottingham, Director

Summary

This memo outlines key agency activities and happenings.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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In this Report:

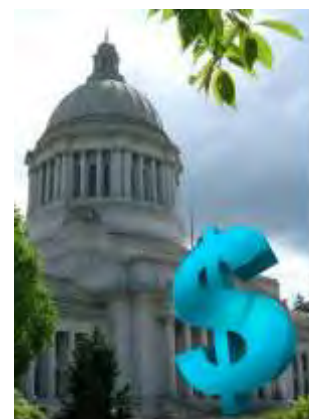
- Agency, budget, and policy update
- Grant management report
- Fiscal report
- Performance report

Agency Updates

Proposed Budget Decisions Headed to the Governor

RCO will submit four operating budget requests (known as decision packages) to the Office of Financial Management for potential inclusion in the Governor's budget proposal. All the operating requests relate to salmon recovery or invasive species, and are as follows:

- Fund salmon recovery lead entities with general fund dollars (shifting some lead entity funding from capital funds to operating funds). Also fund regional organizations to engage in orca recovery efforts related to increased hatchery production of Chinook salmon (so as to not impact the recovery of wild salmon.)
- Fund a process to update the statewide salmon recovery strategy, *Extinction is not an Option*.
- Shift funds from the Fish and Wildlife and Ecology budgets to RCO to support the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.
- Create an invasive species emergency response fund.



In addition, RCO submitted its Capital Budget request for all of its various grant programs.

A Summer of Love...ly Board Meetings

This has been a big summer for RCO, having all of its four boards meet within 6 weeks and having three meetings on the road. The Washington Invasive Species Council traveled to Airway Heights, near Spokane, in June for discussions about the invasive fish, northern pike. The council also heard about the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's new invasive mussel decontamination station on Interstate 90 in Spokane. The council decided to write a letter commending the department for its work on the new decontamination station.



The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board met in Winthrop in July. The Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group also met this summer. At the heart of the meeting was the agency updates on proposed land acquisitions and disposals for the 2019-2021 biennium.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board traveled to Stevenson, in the Columbia Gorge for its late June meeting and met again in September to hear updates on the Lean study, the effectiveness monitoring workshop, the Hood Canal Bridge study, and a study on Puget Sound marine survival of salmon. The board also discussed eligibility of assessments and planning grants and the creation of a Puget Sound rapid response revolving account. Finally, the board heard from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on its new priority habitat and species guidelines. The board will hold its final meeting of the year on December 5-6, 2018 to award grants.

Staff Changes

- **Brianna Widner** joined RCO as a community outreach and environmental education specialist for the Washington Invasive Species Council. Brianna will focus on three main areas of work—development of middle school curriculum, coordination and implementation of adult educational workshops, and assistance with a rapid response training exercise at Lake Roosevelt. Brianna has a bachelor degree in biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in forestry and natural resources from Purdue University in Indiana. Most recently, Brianna worked for the Mason Conservation District as an education and outreach coordinator.
- **Beth Auerbach** joined the Recreation and Conservation Grants Section as an outdoor grants manager. Beth has worked as an environmental consultant, planner, landscape designer, parks liaison, educator, farm intern, horse trainer, and rock climbing instructor. She received a bachelor degree in conservation biology and environmental education from Prescott College in Arizona and a master's in land planning and design from the Conway School in Massachusetts.



- **Brian Carpenter** joined the Recreation and Conservation Grants Section as an outdoor grants manager. He is a graduate of Western Washington University, with a bachelor degree in recreation and an associate degree in computer programming. He has worked for the Boy Scouts of America and Riverside County Regional Parks and Open Space District in California. He spent the past 2 years working as a camp director and facilities director of YMCA camps in Washington.
- **Julia Marshburn** joined the Grant Services Section as an administrative assistant. Julia is a native Washingtonian who has been living in Canada for the past several years. Julia has a degree from Emily Carr University and has experience running a small business, training others, and dealing with customers and their complaints.



Grant Management Report

Recreation Grants under the Microscope

The Natural Resources Building saw a parade of people in August when advisory committee members and grant applicants streamed in for final evaluations of grant proposals in five recreation and conservation grant programs. Staff and advisory committee members finished evaluating proposals in the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Boating Infrastructure Grants, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and Youth Athletic Facilities grant programs. Staff then held post-evaluation meetings with advisory committee members to see how the process worked and what changes should be made in the next grant round. Staff have been busy calling applicants with the news about how their projects scored.



Application Webinar

Deputy Director Scott Robinson kicked off RCO's second grant round with an enthusiastic welcome and tips for being a successful grant applicant during the Grant Application Webinar, held September 18, 2018. The Recreation and Conservation Grants Section offered this virtual workshop to provide an overview of the four grant programs offered this fall. Staff shared tips on developing and submitting an application, discussed long-term obligations, and highlighted key changes to board programs, including revisions to evaluation criteria. More than 50 applicants participated in the live event. The Webinar presenters included Dan Haws (coordinator), Karl Jacobs, Kim Sellers, and Jesse Sims. Tessa Cencula managed the technical aspects of the webinar. RCO is accepting grant applications for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP), Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR), Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA), and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The Webinar is available on [YouTube](#) for applicants who were unable to participate in the live event.

Applications are Pouring In

Applicants have entered 245 pre-applications for the second round of Recreation and Conservation Funding Board grants. The application deadline is November 1st, however, RCO set a pre-application due date of October 1st to ensure applicants have early access to crucial application resources and their outdoor grants manager. The number of applications entered so far is just 15 shy of the total applications submitted in 2018. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program grants are down by 10 percent,

Boating Facilities Program grants are down by 27 percent, however, grants for Firearms and Archery Range Recreation and the Recreational Trails Program are up by 57 percent and 12 percent respectively. RCO staff are meeting with applicants to conduct inspections, answer questions, and help applications get their applications submitted by November 1st. These numbers are preliminary. Staff will provide a final count after the application deadline.

Grant Awards for Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects

This September, Washington State became the recipient of another \$2 million in Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) for federal fiscal year 2018. When the board approved the final ranked list of LWCF projects at its July 2017 meeting, it delegated authority to RCO's director to award grants using federal fiscal years 2017 and 2018 monies. Washington State received an initial appropriation of \$1.9 million in 2017. Congress approved an additional \$1.2 million from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) in June of 2018. The \$2 million appropriated last week brings the total funds available for grant awards for this biennium to \$5.2 million. The additional funds will be used for acquisition of a new park and development or renovation of several existing parks

The table below shows the projects awarded federal fiscal year 2018 funds. Edgewood Community Park was partially funded with GOMESA dollars. The amount shown below was the balance needed to fully fund the partially funded project.

Project Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Grant Awards
16-1991D	Edgewood Community Park	Edgewood	\$500,000	\$202,922*
16-2161D	Flowing Lake Park Renovation	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$500,000
16-1621D	Shoreview Park Trail and Creek Improvement	Shoreline	\$448,000	\$448,000
16-1814A	North Bend Partnering for a Park	North Bend	\$300,040	\$300,040
16-2024D	Bidwell Community Park Development	Spokane County	\$500,000	\$500,000

*Amount needed to finish funding this partially funded project.

Washington State Trails Conference

The Washington State Trails Coalition (WSTC) will hold its 12th biennial conference on October 25-27 in Wenatchee. Over 200 individuals are expected to attend more than 36 conference sessions where industry experts will present a range of trail related topics. The theme of the conference is "Leading the Way". For more information about this year's conference, you may visit the [WSTC Website](#) or email the WSTC President at info@washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org.

Project Administration

Staff administer outdoor recreation and habitat conservation projects as summarized in the table below. "Active" grants are those currently under agreement and in the implementation phase. "Director Approved" grants includes grant awards made by the RCO director after receiving board-delegated authority to award grants. Staff are working with sponsors to secure the materials needed to place the Director Approved grants under agreement.

Program	Active Projects	Director Approved Projects	Total Funded Projects
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	16	5	21
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	50	5	55
Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)	7	3	10
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	8	0	8
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	14	5	19
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	122	0	122
Recreation & Conservation Office Recreation Grants (RRG)	35	1	36
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	46	2	48
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	151	15	166
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	17	7	24
Total	466	43	509

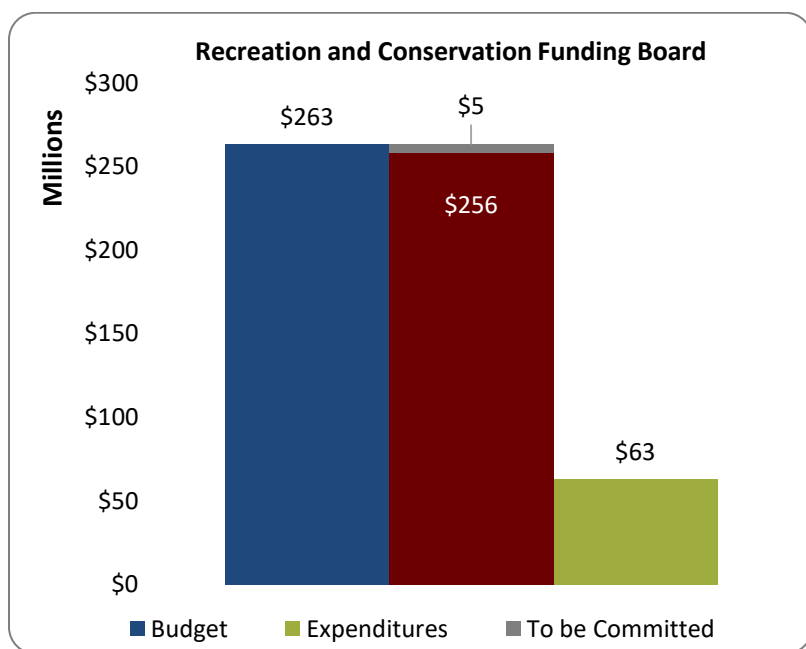
Viewing Closed Projects

Attachment A lists projects that closed between June 16, 2018 and September 30, 2018. Click on the project number to view the project description, grant funds awarded, and other information (e.g., photos, maps, reports, etc.).

Fiscal Report

For July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019, actuals through Sept 15, 2018 (Fiscal Month 14). Percentage of biennium reported: 58.3 percent. The "Budget" column shows the state appropriations and any received federal awards.

Grant Program	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	Re-appropriations 2017-2019	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% Expended of Committed
Grant Programs							
ALEA	\$16,732,166	\$15,948,933	95%	\$783,233	5%	\$3,709,184	23%
BFP	\$30,471,144	\$29,980,525	98%	\$490,619	2%	\$4,759,091	16%
BIG	\$3,824,028	\$3,824,028	100%	\$0	0%	\$552,495	14%
FARR	\$1,414,298	\$1,086,799	77%	\$327,499	23%	\$197,469	18%
LWCF	\$6,717,430	\$6,717,430	100%	\$0	0%	\$2,670,861	40%
NOVA	\$18,007,269	\$17,399,880	97%	\$607,389	3%	\$4,924,890	28%
RTP	\$5,953,317	\$5,673,815	95%	\$279,502	5%	\$1,936,363	34%
WWRP	\$136,856,500	\$135,156,405	99%	\$1,700,095	1%	\$29,599,195	22%
RRG	\$25,765,297	\$25,163,807	98%	\$601,490	2%	\$8,929,327	35%
YAF	\$9,775,000	\$9,496,258	97%	\$278,742	3%	\$2,366,005	25%
Subtotal	\$255,516,449	\$250,447,880	98%	\$5,068,569	2%	\$59,644,880	24%
Administration							
General Operating Funds	\$7,871,177	\$7,871,177	100%	\$0	0%	\$3,610,492	46%
Grand Total	\$263,387,626	\$258,319,057	98%	\$5,068,569	2%	\$63,255,372	24%



Acronym	Grant Program
ALEA	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
BFP	Boating Facilities Program
BIG	Boating Infrastructure Grant
FARR	Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
NOVA	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
RTP	Recreational Trails Program
WWRP	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
RRG	RCO Recreation Grants
YAF	Youth Athletic Facilities

Board Revenue Report

For July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019, actuals through September 14, 2018 (Fiscal Month 14).

Percentage of biennium reported: 58.3%.

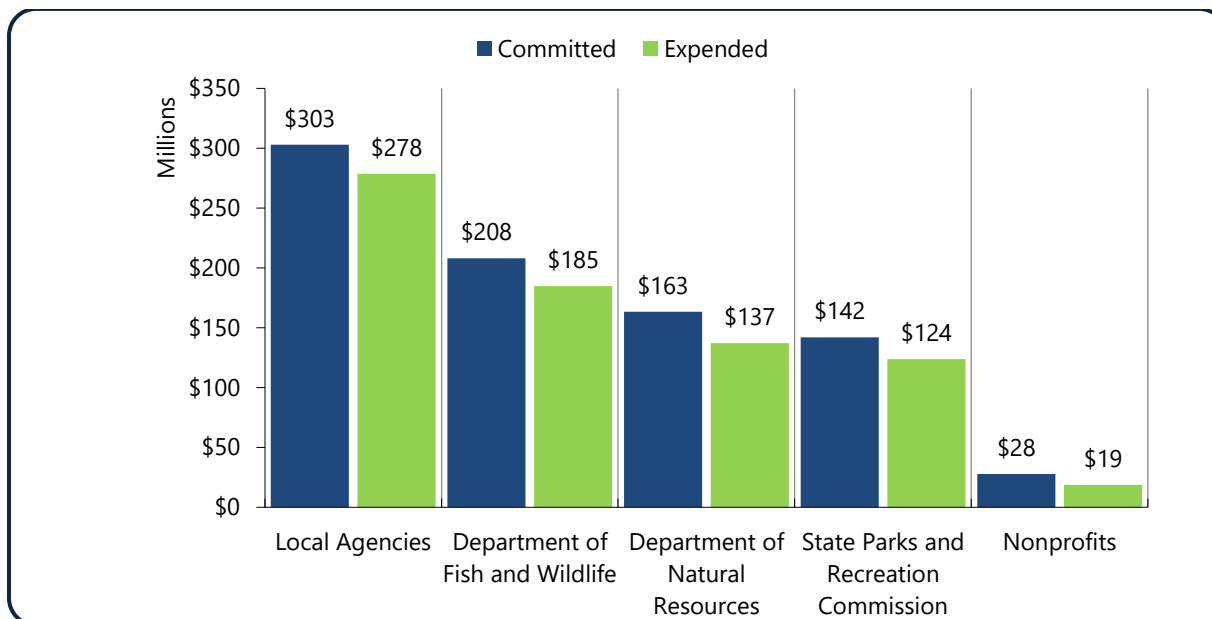
Program	Biennial Forecast	Collections	
	Estimate	Actual	% of Estimate
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	\$20,899,452	\$11,223,134	53.7%
Nonhighway, Off-Road Vehicle Program (NOVA)	\$14,569,994	\$7,869,068	54.0%
Firearms and Archery Range Rec Program (FARR)	\$566,540	\$328,444	58.0%
Total	\$36,035,986	\$19,420,646	53.9%

Revenue Notes:

- BFP revenue is from the un-refunded marine gasoline taxes.
- NOVA revenue is from the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by users of off-road vehicles and nonhighway roads and from the amount paid for by off-road vehicle use permits. NOVA revenue is from the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by users of off-road vehicles and nonhighway roads and from the amount paid for by off-road vehicle use permits.
- FARR revenue is from \$2.16 of each concealed pistol license fee.
- This reflects the most recent revenue forecast of February 2018. The next forecast is due in March 2018 after the drafting of this memo.

WWRP Expenditure Rate by Organization (1990-Current)

Agency	Committed	Expenditures	% Expended
Local Agencies	\$302,735,647	\$278,452,377	92%
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$207,950,100	\$184,748,700	89%
Department of Natural Resources	\$163,194,891	\$137,039,325	84%
State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$141,870,693	\$123,756,611	87%
Nonprofits	\$27,856,928	\$18,742,455	67%
Conservation Commission	\$3,840,040	\$378,996	10%
Tribes	\$741,411	\$715,498	97%
Other			
Special Projects	\$735,011	\$735,011	100%
Total	\$848,924,721	\$744,568,973	88%





Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2018

The following performance data are for recreation and conservation projects in fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019). Data are current as of September 17, 2018.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Fiscal Year-to-Date	Status	Notes
Grant agreements mailed within 120 days of funding	90%	82%	●	31 of 38 agreements were mailed to sponsors within 120 days
Grants under agreement within 180 days of funding	95%	88%	●	210 of 239 agreements were under agreement within 180 days of funding.
Progress reports responded to within 15 days	90%	92%	●	RCFB staff received 157 progress reports and responded to them in an average of 6 days.
Bills paid in 30 days	100%	100%	●	258 bills have come due and all were paid within 30 days. On average, staff paid bills within 11 days.
Projects closed within 150 days of funding end date	85%	67%	●	10 of 15 projects have closed on time.
Projects in Backlog	5	27	●	There are 27 RCFB projects in the backlog

Compliance inspections done	125	1		There has been 1 worksite inspected.
Annual bills submitted	100%	42%		Bills for 165 of 393 projects have been submitted thru September 17, 2018. The remaining projects have until June 30, 2019 to submit a bill.

Projects Completed and Closed from June 16, 2018 to September 30, 2018

Project Number ⁱ	Project Name	Sponsor	Program ⁱⁱ	Closed On
<u>14-1030D</u>	Damon Point Restoration and Signs	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	7/5/18
<u>14-1393D</u>	South Montesano-Chehalis River Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Boating Facilities Program, State	9/26/18
<u>14-2134D</u>	Hayward Hill Range	Cascade Field and Stream Club	Firearms and Archery Range Recreation	7/12/18
<u>12-1613C</u>	Trillium Trailhead Acquisition and Development	Island County	Land and Water Conservation	7/12/18
<u>14-2131E</u>	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol 2015	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Education & Enforcement	8/20/18
<u>14-2159M</u>	Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonhighway Road	8/6/18
<u>14-2089M</u>	Naches Campgrounds Development 2016-2017	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonhighway Road	7/31/18
<u>14-2017D</u>	Alpine Baldy Multi-Use Trail Construction	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	6/27/18
<u>14-2080M</u>	Wilderness - Non-Motorized Maintenance and Operation 2016-2017	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	8/17/18
<u>14-1815M</u>	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	7/11/18

Project Numberⁱ	Project Name	Sponsor	Programⁱⁱ	Closed On
<u>14-1816M</u>	Blanchard and Harry Osborne Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	7/11/18
<u>14-1852M</u>	Capitol Forest and Yacolt Recreation Facilities Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	8/20/18
<u>14-1828M</u>	Elbe Hills Nicholson Trails Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	7/11/18
<u>14-1810M</u>	Yacolt Burn Non-Motorized Trail Bridge	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Nonmotorized	7/11/18
<u>11-1074P</u>	Calawah All-terrain Vehicle Trail Planning	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Pacific Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	8/9/18
<u>14-1853D</u>	Capitol Forest Off-road Vehicle Bridge and Trail Renovation	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-Road Vehicle	7/12/18
<u>14-1827M</u>	Elbe Hills Off-road Vehicle Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-Road Vehicle	8/20/18
<u>14-1832D</u>	Southeast Region 4x4 and ATV Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-Road Vehicle	6/21/18
<u>14-1831M</u>	Southeast Region Off-road Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	7/10/18
<u>14-1843M</u>	Tahuya and Green Mountain Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	7/11/18
<u>14-1845M</u>	Tahuya Trail Water Quality - Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	7/10/18
<u>14-1817M</u>	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Facility and Trail Maintenance	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	7/10/18

Project Number ⁱ	Project Name	Sponsor	Program ⁱⁱ	Closed On
<u>14-1819M</u>	Walker Valley Off-road Vehicle Trail Bridge Replacement	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	7/10/18
<u>14-1809D</u>	Yacolt Burn Recreation Plan Off-Road Vehicle Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, Off-road Vehicle	9/4/18
<u>14-2082E</u>	Wenatchee River Ranger District Snow Ranger Education	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Recreational Trails Program, Education	8/9/18
<u>14-2075D</u>	Mazama Trail head Improvement	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	Recreational Trails Program, General	8/3/18
<u>14-2132M</u>	Snoqualmie-White River Trail Maintenance 2015	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Recreational Trails Program, General	7/27/18
<u>14-1767M</u>	Snoqualmie to Blewett - SM Sno-Parks and Trails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Recreational Trails Program, General	8/10/18
<u>16-1360A</u>	Bailey Farm, Snohomish County	PCC Farmland Trust	WWRP, Farmland Preservation	9/14/18
<u>12-1095A</u>	Fudge Point Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	WWRP, State Parks	6/20/18

ⁱ A=Acquisition, C=Acquisition and Development, D=Development, E=Education/Education and Enforcement, M=Maintenance, O=Operation R=Restoration

ⁱⁱ WWRP = Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Framework

Prepared By: Scott Robinson, Deputy Director

Summary

At its October 2018 meeting, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) will be asked to adopt the ranked lists of projects for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). Per RCW 79A.15, the board must submit these lists to the Governor by November 1, 2018. This memo summarizes the WWRP grant process and outlines the decisions that the board must make.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Request for Decision

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Request for Direction

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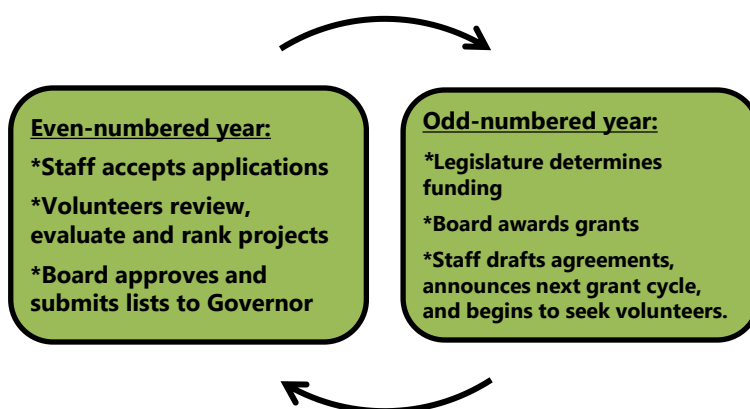
Briefing

Background

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grants are used to purchase, develop, renovate, and/or restore parks, open space, farm and forest land, and habitat areas. After statutory changes in July 2016, the program was divided into three accounts, encompassing twelve categories, as shown in Attachment A. All twelve categories are being reviewed by the board at its October meeting.

WWRP grants are made to state governments, local governments, and tribal governments. Qualified non-profit conservation organizations and salmon recovery lead entities also are eligible in some categories.

The WWRP grant process can be summarized as shown in this graphic. The process is described in detail in the following sections.



Preparing for the 2018 Grant Cycle

Planning

In early 2017, staff sent notices to potential applicants with expired planning eligibility reminding them that they needed to update their comprehensive plans if they wished to apply for grant funding during the 2018 WWRP grant cycle.

Volunteer Recruitment

Volunteer recruitment began in fall 2016 with emails, press releases, personal phone calls, and information on RCO's website. Stakeholders and other interested organizations supported our efforts by including the notices in their communications. Staff spent a considerable amount of time recruiting volunteers to conduct project reviews and evaluations.

Altogether, RCO utilized about 100 volunteers to help with the 2018 WWRP grant cycle. Volunteers included federal, state, and local agency representatives, citizens, scientific experts, and representatives of organizations interested in parks, farmland, recreation, and habitat conservation.

Our volunteers continue to provide an amazing service to the citizens of Washington State! The time (estimated at over 2,500 hours) and expertise they commit to reviewing and evaluating RCO grants helps to ensure we conduct a fair, open process and fund the best projects.

Announcement of 2018 WWRP Grant Cycle

In the fall of 2017, RCO staff began advertising the 2018 grant cycle. Press releases were developed and information was posted on the agency Web site and social media platforms. Additionally, the director and grants managers spoke to many groups, and potential applicants were notified via email, newsletters, and personal contact.

Application and Evaluation Process

Application Workshops

On February 15, 2018 staff conducted an online grant workshop. During the approximately 90-minute workshop, staff outlined the types of grants available, described the application, review, and evaluation processes, and answered questions. Nearly 100 individuals attended the virtual workshop. In addition, the information was recorded and made available on the agency's YouTube page for those that could not participate in real time.

Grants Manager Site Visits

Beginning in spring 2017 until the project review meetings in May/June 2018, grants managers met with applicants on site to review their projects and discuss eligibility and grant program requirements.

Application Deadline

RCO received 273 WWRP applications requesting around \$196 million by the May 1, 2018 deadline. This represented a 12% increase in the number of applications received two years ago. As the process moved forward twelve projects were withdrawn by applicants or terminated by RCO staff because they were either ineligible, missed established deadlines or were simply not ready to proceed.

Project Review Meetings

RCO staff and teams of volunteers held WWRP technical review meetings in May and June. These meetings gave applicants an opportunity to present their projects and receive feedback on the technical merits of the proposal and suggestions about ways to refine the project scope, design, cost estimates, and presentation. Staff once again offered a web-based system of review in order to reduce or eliminate travel costs for applicants.

After project review, grants manager's sent their comments and those of the reviewers to each applicant outlining application items that needed additional work, along with a schedule of key deadlines. Many applicants revised their grant proposals based on comments and recommendations made during the project review meeting. All changes were completed by the technical completion deadline, which varied by category.

Project Evaluation Meetings

During the month of August volunteer advisory committee members evaluated 261 proposed WWRP projects. Evaluations in three WWRP categories (State Lands Development and Renovation, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement, and Natural Areas) were conducted through a written process. All others were in-person. During the in-person evaluations, applicants had 20 to 30 minutes to present their project by responding to board adopted evaluation criteria, and answer advisory committee questions. Advisory committee members scored each criterion for each project; because of the limited number of projects in the Forestland category a modified process was used. Staff will explain this process in more detail during item 7B.

After evaluations, staff tabulated the overall scores for each project, reviewed the results with the advisory committees, and made the preliminary ranked lists available to applicants and the public via the RCO Web site.

Public Comments

RCW 79A.15.110 requires state and local agencies and nonprofit conservancies to review proposed acquisitions and confer with the county or city legislative authority that has jurisdiction over the project area¹. The local legislative body may submit a letter to the board stating its position about the project. Staff makes these letters available to the Governor and to the Legislature.

Public correspondence received by RCO in advance of the October board meeting will be provided to the board. Although the comments are for WWRP grant applications, in some instances the same correspondence applies to matching grants submitted for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Land and Water Conservation Fund, or the Youth Athletic Facilities grant program.

¹ State or local agencies or nonprofit nature conservancies shall review the proposed project application and confer with the county or city with jurisdiction over the project area prior to applying for funds for the acquisition of property under this chapter. The appropriate county or city legislative authority may, at its discretion, submit a letter to the board identifying the authority's position with regard to the acquisition project. The board shall make the letters received under this section available to the governor and the legislature when the prioritized project list is submitted under this chapter.

See Attachment B for all public correspondence received to date. An additional opportunity for public comment will occur at the October board meeting.

Board Action Required in October 2018

In October, staff will ask the board to approve the ranked list for each category (a total of 261 projects). By law, the board must approve ranked lists of WWRP projects for each of the funding categories and submit the lists to the Governor no later than November 1, 2018. Staff also input the lists into the capital budget request that is submitted to the Office of Financial Management.

Ranked Lists and Alternates

Items 5, 6 and 7 present preliminary ranked lists of projects for each WWRP category, information about the category and evaluation, and a brief summary of each proposal. The ranked lists include the project number, name, applicant, total score, grant request, match amount, and total amount. The far right column of the list shows the cumulative grant amount.

Policy states that the board will submit alternate projects for each account. The alternates must total 50 percent of the dollar amount requested for each category, with no fewer than six alternates when possible. The amount of funding for 2019-21 is still unknown, so projects are not marked as alternates on the ranked list.

To help ensure an adequate list of alternates at the \$130 million level being requested by the board, staff recommends that the board submit the complete ranked list of approved projects for each category.

Next Steps

Legislative Approval

The Governor submits the list of WWRP projects to the legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list, but cannot add to or re-order the list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation level and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The Legislature may remove projects from the list recommended by the Governor, but cannot add to or re-order the list.

Final Approval




The board will make final approval and funding decisions at its June 26-27, 2019 meeting. Until the WWRP appropriation is known, it is difficult to predict exactly which projects will receive funding. All parties are cautioned to not consider the lists approved by the board at the October 2018 meeting to be final.

Attachments

- A. Allocation of WWRP Funds
- B. Letters Regarding Project Proposals – To be added under “Late arriving materials” at https://www.rco.wa.gov/boards/rcfb_meetings.shtml

Allocation of Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Funds

Allocation by Account and Category (Set by Statute 79A.15)²

45% Habitat Conservation Account	45% Outdoor Recreation Account	10% Farm and Forest Account
		
Categories		
35% Critical Habitat 25% Natural Areas 15% Riparian Protection 10%* State Lands Restoration and Enhancement 15% Urban Wildlife Habitat *or \$3 million, whichever is less	30% Local Parks <i>40%-50% must be acquisition</i> 10%* State Lands Development and Renovation 30% State Parks <i>40%-50% must be acquisition</i> 20% Trails 10% Water Access <i>75% must be acquisition</i> *or \$3 million, whichever is less	90% Farmland Preservation Category 10% Forestland Preservation Category

² 79A.15 was revised and adopted by the Washington State Legislature in 2016.

**ATTACHMENT B - TO BE ADDED IN ADVANCE OF BOARD MEETING
AND INCLUDED IN THE LATE ARRIVING MATERIALS TAB ON THE
BOARD'S WEBSITE AT A LATER DATE**

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Habitat Conservation Account:
Critical Habitat Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Kim Sellers, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Ten projects in the Critical Habitat category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the evaluation process, category, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Resolution: 2018-16

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

Critical Habitat category projects provide habitat for wildlife including game and non-game species. These habitats include freshwater, salt-water, forests, riparian zones, shrub-steppe, wetlands, winter range, etc. Acquisitions often provide protection of habitat for both federal and state endangered, threatened, or sensitive species.

The Critical Habitat category receives thirty-five percent of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Habitat Conservation Account.¹

Program Summary

There were a few changes to the Critical Habitat category that went into effect this year. The most significant changes included:

1. Increasing the transparency around habitat acquisitions by adding a requirement to confer with the local jurisdiction before submitting a grant application,
2. Updating the public access policy to clarify when it might be appropriate to limit or restrict public access to a habitat area.

¹ Chapter 79A.15.040(1)(a) RCW

3. Increasing the allowable stewardship costs, and
4. Modifying the evaluation criteria to incorporate statewide significance, use of conservation easements, local community support, and the new multiple benefits criterion.

A summary of the WWRP Critical Habitat category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Local and state ² agencies, nonprofit nature conservancy organizations, and Native American tribes
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development • Combination acquisition and development
Funding Limits	None
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No match required for state agencies • Local agencies, non-profit nature conservancy organizations and Native American tribes must provide a 50% matching share
Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public use for both consumptive and non-consumptive activities is allowed. • Must be accessible for public recreation and outdoor education unless it meets the criteria outlined in the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board adopted policy for limiting public access to protect sensitive species, water quality, or public safety.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive habitat conservation plan is required. • Livestock grazing is allowed. • Projects involving renovation of an existing facility or habitat creation, enhancement, or restoration are ineligible.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Ten Critical Habitat category projects requesting \$21.8 million were evaluated on August 7 and 8, 2018, in an open public meeting in Olympia. Seven members of the WWRP Habitat Acquisition Advisory Committee used criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to review and rank each project. The advisory committee included the following individuals who are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to habitat enhancement and conservation:

Evaluator	Affiliation
Anne Van Sweringen, Olympia	Citizen
Kelly McCaffrey, Seattle	Citizen
Pene Speaks, Olympia	Citizen
Mickey Flemming, Chelan Douglas Land Trust	Nonprofit Organization
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe	Tribal Government
Dave Hays, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Government
John Gamon, Department of Natural Resources	State Government

² State agencies mean the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Enterprise Services (formerly General Administration), and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

Following the evaluation process, staff held a follow-up meeting on September 5 with the advisory committee. The purpose of this meeting was to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results.

The advisory committee was pleased with the quality of the projects brought forward for evaluation and the resulting ranked list. And, they were comfortable with the revisions to the evaluation criteria. As expected, there were challenges with the applicants' responses to the *Multiple Benefits* criterion. While applicants were prepared to share what additional resource uses or management practices would be allowed, they had a more difficult time presenting evidence those uses would provide additional conservation benefits. Advisors noted applicants who participated in the technical review meetings, scored better because they had time to make revisions and prepare for questions or concerns brought up during technical review.

Advisors were still concerned about the information provided for the *Species and Communities with Special Status* criterion. Applicants included a list of species, however, some species were present on properties proposed for acquisition and others were not. Staff plans to work with the state agency representatives to modify the species table to help applicants be clear about what species are actually on site, and whether they are nesting, breeding, feeding, etc.

Overall the process went well and more importantly, evaluators were pleased with the results.

Public Comment

There are letters of support or concern for Critical Habitat category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant proposals supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat opportunities statewide.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021* via Resolution #2018-16.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the

proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-16, including Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21
- B. State Map for Critical Habitat Category Projects
- C. Critical Habitat Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Critical Habitat Category Projects, Evaluation Scores 2019-2021
- E. Critical Habitat Category Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-16
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2021 biennium, ten Critical Habitat category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all ten Critical Habitat category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and community support, and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these Critical Habitat category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and agency or organization representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of critical habitat needs and their evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitat and the demonstrated need to protect it for fish and wildlife, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Critical Habitat category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

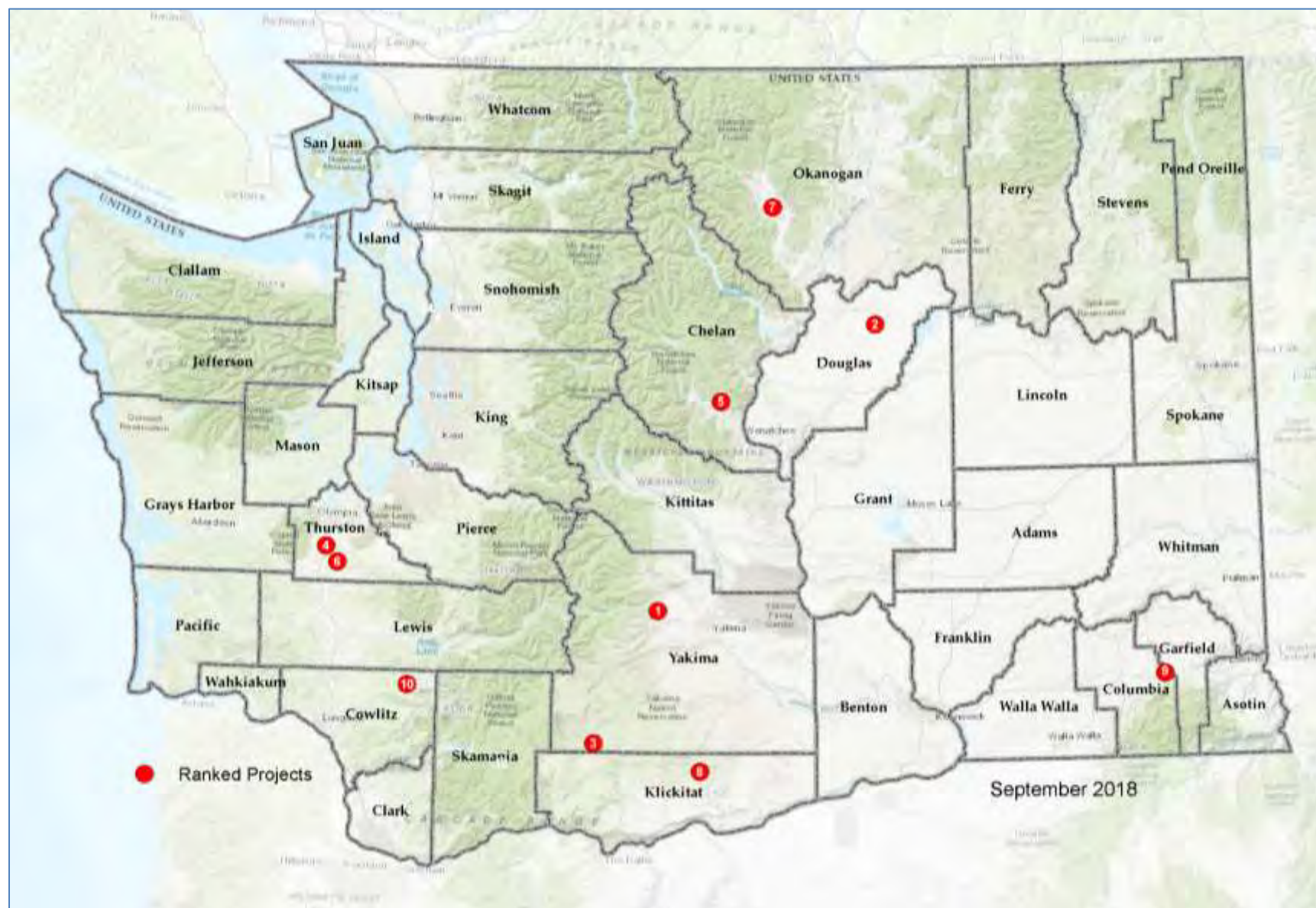
Table 1: Critical Habitat Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-16

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	44.29	18-1334A	Cowiche Watershed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
2	41.14	18-1452A	Spiva Butte Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$341,900	\$344,900	\$686,800	\$4,341,900
3	38.86	18-1277A	Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon Phase 3	Columbia Land Trust	\$3,000,000	\$4,232,900	\$7,232,900	\$7,341,900
4	38.14	18-1358A	Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,100,000		\$1,100,000	\$8,441,900
5	37.86	18-1371C	Cashmere Canyon Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$977,426	\$2,061,331	\$3,038,757	\$9,419,326
6	36.57	18-1333A	South Sound Prairies	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$12,419,326
7	32.71	18-1791A	Twisp Uplands Conservation Easements	Methow Conservancy	\$2,056,622	\$2,056,622	\$4,113,244	\$14,475,948
8	32.29	18-1336A	Simcoe	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,235,000		\$4,235,000	\$18,710,948
9	29.14	18-1340A	Goat Mountain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$155,000		\$155,000	\$18,865,948
10	28.43	18-1357A	Hoffstadt Hills	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$21,865,948
					\$21,865,948	\$8,695,753	\$30,561,701	

¹Project type: A=acquisition C=combination

State Map for Critical Habitat Category Projects



Critical Habitat Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

"Critical Habitat means lands important for the protection, management, or public enjoyment of certain wildlife species or groups of species, including but not limited to, wintering range for deer, elk and other species, waterfowl and upland bird habitat, fish habitat and habitat for endangered, threatened or sensitive species." RCW 79A.15.010

Critical Habitat Criteria Summary		
Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Possible Points
Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the project on statewide, vicinity, and site maps • Brief summary of the project [goal(s) and objective(s) statement] 	Not scored
1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bigger picture • Uniqueness or significance of the site • Fish and wildlife species and or communities • Quality of habitat 	20
2. Species and Communities with Special Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat to species or communities • Importance of acquisitions • Ecological roles • Taxonomic distinctness • Rarity 	10
3. Manageability and Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediacy of threat to the site • Long-term viability • Enhancement of existing protected land • Ongoing stewardship 	15
4. Public Benefit and Community Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project support • Educational and/or scientific value 	5
5. Multiple Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation uses • Resource uses and management practices 	3
	Total Points Possible	53

Critical Habitat Detailed Scoring Criteria

Team Scored

- 1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics** *RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(a) (iii, v-vii, xi, xiv); (6)(b)(ii)*
Why is the site worthy of long-term conservation?
- 2. Species or Communities with Special Status** *RCW 79A.15.060 (6) (a) (iv, ix, xiii)*
What is the significance of each species or community listed on your species and communities status table?
- 3. Manageability and Viability** *RCW 79A.15.060 (6) (a) (ii, IV, viii, x)*
What is the likelihood of the site remaining viable over the long-term and why is it important to secure it now?
- 4. Public Benefit and Community Support** *RCW 79A.15.060 (6) (a) (I, xii)*
To what degree do communities, governments, landowners, constituent groups, or academia benefit from or support the project?
- 5. Multiple Benefits** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (i)*
Does the project area include recreational uses that are compatible with habitat conservation?

Evaluation Scores
Critical Habitat Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit and Support	Multiple Benefits	
1	Cowiche Watershed	17.57	8.86	11.86	3.71	2.29	44.29
2	Spiva Butte Preserve	16.00	7.57	12.29	3.71	1.57	41.14
3	Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon Phase 3	13.71	7.14	12.29	3.43	2.29	38.86
4	Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation	14.43	7.71	10.14	3.57	2.29	38.14
5	Cashmere Canyon Preserve	13.57	6.71	11.57	3.86	2.14	37.86
6	South Sound Praries	13.57	7.71	10.00	3.57	1.71	36.57
7	Twisp Uplands Conservation Easements	12.86	7.00	9.14	2.29	1.43	32.71
8	Simcoe	12.86	6.57	8.29	3.00	1.57	32.29
9	Goat Mountain	10.29	5.57	9.00	2.43	1.86	29.14
10	Hoffstadt Hills	9.86	4.86	8.43	3.14	2.14	28.43

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

Critical Habitat Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Preserving Cowiche Watershed

Grant Requested: \$4,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,480 acres of shrub-steppe, oak-ponderosa pine woodland, and streambank habitat, protecting more than 7 miles of Cowiche Creek for steelhead. The land includes winter range for deer and elk, falls within the migration zone for the largest elk herd in Washington State, and supports nearly 70 species of butterfly. The oak habitat supports numerous cavity nesting bird species, western gray squirrels, and Lewis's woodpeckers. Outdoor recreation opportunities include hiking, fishing, birding, hunting, camping, wildlife viewing, and outdoor photography. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1334)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust Enhancing Spiva Butte Preserve

Grant Requested: \$341,900

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 1,396 acres of shrub-steppe habitat near Spiva Butte in northern Douglas County. The land includes more than 2 miles of Deep Creek plus 50 acres of wetlands and 10 acres of lake. The project will provide habitat for sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, Washington ground squirrels, mule deer, and other wildlife, as well as opportunities for public access. Species on or near the area include sagebrush lizard, golden eagle, loggerhead shrike, burrowing owl, greater sage-grouse, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, Rocky mountain mule deer, sage thrasher, white-tailed jackrabbit, Washington ground squirrel, silver-bordered fritillary, and others. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will contribute \$344,900 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1452)

Columbia Land Trust Preserving Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy 3,906 acres east of Mount Adams to protect the area's oak woodlands, cliffs, talus, stream, and streambank habitat from development. The land serves as an important connection in a wildlife corridor for mule deer, Columbian black-tailed deer, elk, mountain goats, and big-horned sheep. The project will be open to the public for wildlife watching, hunting, and whitewater sports. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$4.2 million in federal, local, and private grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1277)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Oregon Spotted Frog

Grant Requested: \$1,100,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 138 acres of critical habitat for Oregon spotted frog. This project also protects Chinook and Coho salmon and steelhead. The area includes rare oak, Puget Sound prairie, and other sensitive habitat. The department will continue to provide hunting and fishing opportunities on the land. The project will create a

3,264-acre corridor that connects to a 100,000-acre state forest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1358)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
Enhancing Cashmere Canyons Preserve

Grant Requested: \$977,426

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy 2,162 acres outside Cashmere to protect wildlife habitat and enhance public access. The preserve protects Rocky Mountain mule deer and mule deer wintering range. The land trust also will develop a trailhead and trails that connect to an area trail network. The trailhead will include parking, signs, a toilet, and more than 7 miles of single-track trails. The land trust will contribute more than \$2 million in donation of land and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1371)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Enhancing South Sound Prairies

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 900 acres, which includes 175 acres of prairie and oak woodlands habitat and 725 acres of mixed forest, wetland, and streambank. The land includes habitat for Taylor's checkerspot, Mazama pocket gopher, Puget blue butterfly, Willamette Valley upland prairie, Willamette Valley wet prairie, north pacific oak woodland, and temperate Pacific freshwater marsh. The project also provides access to hiking, hunting, and horseback riding opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1333)

Methow Conservancy
Preserving Twisp Farmland

Grant Requested: \$2,056,622

The Methow Conservancy will use this grant to buy 2,180 acres to protect shrub-steppe, streambank, and wetland habitat; conserve mule deer and at-risk species; and maintain seasonal wildlife corridors while allowing private landowners to continue to farm the land. Without easement protection, the landowners likely would subdivide and sell their lands for residential development. The Methow Conservancy will contribute more than \$2 million in donation of land and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1791)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Preserving the Simcoe Mountains

Grant Requested: \$4,235,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 5,292 acres in the Simcoe Mountains of Klickitat County. The land includes mixed conifer, Oregon white oak, white alder, shrub steppe, grasslands, cliffs, and 16 miles of streambank habitat, which includes Columbia River tributaries. The project protects western gray squirrels, mule deer, northern goshawks, and western toads. Jointly managed by the department and the East and Central Klickitat Conservation Districts, this landscape connects grazing and forestry lands from the Columbia

River to the Cascade Mountains. The project also will provide opportunities for hiking and hunting. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1336)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Protecting Goat Mountain**

Grant Requested: \$155,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 43.29 acres in Columbia County. The land provides habitat for golden eagles, American badgers, bighorn sheep, and mule deer. This project provides long-term support for these species' habitat as well as opportunities for hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1340)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Preserving Hoffstadt Hills**

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use to grant to buy up to 1,300 acres of a 4,100-acre area planned for future conservation. This purchase will conserve and enhance winter range habitat for the Mount Saint Helens elk herd as well as steelhead and Coho salmon spawning and resting areas. The land will provide year-round public access to the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area and preserve about 17 miles of stream and surrounding habitat. Within the 1980 Mount Saint Helens blast zone, this area holds significant historical and recreational value for the community and visitors. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1357)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Habitat Conservation Account:
Natural Areas Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: DeAnn Beck, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Seven project proposals in the Natural Areas category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the evaluation process, category, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-17

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

Projects in the Natural Areas category protect high quality, representative native ecosystems, or unique plant or animal communities. Species protected on these habitats are often classified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive at the federal or state level. Rare geological features or features of scientific or educational value are also considered.

The Natural Areas category receives twenty-five percent of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Habitat Conservation Account.¹

Program Summary

There were a few changes to the Natural Areas category, effective this year. The most significant changes included adding a conferral requirement for acquisition projects, updating the public access policy, increasing stewardship costs, and modifying the evaluation criteria to incorporate statewide significance, use of conservation easements, local community support, and a new multiple benefits criterion. A summary of this category is shown in the table below.

¹ Chapter 79A.15.040(1)(b) RCW

Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agencies • Qualified nonprofit nature conservancy organizations
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development - Where appropriate, development of public use facilities such as trails, interpretive signs, parking, and restrooms. • Renovation is not eligible.
Funding Limits	None
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agencies: no match required • Nonprofit nature conservancies: 50 percent match required
Public Access	Must be accessible for public recreation and outdoor education unless it meets the criteria outlined in the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board adopted policy for limiting public access to protect sensitive species, water quality, or public safety.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Property acquired or developed must be retained for habitat conservation purposes in perpetuity. • Areas must be managed primarily for resource preservation, protection, and study. • Funds may not be used for habitat enhancement or restoration.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Seven Natural Areas category projects requesting just over \$16.3 million were evaluated August 6 through August 27, 2018. WWRP Habitat Acquisition Advisory Committee members are selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director. These individuals are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to habitat preservation and conservation. Members who evaluated projects this cycle include the following:

Advisory Committee Members	Affiliation
Kelly McCaffrey, Seattle	Citizen
Bill Robinson, Olympia	Citizen
Pene Speaks, Olympia	Citizen
Mickey Fleming, Chelan Douglas Land Trust	Nonprofit Organization
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe	Tribal Government
Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	Tribal Government
John Gamon, Department of Natural Resources	State Government
Dave Hays, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Government

To review and rank each project, eight advisory committee members used a written evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

During the post-evaluation meeting on September 5, RCO staff met with the WWRP Habitat Acquisition Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results.

The advisory committee felt the evaluation process was organized and efficient. They had a suggestion that would help them better assess the project proposals. They recommended that applicants be clearer about what specific habitats and wildlife species are present on the property proposed for purchase. They want to know if the documented species, are breeding, nesting, or feeding on the acquisition site as opposed to land that has the potential for reintroducing species not currently on the property.

They appreciated the in-person presentations for the critical habitat and urban wildlife habitat categories and felt there could be some benefit for using this process for the natural areas category now that nonprofit organizations are eligible applicants. Despite this suggestions, advisors, still felt the written process works because there are a lot of similarities in the project proposals. The advisory committee was satisfied with the process and the resulting ranked list.

Public Comment

There are two letters of support for the projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-17.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-17, including Table 1 – *WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*

- B. State Map for Natural Areas Category projects
- C. Natural Areas Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Natural Areas Category Projects, Evaluation Summary 2019-21
- E. Natural Areas Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-17
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Natural Areas Category, 2019-21, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, seven Natural Areas category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all seven Natural Areas category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these Natural Areas category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of habitat needs and their evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitats and the demonstrated need to protect it, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species; and maintain fully functioning ecosystems,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Natural Areas category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: Natural Areas Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-17

Rank	Project Number and		Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant	Applicant	Total	Cumulative
	Score	Type ¹			Request	Match		Total
1	43.63	18-1520A	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,418,639		\$3,418,639	\$3,418,639
2	42.75	18-1526A	Steptoe Butte Proposed Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,238,510		\$1,238,510	\$4,657,149
3	41.25	18-1523A	Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,681,010		\$2,681,010	\$7,338,159
4	38.63	18-1519A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,259,317		\$1,259,317	\$8,597,476
5	37.38	18-1517A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,017,883		\$3,017,883	\$11,615,359
6	35.75	18-1522A	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,358,437		\$3,358,437	\$14,973,796
7	34.75	18-1423A	Maloney Creek Old Growth Acquisition	Forterra	\$1,343,375	\$1,551,500	\$2,894,875	\$16,317,171
					\$16,317,171	\$1,551,500	\$17,868,671	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

State Map for Natural Areas Category Projects



Natural Areas Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

"Natural Areas means areas that have, to a significant degree, retained their natural character and are important in preserving rare or vanishing flora, fauna, geological, natural historical, or similar features of scientific or educational value."²

Natural Areas Evaluation Summary		
Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Possible Points
Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project goals and objectives • Location maps 	Not scored
1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bigger picture • Uniqueness or significance of the site • Statewide significance • Species and or communities • Quality of habitat and natural features 	20
2. Species and Communities with Special Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat to species or communities • Importance of acquisitions • Ecological roles • Taxonomic distinctness 	10
3. Manageability and Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediacy of threat to the site • Consideration of a conservation easement • Long-term viability • Enhancement of existing protected land • Ongoing stewardship 	15
4. Public Benefit and Community Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support • Educational and/or scientific value 	5
5. Multiple Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation uses • Resource uses and management practices 	3
Total Points Possible		53

² RCW 79A.15.010

Natural Areas Category Detailed Scoring Criteria

Team Scored

- 1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5)(a) (v-vii, ix, xi, xii); (5)(b)(ii)*
 Why is the site worthy of long-term conservation?
- 2. Species or Communities with Special Status** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (viii, ix, xiii)*
 What is the significance of each species or community listed on your species and communities status table?
- 3. Manageability and Viability** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (ii, iv, x)*
 What is the likelihood of the site remaining viable over the long-term and why is it important to secure it now?
- 4. Public Benefit** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (i, iii, xiv)*
 To what degree do communities, governments, landowners, constituent groups, or academia benefit from or support the project?
- 5. Multiple Benefits** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (i, iii, x, xiv)*
 Does the project area include recreational uses that are compatible with habitat conservation?

Evaluation Scores
Natural Area Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
		Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit and Support	Multiple Benefits	
1	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	16.88	8.25	11.88	4.25	2.38	43.63
2	Steptoe Butte Proposed Natural Area Preserve	16.75	8.25	11.38	4.13	2.25	42.75
3	Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve	15.75	7.63	11.00	4.25	2.63	41.25
4	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	14.00	7.00	10.88	4.38	2.38	38.63
5	Dabob Bay Natural Area	15.00	7.25	10.25	3.25	1.63	37.38
6	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	14.75	6.13	10.63	2.88	1.38	35.75
7	Maloney Creek Old Growth Acquisition	12.38	6.25	10.88	3.50	1.75	34.75

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

Natural Areas Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding Lacamas Prairie Natural Area

Grant Requested: \$3,418,639

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 315 acres in the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area. The land includes about 63 acres of riverbank habitat and 21 acres of wetlands. The Willamette Valley wet prairie represents the only example of its size and quality in Washington. Threatened by habitat destruction in one of the state's most rapidly urbanizing counties, the land contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species. The land also supports the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, federally listed endangered plant species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1520)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Preserving Steptoe Butte

Grant Requested: \$1,238,510

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 437 acres at Steptoe Butte near Steptoe Butte State Park in Whitman County. The state will designate the land as a Natural Area Preserve or Natural Resources Conservation Area, conserving the largest known remaining occurrence of Palouse prairie in Washington. This site includes at least three rare plants (including federally threatened Spalding's catchfly and state endangered broad-fruit mariposa-lily), four priority plant communities, and one rare earthworm species. Nearly 100 percent of the area Palouse prairie previously covered now acts as agricultural land. Designation of this Steptoe Butte project site as a natural area will serve an integral role in the long-term conservation of Palouse prairie ecosystems. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1526)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Enhancing Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve

Grant Requested: \$2,681,010

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy more than 189 acres of oak woodland, prairie, and streambank habitat near its Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve. This preserve is one of the largest intact prairie sites left in western Washington and includes the last, best example of mounded prairie in the state. Mima Mounds is recognized nationally for its ecological and geological importance as a national natural landmark. The site supports prairie-dependent butterflies and birds, Oregon branded skipper, western meadowlark, and savannah sparrow. This proposal is part of a regional conservation plan developed by partners, including Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Lewis Military Reservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Nature Conservancy to protect remnants of natural communities and restore their structure and function. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1523)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Protecting Kennedy Creek Natural Area**

Grant Requested: \$1,259,317

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 138 acres in the Natural Resources Conservation Area along the Kennedy Creek corridor that connects to the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. About 30,000 chum return to spawn in Kennedy Creek every year. The project area provides habitat for coastal cutthroat trout, steelhead, and Coho salmon. The project would increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds such as band-tailed pigeon, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, mountain quail, nesting purple martin, common loon, bufflehead, and brown pelican. The area includes Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail, considered the region's premier salmon-ecology education trail, which more than 5,000 school-aged children visit each year. The land also provides outdoor recreation opportunities for one of the fastest growing counties in southern Puget Sound. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1519)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Expanding Dabob Bay Natural Area**

Grant Requested: \$3,017,883

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 164 acres of shoreline and nearby forestland within Dabob Bay Natural Area on Hood Canal. This area includes examples of coastal spits, coastal bluffs, and shorelines that provide sediment and large woody materials. The project includes enhanced protection for the agency's Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve, as well as education and research opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1517)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Protecting the Methow Rapids**

Grant Requested: \$3,358,437

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 585 acres in the Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve along the Columbia River in Okanogan County. Near U.S. Route 97 with several riverfront parcels, this land is at high risk of residential development. The land includes some of the best and largest remaining intact examples of shrub-steppe habitat in Washington State. According to statewide inventories, more than half of the shrub-steppe habitat in the state has been lost or degraded from historic overgrazing and agricultural and residential development. The project will help to protect these plant communities, enhance the long-term viability of the site for shrub-steppe wildlife, and provide a protected habitat connection to the Columbia River. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1522)

**Forterra
Protecting Old Growth at Maloney Creek**

Grant Requested: \$1,343,375

Forterra will use this grant to buy and conserve about 300 acres of privately owned forestland, including about 50 acres of old growth and more than 1 mile of streambank habitat on Maloney

Creek. This land supports a regional population of endangered species, including northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and bull trout. This project will prevent habitat damage from logging and road building in the next 3 years. This conservation effort also will prevent loss of wildlife habitat and watershed quality, forest fragmentation, and will help anticipate the effects of climate change. Forterra will contribute more than \$1.5 million in a federal grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1423)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Habitat Conservation Account:
Riparian Protection Category
Approval of Preliminary Ranked List for 2018-21

Prepared By: Beth Auerbach, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Fifteen project proposals in the Riparian Protection category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, review and evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-18

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

Riparian Protection category projects provide habitat adjacent to water bodies for fish and wildlife species. These habitats include estuaries, lakes, rivers, streams, shorelines, tidelands, and wetlands. To be eligible for consideration, a project must include acquisition of real property (fee title, easement, or lease).

The Riparian Protection category receives fifteen percent of the funds allocated to the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). In addition, any amount above \$3 million in the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category must be distributed to this category.

Program Summary

There were a few changes to the Riparian Protection category, effective this year. The most significant changes included adding a conferral requirement for acquisition projects to help ensure a dialog with the

local governing body, updating the public access policy to capture when it might be acceptable to limit or restrict public access.

Criteria changes included modifying the *Public Access Opportunities* criterion to address compatible recreational uses as a multiple benefit and adding a new Multiple Benefit criterion to evaluate the compatibility of various resource uses or management practices on habitat lands. A summary of this category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Local and state agencies, Salmon Recovery lead entities, Native American tribes, qualified nonprofit nature conservancy organizations, and the Washington State Conservation Commission.
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Acquisition and habitat restoration and enhancement • Acquisition and limited development (trails, trailheads, etc.) • Development of a stewardship plan as part of an acquisition • Extension of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) leases
Funding Limits	Applicants must request a minimum of \$25,000. There is no maximum request amount.
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agencies, lead entities, Native American tribes, and nonprofit conservancy applicants must provide a 1:1 matching share. • No match required for state agencies.
Public Access	Must be accessible for public recreation and outdoor education unless the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board specifically approves limiting public access to protect sensitive species, water quality, or public safety.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Projects must include acquisition of real property. • Property acquired must be retained for habitat conservation purposes in perpetuity.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Fifteen Riparian Protection project proposals, requesting \$13.5 million, were evaluated by members of the WWRP Habitat Restoration Advisory Committee on August 7-8, 2018, in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include state and local agency representatives and citizens who are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to habitat conservation and restoration. The following members participated this year:

Advisory Committee Members	Affiliation
Rollie Geppert, Olympia	Citizen
Steve Erickson, Langley	Citizen
Todd McLaughlin, Reardan	Citizen
Nate Ulrich, Columbia Land Trust	Nonprofit Organization
David Lindley, Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation	Tribal Government
Cindy Wilson, Thurston County Shoreline Management Program	Local Agency
Rory Denovan, Seattle City Light	Local Agency

Chrissy Bailey, Department of Ecology	State Agency
Curt Pavola, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency
Richard Tveten, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency

Using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), ten advisory committee members reviewed and ranked the projects in an open public meeting. The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, Riparian Protection Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

During the post-evaluation meeting on September 6, staff met with the WWRP Habitat Restoration Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results. The advisory committee felt the process was organized and efficient, however, they had suggestions that might make evaluations go even smoother. These included the following:

1. Encourage applicants to carefully review and address all of the relevant elements in the new *Multiple Benefits* criterion.
2. Consider whether a project is specifically identified, rated, and ranked in a watershed based plan or other adopted plan when addressing the *Planning Priority* criterion. Also, consider reducing the point value of this criterion.
3. Require applicants to explain (in detail) why existing rules or regulations do not adequately address “threats” when answering the *Threats to the Habitat* criterion.
4. Add a well-crafted question that asks applicants how their project will prevent or reduce climate change. Applicants should understand the anticipated effects of climate change at the project site and use that knowledge to describe how the project has been designed to adapt to, mitigate the effects of, or increase resiliency from those anticipated effects.
5. Encourage applicants to include restoration in their project proposals. Acquiring property may or may not provide a real benefit, if needed restoration work is not done. Applicants need to describe the condition of the riparian habitat, existing restoration plans, and all planned restoration activity.
6. Modify the annotated explanation for the evaluation questions to help applicants focus on the elements that are most relevant to their project proposal. This change could help applicants address all of the criteria in the time allotted.
7. Ask evaluators to review all of the application and presentation materials before the evaluation meeting, so applicants can focus more time on answering evaluator follow-up questions.

One continuing challenge for evaluators is appropriately scoring grant proposals that include the purchase of a sizable amount of upland acres when the focus of the category is on riparian habitat. Overall, advisors were satisfied with the process and the resulting ranked list. They hope to see more proposals from the eastern side of the state during the next grants cycle.

Public Comment

There are letters of support for Riparian Projection category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant proposals supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Riparian Protection Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-18.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-18, including *Table 1 – WWRP, Riparian Protection Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*
- B. State Map for Riparian Protection Category projects
- C. Riparian Protection Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Riparian Protection Category Projects, Evaluation Scores 2019-21
- E. Riparian Protection Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-18
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Riparian Protection Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifteen Riparian Protection category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all fifteen Riparian Protection category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10b, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Riparian Protection category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and state and local agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) that considers the riparian habitat benefits and relationship to existing plans, thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects include acquisitions that provide habitat benefits for a variety of species, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity; protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Riparian Protection Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Riparian Protection category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

Table 1: Riparian Protection Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-18

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	102.90	18-1249A	Hoh River Recreation and Conservation Area	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,487,600	\$1,487,600	\$2,975,200	\$1,487,600
2	98.00	18-1521A	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$767,739		\$767,739	\$2,255,339
3	95.80	18-1654A	Skookum Valley Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,755,339
4	95.70	18-1343A	Grayland Property	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$4,255,339
5	93.20	18-1899C	Saltese Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	Ducks Unlimited Vancouver	\$473,000	\$475,203	\$948,203	\$4,728,339
6	92.30	18-1373A	Skookum Creek Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$864,260	\$1,098,000	\$1,962,260	\$5,592,599
7	89.40	18-1518A	Dewatto Proposed Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,531,081		\$3,531,081	\$9,123,680
8	86.90	18-1529A	Lower Big Beef Creek Acquisition	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$1,572,330	\$1,847,550	\$3,419,880	\$10,696,010
9	86.10	18-1918A	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	Forterra	\$856,187	\$856,188	\$1,712,375	\$11,552,197
10	85.80	18-1327A	Raging River Natural Area	King County Water and Land Resources Division	\$850,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,800,000	\$12,402,197
11	85.40	18-1868A	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	North Olympic Land Trust	\$107,233	\$262,536	\$369,769	\$12,509,430
12	84.30	18-1911C	Clallam Bay Acquisition	North Olympic Land Trust	\$38,770	\$94,920	\$133,690	\$12,548,200
13	80.50	18-1329A	Chehalis Floodplain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$12,748,200
14	80.40	18-1478A	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$520,000	\$13,008,200
15	75.20	18-1448A	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	Sammamish	\$581,325	\$591,325	\$1,172,650	\$13,589,525
					\$13,589,525	\$10,423,322	\$24,012,847	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination

State Map for Riparian Protection Project



Riparian Protection Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

"Riparian habitat" means land adjacent to water bodies, as well as submerged land such as streambeds, which can provide functional habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife species. Riparian habitat includes, but is not limited to, shorelines and near-shore marine habitat, estuaries, lakes, wetlands, streams, and rivers.¹

Riparian Protection Category Evaluation Criteria			
Scored By	Number	Topic	Maximum Score
Advisory Committee	1	Riparian habitat benefits	20
Advisory Committee	2	Planning priority	20
Advisory Committee	3	Site suitability and project design	20
Advisory Committee	4	Threats to the habitat	15
Advisory Committee	5	Project support	15
Advisory Committee	6	Public access opportunities	15
Advisory Committee	7	Ongoing stewardship and management	10
Advisory Committee	8	Multiple Benefits	6
RCO Staff	9	Matching share	4
RCO Staff	10	Growth Management Act preference	0
Maximum Possible Score			125

¹Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.010(8)

Riparian Protection Detailed Scoring Criteria

Scored by Advisory Committee

1. **Riparian Habitat Benefits** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(iv)*
Describe the specific riparian habitat benefits for this project.
2. **Planning Priority** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(vii)*
Describe how the proposal meets goals within various plans (watershed, salmon recovery, shoreline, land use, comprehensive plans, etc.)
3. **Site Suitability and Project Design** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(vi)*
Describe surrounding land uses and the relationship (links) of this site to other protected habitats or future phases. What is the restoration plan?
4. **Threats to the Habitat** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(v)*
What are the ecological, biological or human caused threats to the riparian habitat?
5. **Project Support** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(iii)*
Describe community support and partnerships.
6. **Public Access Opportunities** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(viii-ix)*
Describe passive recreation opportunities, educational or scientific values. If access is excluded, explain why.
7. **Ongoing Stewardship and Management** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(iv)*
Describe level of stewardship required and the capacity of sponsor to provide it.
8. **Multiple Benefits** *RCW 79A.15.060(5)(c)(iv)*
Does the project area include resource uses or management practices that are compatible with and provide the ability to achieve additional conservation benefits?

Scored by RCO Staff

9. **Matching Share**
What matching funds are associated with this project?
10. **Growth Management Act Compliance** (RCW 43.17.250)
Is the applicant in compliance with the Growth Management Act?

Evaluation Scores

Riparian Protection Projects

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Rank	Project Name	Riparian Habitat Benefits	Planning Priority	Site Suitability and Project Design	Threats to the Habitat	Project Support	Public Access Opportunities	Ongoing Stewardship and Management	Multiple Benefits	Matching Share	Growth Management Act Preference	Total
1	Hoh River Recreation and Conservation Area	17.9	17.2	17.9	10.3	13.3	10.9	9.3	5.1	1.0	0.0	102.9
2	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	16.8	16.0	17.3	11.3	12.4	12.8	8.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	98.0
3	Skookum Valley Acquisition	16.9	16.6	16.9	10.8	11.9	10.3	8.8	3.6	0.0	0.0	95.8
4	Grayland Property	16.8	15.6	16.6	9.0	12.3	13.5	8.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	95.7
5	Saltese Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	14.3	14.4	16.0	8.9	12.4	12.6	8.9	3.7	2.0	0.0	93.2
6	Skookum Creek Acquisition	16.0	16.0	15.4	9.5	11.8	10.0	8.2	3.4	2.0	0.0	92.3
7	Dewatto Proposed Natural Resources Conservation Area	15.6	16.1	16.1	10.2	10.9	9.0	8.7	2.8	0.0	0.0	89.4
8	Lower Big Beef Creek Acquisition	14.3	14.5	17.5	9.6	11.0	9.4	7.9	2.7	0.0	0.0	86.9
9	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	14.4	13.9	14.1	11.1	11.4	9.6	8.8	1.8	1.0	0.0	86.1
10	Raging River Natural Area	13.2	13.4	11.6	10.9	12.4	10.3	8.2	1.8	4.0	0.0	85.8
11	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	14.3	15.6	14.6	8.3	12.7	10.1	6.9	2.9	0.0	0.0	85.4
12	Clallam Bay Acquisition	14.5	14.5	14.9	7.7	12.0	10.9	7.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	84.3
13	Chehalis Floodplain	14.3	12.5	13.9	7.6	10.6	11.2	7.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	80.5
14	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	13.4	12.7	14.6	9.3	10.7	9.1	7.4	2.2	1.0	0.0	80.4
15	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	8.8	13.2	9.8	7.0	12.6	11.3	7.8	2.7	2.0	0.0	75.2

Evaluators score Questions 1-8; RCO staff scores Questions 9-10.

Riparian Protection Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-2021

The Nature Conservancy

Grant Requested: \$1,487,600

Preserving Hoh River Habitat and Recreation

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 1,080 acres in the Hoh River watershed on the Olympic Peninsula. This project will link riverside habitat along a 30-mile corridor from the Olympic National Park to the National Marine Sanctuary. The Nature Conservancy will manage the land to restore old-growth forest, floodplain, and stream habitat, while preserving access for hunting, fishing, boating, birding, and hiking. The Hoh River basin includes wild populations of coho, Chinook, and sockeye salmon and steelhead, and is important for bull trout recovery. The area also supports Pacific lamprey, marbled murrelets, northern spotted owls, bald eagles, Olympic fishers, and Roosevelt elk. The Nature Conservancy will contribute more than \$1.4 million in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1249)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$767,739

Conserving Merrill Lake

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 71.8 acres at the south end of Merrill Lake, in Cowlitz County. The land includes old growth forest and expands on 2,170 acres of forest, wetland, riverbank, and lakeshore habitat already protected. These lands provide important habitat for deer, elk, waterfowl, migratory songbirds, amphibians, raptors, and bobcats. Other species living there include coastal tailed frog, pileated woodpecker, Vaux's swift, western toad, cascade torrent salamander, and bald eagle. Cherished by community fly-fishing groups, Merrill Lake is one of the few fly-fishing-only lakes in the state. Campers and visitors also visit the lake and the campground and picnic area nearby. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1521)

Squaxin Island Tribe

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Enhancing Skookum Valley

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to buy up to 614 acres in the Skookum Valley, depending on landowners' willingness. This project will protect more than 4 miles of Skookum Creek, an additional 4.4 miles of tributaries, as well as wetlands, streambanks, and forests. Wildlife in and around Skookum Creek include coho and chum salmon, cutthroat trout, steelhead, and elk. The tribe will contribute \$500,000 in a federal grant, a grant from the state salmon recovery program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1654)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$1,500,000

Conserving Grayland Property

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,408 acres outside Westport. Near the Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area, Twin Harbors State Park, and John's River Wildlife Area, the land includes more than 1,000 acres of wetlands, forests, and

grasslands. The land supports habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, elk, deer, marbled murrelets, bald eagles, black bears, and river otters. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1343)

Ducks Unlimited
Restoring and Protecting Saltese Flats

Grant Requested: \$473,000

Ducks Unlimited will use this grant to buy 126 acres in a 1,200-acre historical marsh south of Spokane, a rapidly expanding urban area. Ducks Unlimited will restore wetlands and riverbank habitat by redirecting flows and planting shrubs and trees. Tundra swans, waterfowl, great blue herons, Columbia spotted frogs, and western toads will benefit from habitat enhancements. To support future school field trips and educational research, Ducks Unlimited will develop a trail with interpretive signs and an interpretive center. Ducks Unlimited will contribute \$475,203 in a federal appropriation, a federal grant, cash, and donations of labor, land, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1899)

Whatcom Land Trust
Preserving Skookum Creek

Grant Requested: \$864,260

Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 780 acres in the Skookum Creek watershed. Skookum Creek includes 2.3 miles of habitat for coho salmon, steelhead, and bull trout and .6 mile of habitat for spring Chinook salmon. Historic logging in the area removed trees that shaded the water and contributed sediment to the creek and its tributaries. Whatcom Land Trust will place large trees in the creek, which help create deep cold-water pools for salmon to rest in as they migrate. The land trust will contribute more than \$1 million in a grant from the state salmon recovery program and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1373)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Preserving Dewatto Conservation Area

Grant Requested: \$3,531,081

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 246 acres in its proposed Dewatto Natural Resources Conservation Area. The purchase will conserve about 5 miles of Hood Canal shoreline, including Dewatto Bay and Little Dewatto Bay. The area includes lowland forests and estuary and riverbank habitat for wildlife. The conservation area would continue to support several endangered species of salmon, including chum, steelhead, and Chinook. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1518)

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
Enhancing Lower Big Beef Creek

Grant Requested: \$1,572,330

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to buy about 297 acres of land in the lower Big Beef Creek watershed. The area includes wetlands and forests and is used by Hood Canal summer chum. The enhancement group will contribute more than \$1.8 million in

conservation futures,² a federal grant, and a grant from the state salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1529)

Forterra
Preserving Lake Kapowsin

Grant Requested: \$856,187

Forterra will use this grant to buy 106.56 acres on the northwest side of Lake Kapowsin, including nearly a half-mile of shoreline. The land includes wetlands, lakeshore, and forests, which has operated as a working forest for 125 years. The area provides habitat for salmon, waterfowl, amphibians, cavity-nesting birds, and other species. The lake provides fishing opportunities for yellow perch, largemouth bass, black crappie, and other species. Forterra will be restoring the area to improve the health of surrounding streams. Forterra will contribute \$856,188 in another grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1918)

King County
Preserving Raging River

Grant Requested: \$850,000

King County Water and Land Resources Division will use this grant to buy 31 acres of forest to protect Chinook salmon and steelhead trout habitat in and around Raging River. The purchase will prevent the land from being logged and mined, for which it's currently zoned. King County will contribute more than \$2.9 million in conservation futures.³ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1327)

North Olympic Land Trust
Protecting Lower Elwha River

Grant Requested: \$107,233

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 33 acres on the Elwha River. The purchase will conserve a buffer along the Elwha River and prevent development there. The river has habitat for Chinook, sockeye, coho, chum, and pink salmon, as well as bull trout, steelhead, and cutthroat trout. The North Olympic Land Trust will maintain public access via an easement for hiking and sports fishing. The land trust will contribute \$262,536 in cash and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1868)

North Olympic Land Trust \$38,770
Preserving Clallam Bay

North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy 71 acres of important habitat for salmon and steelhead at the mouth of the Clallam River. The site is ideal for fishing and bird watching and

²Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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supports habitat for coho, chum, and occasional Chinook salmon, and steelhead and cutthroat trout. The land includes a half-mile of the Clallam River, a quarter-mile of estuarine channel in Swamp Creek and tributaries, two fish-bearing forested wetlands, and several short channels. Public access is available via a short walk from the nearby county park. The land trust will contribute \$94,920 in cash and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1911)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Protecting Chehalis Floodplain**

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 88.5 acres in the Chehalis floodplain south of Elma. The purchase will expand the department's Chehalis Wildlife Area and provide opportunities for fishing, waterfowl hunting, big game hunting, and wildlife viewing. It also will provide connections to Vance Creek County Park. Managed to produce hardwood timber, the area includes about 10 acres of freshwater wetlands and a portion of Vance Creek. The land would expand protected habitat for amphibians, Neo-tropical birds, waterfowl, deer, elk, and potentially yellow-billed cuckoo, which surveyors recorded in the area. A slough provides habitat for young salmon, which use Vance Creek when migrating. The department will remove invasive plants and manage the forest to promote old-growth trees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1329)

**Great Peninsula Conservancy
Conserving Salmonberry Creek and Wetland**

Grant Requested: \$260,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy 96.5 acres of upper Salmonberry Creek in Kitsap County through a combination of voluntary land preservation agreements and land donation. Conserving the land will protect streambank and wetland habitat from development, support Puget Sound salmon recovery, and create wildlife movement corridors in an increasingly urbanized region. The project will preserve 1.18 miles of streambank, including significant stretches of Salmonberry Creek for coho salmon and cutthroat trout. This project will protect about 60 acres of streambank and wetlands used by deer, black bears, river otters, and a variety of migratory birds. The conservancy will contribute \$260,000 in a private grant and a donation of land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1478)

**Sammamish
Protecting Zackuse Creek**

Grant Requested: \$581,325

The City of Sammamish will use this grant to buy 1.37 acres near Zackuse Creek. The land protects important streambank habitat and fills a missing link in a 47-acre wildlife corridor. The project will provide upstream fish passage and spawning habitat for kokanee, which have experienced a dramatic decline and now spawn in limited numbers in only a few streams that feed into Lake Sammamish. Sammamish will contribute \$591,325 in cash and donations of cash.

Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#)
(18-1448)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Habitat Conservation Account:
State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Alison Greene, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Twenty-two projects in the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-19

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects allow for restoration and enhancement of habitats on existing state lands. These habitats may include salt or freshwater areas, forests, riparian zones, shrub-steppe, wetlands, and other ecosystems or habitats native to Washington State. Restoration brings the site back to its original function through activities that can reasonably be expected to result in a site that is, to the degree possible, self-sustaining. Enhancement improves the ecological functionality of the site.

The State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category receives ten percent or \$3 million (whichever is less) of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Habitat Conservation Account.

Program Summary

There were changes to the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category, effective this year. The most significant changes involved adding the State Parks and Recreation Commission as an eligible applicant, updating the public access policy to capture when it might be acceptable to limit or restrict

public access to habitat areas, and modifying the control and tenure policy for using state aquatic lands. A summary of this category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Fish and Wildlife • Department of Natural Resources • State Parks and Recreation Commission
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration of existing habitats • Enhancement or creation of habitats
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of \$25,000 per project • Maximum of \$500,000 per multi-site project • Maximum of \$1,000,000 per single-site project
Match Requirements	None
Public Access	Habitat areas must be accessible for public access and outdoor education unless it meets the criteria outlined in the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board policy for limiting public access to protect sensitive species, water quality, or public safety.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility • Properties must be state-owned and managed primarily for resource preservation and protection • Multi-site projects must be for similar habitat improvements (for example, wetland restoration, shrub-steppe enhancement, etc.)

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Twenty-two State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects requesting \$5.15 million were evaluated August 6 through August 27, 2018. WWRP Habitat Restoration Advisory Committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, included the following individuals who are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to habitat conservation, restoration, and enhancement:

Advisory Committee Members	Affiliation
Steve Erickson, Langley	Citizen
Todd McLaughlin, Reardan	Citizen
Nate Ulrich, Columbia Land Trust	Citizen
David Lindley, Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation	Tribal Government
Cindy Wilson, Thurston County	Local Government
Chrissy Bailey, Department of Ecology	State Government
Curt Pavola, Department of Natural Resources	State Government
Richard Tveten, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Government

To review and rank the projects, a team of eight advisory committee members used a written evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

During the post-evaluation meeting on September 6, staff met with the WWRP Habitat Restoration Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results. The advisory committee felt the process was organized and efficient. They were satisfied with the materials provided and felt reviewing projects using the online links made the job easier. They were confident in the resulting ranked list and noted the projects that scored well were those that paid attention to the details and clearly addressed each evaluation question.

Public Comment

There are letters of support for State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-19.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-2021 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-19, including *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*
- B. State Map for State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category projects
- C. State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category Projects, Evaluation Summary 2019-21
- E. State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-19
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twenty-two State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all twenty-two State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10b, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby, supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects restore existing state lands to self-sustaining functionality, and their evaluation included the uniqueness or significance of the habitat, threat, and demonstrated need, thereby supporting the board's objectives to help sponsors maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date:

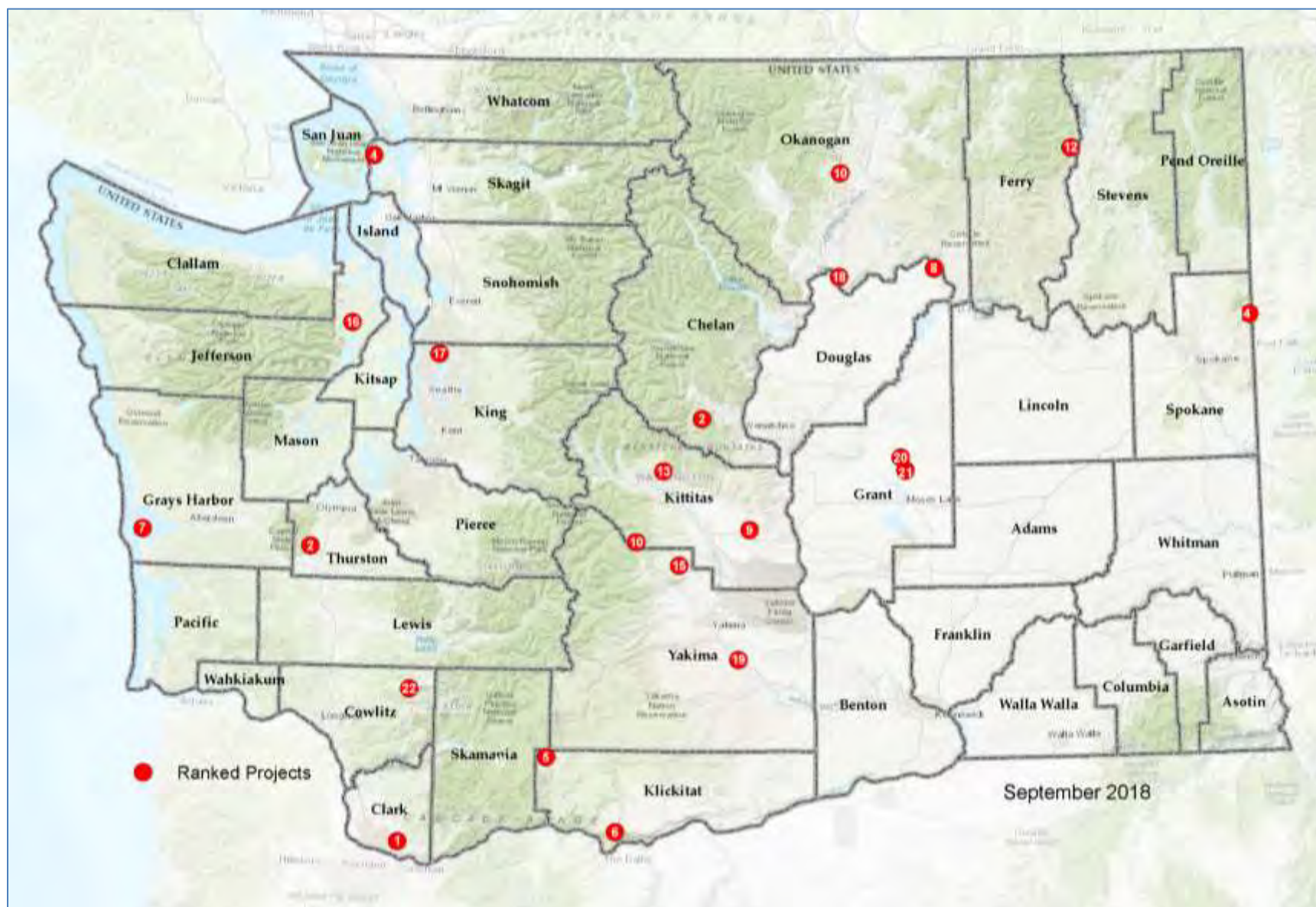
Table 1: State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-19

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	48.67	18-1862R	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve Prairie and Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$160,000		\$160,000	\$160,000
2	47.78	18-1894R	Camas Meadows Forest and Rare Plant Restoration 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$117,500		\$117,500	\$277,500
2	47.78	18-1777R	South Sound Prairie Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$434,375		\$434,375	\$711,875
4	47.22	18-1893R	San Juan Island Prairie and Bald Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$121,000		\$121,000	\$832,875
5	45.56	18-1664R	Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$106,300		\$106,300	\$939,175
6	44.89	18-1669R	Columbia Hills Grassland Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$91,300		\$91,300	\$1,030,475
7	44.11	18-1221R	Damon Point Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$170,000	\$28,000	\$198,000	\$1,200,475
8	43.89	18-1900R	Back Rock Lake Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$212,490		\$212,490	\$1,412,965
9	43.56	18-1903R	Quilomene Wildlife Area Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$93,172		\$93,172	\$1,506,137
10	42.11	18-1774R	Rock Creek Cleman Ridge Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$296,161		\$296,161	\$1,802,298
10	42.11	18-1847R	Scotch Creek Riparian Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$92,400		\$92,400	\$1,894,698
12	42.00	18-1937R	Sherman Creek Forest Restoration Prescribed Burning	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$460,000		\$460,000	\$2,354,698
13	41.67	18-1979R	L.T. Murray Teanaway Valley Unit Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$207,500	\$90,500	\$298,000	\$2,562,198
14	41.33	18-1987R	Ragged Ridge Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$207,033		\$207,033	\$2,769,231
15	41.22	18-1830R	Wenas Watershed Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$647,950		\$647,950	\$3,417,181
16	40.44	18-1924R	Puget Trough Lowland Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$129,150		\$129,150	\$3,546,331
17	40.00	18-1999R	Saint Edward State Park Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$294,300		\$294,300	\$3,840,631
18	38.22	18-1980R	Chelan Wells Post Fire Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$229,282		\$229,282	\$4,069,913
19	38.11	18-1753R	Yakima River Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$407,000		\$407,000	\$4,476,913
20	35.00	18-1721R	Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$60,000		\$60,000	\$4,536,913
21	34.44	18-1723R	Gloyd Seeps Invasive Tree Control and Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$116,000		\$116,000	\$4,652,913
22	32.78	18-1793R	Mount Saint Helens Riparian Restoration and Stabilization	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$5,152,913
					##### \$118,500		\$5,271,413	

¹Project type: R=restoration

State Map for State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category Projects



State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table		
Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Possible Points
Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project goals and objectives Statewide, vicinity, and site maps 	Not scored
1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bigger picture Uniqueness or significance Target species and communities 	15
2. Need for Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The problem to be addressed Threat 	15
3. Project Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of project design Best management practices 	15
4. Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistency with existing plans Puget Sound Partnership guidelines 	5
5. Public Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public educational or scientific value 	5
Maximum Possible Score		55

State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Detailed Scoring Criteria

Team Scored

- Ecological and Biological Characteristics**
Describe why the site is worthy of long-term conservation.
- Need for Restoration or Enhancement**
Describe why this restoration or enhancement project needs to be completed.
- Project Design**
Describe how the proposed project will address the problem(s) identified earlier.
- Planning**
Specifically describe how the project is consistent with planning efforts occurring in the area.
- Public Benefit**
Describe the degree to which communities, governments, landowners, constituent groups, or academia benefit from or support the project.

Evaluation Scores
State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
		Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Need for Restoration and Enhancement	Project Design	Planning	Public Benefit and Support	
1	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve Prairie and Oak Restoration	13.89	13.56	13.56	3.67	4.00	48.67
2	Camas Meadows Forest and Rare Plant Restoration 2	13.78	13.00	13.44	4.11	3.44	47.78
2	South Sound Prairie Oak Restoration	14.00	12.33	13.56	4.00	3.89	47.78
4	San Juan Island Prairie and Bald Restoration	13.56	13.00	13.11	3.67	3.89	47.22
5	Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow Restoration	13.00	12.56	12.33	4.00	3.67	45.56
6	Columbia Hills Grassland Restoration	13.00	12.44	12.33	3.67	3.44	44.89
7	Damon Point Restoration Phase 2	12.67	11.89	11.78	3.44	4.33	44.11
8	Back Rock Lake Shrub-steppe Restoration	11.89	12.56	13.44	3.22	2.78	43.89
9	Quilomene Wildlife Area Restoration	11.33	12.78	11.78	3.67	4.00	43.56
10	Rock Creek Cleman Ridge Forest Restoration	11.33	10.33	13.00	3.78	3.67	42.11
10	Scotch Creek Riparian Restoration	12.33	13.11	11.78	2.11	2.78	42.11
12	Sherman Creek Forest Restoration Prescribed Burning	11.11	11.22	11.89	3.89	3.89	42.00
13	L.T. Murray Teanaway Valley Unit Restoration	10.78	11.33	12.22	3.56	3.78	41.67
14	Ragged Ridge Restoration	11.00	11.78	12.56	3.11	2.89	41.33
15	Wenas Watershed Enhancement	11.00	12.00	11.22	3.33	3.67	41.22
16	Puget Trough Lowland Forest Restoration	10.89	10.11	12.22	3.89	3.33	40.44
17	Saint Edward State Park Restoration	10.22	11.22	11.67	3.11	3.78	40.00
18	Chelan Wells Post Fire Shrub-steppe Restoration	9.78	11.89	11.33	2.78	2.44	38.22
19	Yakima River Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain Restoration	10.33	10.22	10.89	3.56	3.11	38.11
20	Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat Restoration	8.56	10.11	10.56	2.78	3.00	35.00
21	Gloyd Seeps Invasive Tree Control and Restoration	8.89	10.44	9.89	2.89	2.33	34.44
22	Mount Saint Helens Riparian Restoration and Stabilization	9.22	8.44	9.00	2.78	3.33	32.78

Evaluators score Questions 1-5.

State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve

Grant Requested: \$160,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 88 acres of imperiled wet prairie and Oregon white oak woodland habitat in Clark County, north of Lacamas Lake and Camas. The department will control invasive weeds and encroaching woody vegetation, use site preparation techniques including prescribed fire and hydrologic rehabilitation, and replant the area. The Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve was established in 2007 to protect the last remaining example in the state of Willamette Valley wet prairie as well as habitat for eight rare plants and one bird of conservation concern. These habitats are threatened by encroachment of invasive trees, shrubs, and grasses, alteration of the fire regime, and modifications of hydrology. The preserve is home to Hall's aster, Oregon coyote thistle, slender-billed nuthatch, western gray squirrel, small-flowered trillium, and the endangered Bradshaw's lomatium. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1862)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Camas Meadows Forest

Grant Requested: \$117,500

The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore 220 acres of forest and wet meadow habitats through thinning, prescribed burning, invasive plant control, and planting of native vegetation in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve, in Chelan County. The work will enhance habitat for the Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow, which is listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, three rare plant species, and a variety of forest wildlife. The preserve contains the world's largest population of the Wenatchee Mountains checkermallow and is critical to the species' long-term survival. The preserve also supports more than 1,000 acres of dry forest habitat used by diverse populations of songbirds and raptors, as well as shoreline areas and forest openings, which provide habitat for the rare plant species. Past forest management and fire suppression have resulted in a dense forest with altered species composition, which degrades habitat quality for wildlife, impacts rare plant habitat, and puts the forest at risk for a high-intensity wildfire. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1894)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring South Sound Prairies

Grant Requested: \$434,375

The Department of Natural Resources, along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, will use this grant to restore rare grassland and oak woodland habitat at five of the most important prairie-oak conservation sites in the south Puget Sound region: Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, West Rocky Prairie, Rocky Prairie, and Bald Hill. These sites support numerous rare and declining prairie-associated wildlife species but have been degraded by invasive species, altered fire regimes, and other issues. The state agencies will acquire native seeds and transplants, prepare restoration areas for seeding by burning them and controlling invasive plants, and seed and

replant the treated areas. Key invasive species, including Scot's broom and tall oatgrass, will be targeted for control on additional areas within the sites. The work will enhance habitat for the Oregon spotted frog in the West Rocky Prairie area. The two agencies are partnering on this project because they have identical restoration needs and can save time and money by avoiding redundancies in staffing, contracting, and seed source development. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1777)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$121,000

Restoring San Juan Islands' Prairie and Grassland Bald Habitat

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore and enhance grassland balds and prairie habitat in the Cypress Island Natural Area and the Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area, both in the San Juan Island archipelago. Cypress Island Natural Area contains some of the highest quality grassland bald habitats in the north Puget Sound region; however encroachment by trees and invasive species threaten to degrade them. The department will remove encroaching trees, control other invasive plants, and restore treated areas with native grassland seeding and planting. The Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area contains patches of native prairie amid a largely degraded grassland that was historically prairie. The conservation area site supports part of the only known population of the Island marble butterfly, as well as a population of the sand-verbena moth, which is rare in the state. The department will control invasive plants and replant areas with native grassland species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1893)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$106,300

Restoring the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, in northwest Klickitat County, 24 miles north of White Salmon. The department will control weeds, remove nonnative pasture grasses, and help native plants establish on 10 acres of wetlands. The restoration work will improve breeding and foraging habitat for Oregon spotted frogs and sandhill cranes. The department also will thin and removing trees on another 50 acres of forest to enhance habitat for northern spotted owls, western gray squirrels, and Pulsifer's monkeyflowers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1664)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$91,300

Restoring Columbia Hills Grassland

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 30 acres of rare plant habitat in Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve and Columbia Hills State Park, on the eastern edge of the Columbia Gorge, near Goldendale. The Columbia Hills area has diverse plant communities including grassland, vernal pools, wet meadows, and oak forests, and several rare plants found only in Klickitat County. In addition, numerous wildlife and birds rely on these areas for breeding and foraging. An increase in nonnative grasses such as cheatgrass, bulbous bluegrass, and rush skeletonweed, threaten the native communities. The department will treat nonnative species in

select areas and restore the native plant communities on 25 acres. In addition, the department project will control invasive plants and plant oak trees on 5 acres destroyed by wildfire, around Crawford Oaks Trailhead. The department also will install two interpretative signs along Stacker Butte road in the Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve to highlight the ecological and geological significance of this area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1669)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Restoring Damon Point

Grant Requested: \$170,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to complete a second phase of restoration at Damon Point, an extraordinary sand spit peninsula that runs from south of Ocean Shores for several miles towards Westport, in Grays Harbor County. The department's goal is to restore high quality coastal dune habitat for rare and endangered bird species and a diversity of other species that use the site. The coastal grassland and forb meadows have supported snowy plover and streaked horned lark in the past, but restoration is needed to fully restore the habitat. In addition, the department will designate trails for the public that avoid key habitats and install signs with educational information to prevent intrusion into sensitive areas. The department will contribute \$28,000 in a state appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1221)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring a Field for Sharp-Tailed Grouse

Grant Requested: \$212,490

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a 177.5-acre field in the Big Bend Wildlife Area of northeast Douglas County. The department will remove non-native grass from this former agricultural field and replant it with native grasses and forbs, including plants of cultural value for tribes. The Big Bend Wildlife Area was purchased to benefit Columbian sharp-tailed grouse as well as a host of wildlife that rely on shrub-steppe habitat. This field is near seasonal pot-hole lakes and lekking grounds making it a priority for restoration. Without restoration, the site will not be productive grouse breeding habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (18-1900)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring the Quilomene Wildlife Area

Grant Requested: \$93,172

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore degraded shrub-steppe habitat in the Green Gate area of the Quilomene Wildlife Area, 12 miles east of Ellensburg. The department will return about 12 miles of unauthorized vehicle trails to a more natural state, replant and protect 14 acres of shrub steppe, and install signs about the restoration activities for users. The area is critical overwintering and breeding habitat for many species that rely on shrub-steppe habitat and is a critical habitat link for sage grouse in Douglas and Kittitas Counties. This area is a documented breeding area for golden eagles, and is used by Townsend's ground squirrels, Columbia spotted frogs, sage thrashers, Merriam's shrews, Colockum elk and Naches mule deer herds. This area is popular for big game and upland bird hunting, biking,

horseback riding, hiking, pleasure driving, shed hunting, and bird watching. The restoration actions will protect and restore draws of mature sagebrush, streams, emergent wetlands, and fragile shrub-steppe habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1903)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Thinning and Burning the Rock Creek-Cleman Ridge Forest

Grant Requested: \$296,161

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin and sometimes burn 1,499 acres in the Rock Creek-Cleman Ridge forest, in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, northwest of Yakima. Past logging removed many of the large trees, leaving smaller, shade-tolerant trees. The restoration will increase the forest's ability to survive insects, drought, and wildfire by increasing the trees' health and varying the habitat types across the landscape. The work will ensure that the forests provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and become quality habitat to species such as mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and northern spotted owls. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1774)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring Scotch Creek to Improve Grouse Habitat

Grant Requested: \$92,400

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a half-mile of Scotch Creek, in the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area, in Okanogan County, to improve habitat for sharp-tailed grouse. The Columbian sharp-tailed grouse is listed as a species threatened with extinction by the State, and exists in only seven isolated and small populations in Washington, with the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area being one of those places. The grouse eat water birch in the winter and the department wants to establish birch along the creek. The department will install beaver dam analogs to raise the water table and allow the creek to meander and collect sediment into the creek's incised channel. The overall goal is to make this segment of the creek healthier, to increase capacity of the creek and wetland to store water for drought protection, and improve water quality, habitat, and habitat-forming processes. In the second year of the grant, the department will plant the creekbanks. Raising the water table will allow streambank plants and trees to survive. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1847)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Burning and Thinning the Sherman Creek Forest

Grant Requested: \$460,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to prepare a plan and burn about 1,000 acres in the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area, in Ferry County. The department also will remove some of the trees to thin the forest, when weather prevents the fire implementation. The department has thinned more than 4,000 acres of the forest since 2008, with the intention of burning another 3,300 with prescribed fire. To date 800 acres have been burned. The burning and thinning will restore and protect ecological processes and improve forest health for white-headed woodpeckers, pygmy nuthatches, pileated woodpeckers, white-tailed deer, mule deer,

moose, and other wildlife. The work also will enhance recreational opportunities like hunting and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1937)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$207,500

Restoring the Teanaway River and Meadows in the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore a section of the recently-acquired 215-acre Teanaway Valley Unit of the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area, in Kittitas County. The department will restore and improve fish passage for steelhead and spring Chinook, increase floodplain connection along two tributaries, replant the floodplain and riverbanks, and remove weeds and plant native bunchgrasses in the grassland and meadows to restore them. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will contribute \$90,500 in donations of materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1979)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Grant Requested: \$207,033

Restoring Ragged Ridge

State Parks will use this grant to complete restoration of a meadow in the southeast corner of Mount Spokane State Park. The 624-acre Ragged Ridge Natural Area Preserve supports a mixture of mature forests and open meadows, and contains a mountain ridge. The forests are in good to excellent overall ecological condition; however the meadow has been damaged off-road vehicles and invasive and non-native species. Restoration efforts have been ongoing along the ridgeline for more than 30 years. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1987)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$647,950

Enhancing Wenas Creek

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve wildlife habitat by restoring the floodplain function of north Wenas Creek and thinning trees from the adjacent slopes of Cleman Mountain. The department will remove the undersized Mellotte Bridge and return the road that runs across the floodplain to a more natural state. The department then will install a new bridge a half-mile downstream, where the creek is confined and the bridge can be more efficiently sited. Moving the bridge and removing the road will restore floodplain function. The department also will remove trees on 1,000 acres of the mountain slope, and place up to 500 trees in the creek to create habitat for steelhead, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, and other fish. Trees in the creek create places for fish to rest and hide from predators. They also slow the river, which reduces erosion and the amount of sediment in the river. A slower river allows small gravels to settle to the river bottom for spawning areas. Finally, they change the flow of the river, creating riffles and deep cold pools, giving fish more varied habitat. The 70,000-acre Cleman Mountain unit of the Wenas Wildlife Area is heavily used by recreationists, including hunters, bird watchers, off-road vehicle riders, and others. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1830)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Restoring Puget Trough Lowland Forests

Grant Requested: \$129,150

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to thin forests and remove invasive plants in two department-managed natural areas and one wildlife area managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in the southern and central Puget Trough ecoregion. The department will remove trees in a young, artificially regenerated forest stands, then plant under-represented trees and shrubs. The work will restore the structure and composition of lowland forest communities to allow for the development of more natural forest conditions and accelerated development of important habitat features such as large trees, downed wood, and snags. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1924)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Restoring the Native Landscape in Saint Edward State Park

Grant Requested: \$294,300

State Parks will use this grant to control invasive plants, block unofficial trails, and restore damaged areas in the 326-acre Saint Edward State Park, on the northeastern shore of Lake Washington in King County. The park includes 306 acres of mature second-growth forest, streams, and undeveloped lake shoreline. Once common, these park features are increasingly rare in the surrounding big cities of Bellevue and Seattle. The park's location makes it highly valuable for its habitat, recreational, and educational uses, with more than a half million visitors annually. However, the spread of non-native invasive plants and the development of unofficial trails have degraded the plant and animal communities in the park. The restoration work will control invading plants that are degrading the native habitats and threatening sustainability, process, and function of the forest, lake shore, and streams. The work also will restore damaged areas to reduce habitat fragmentation and degradation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1999)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring Shrub-Steppe Burned in Wildfires

Grant Requested: \$229,282

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 200 acres of shrub-steppe habitat in the Wells and Chelan Wildlife Areas, in Douglas and Okanogan Counties. The department will remove weeds, then seed the areas and plant native grasses and shrubs to reestablish grass and shrub communities in the Central Ferry Canyon, Indian Dan Canyon, and Pateros Units, which were damaged in severe wildfires. The fires wiped out the upland shrub communities and increased the amount of cheatgrass and noxious weeds. The areas are in targeted recovery zones for Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and greater sage grouse. The work also will benefit mule deer and other priority species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1980)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain on the Yakima River

Grant Requested: \$407,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore the floodplain at the department's Ponds 4 and 5 property in the Wapato reach of the lower Yakima River. This is one

of a suite of proposed projects to address river flow, constriction, and habitat issues in the lower Yakima River being shepherded by the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan. The work will address a failing levee that has broader safety implications to the adjacent Interstate 82. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1753)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Restoring Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat

Grant Requested: \$60,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 73 acres of shrub-steppe habitat along Crab Creek, in the Gloyd Seeps Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. The goal is to create dense nesting cover for birds and waterfowl. The department will remove unwanted grasses and noxious weeds then seed the area with a mix of native grasses and wildflowers. The area is a very popular destination for hunting, hiking, camping, and bird watching. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1721)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Removing Russian Olive Trees in the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

Grant Requested: \$116,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove 85 acres of Russian olive trees in the Gloyd Seeps Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, in Grant County. Recent estimates show that Russian olive trees occupy more than 8,000 acres of the wildlife area, where they have reduced habitat quality for popular game birds such as pheasant and quail. The department will target small stands and trees on the edge of areas with native trees and plants to limit the spread of the Russian olive trees. Work will address 35 of the remaining 70 infested acres in the south end of the Gloyd Seeps Unit and 50 acres in the Desert Unit. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1723)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Stabilizing the North Fork Toutle River in the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to stabilize the North Fork Toutle River and prevent erosion to benefit salmon and elk. The department will install log walls in the river to move the main river channel away from eroding banks and will place small logjams in the river to slow the river and create a more stable river channel. Logjams create places for salmon to rest and hide from predators. They also slow the river, which reduces erosion and the amount of sediment in the river. A slower river allows small gravels to settle to the river bottom for spawning areas. Finally, logjams change the flow of the river, creating riffles and deep cold pools, giving fish more varied habitat. The department also will plant trees along the riverbank to stabilize the banks and prevent erosion. The new riverbank plantings will help shade the water, cooling it for salmon. The plants also drop branches and leaves into the water, which provide food for the insects salmon eat and places for salmon to rest and hide from predators. Finally, the roots of the plants help keep the soil from entering the water and burying spawning gravel. The work will be done along 3 miles of the North Fork Toutle River, in the Mudflow Unit of the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area. The goal of the project is to stabilize the river channel by reducing channel migration and erosion. The work will protect riverbank and upland habitat

used by wintering elk and improve river habitat for salmon species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1793)

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM**Meeting Date:** October 17-18, 2018**Title:** Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Habitat Conservation Account:
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21**Prepared By:** DeAnn Beck, Outdoor Grants Manager**Summary**

Eleven project proposals in the Urban Wildlife Habitat category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-20**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.**Background**

Urban Wildlife Habitat projects provide habitat for fish and wildlife in close proximity to a metropolitan area. These habitats may include forests, riparian zones, and wetlands, and may serve as a corridor for wildlife movement in existing populated areas.

To be eligible for consideration in this category, a project must be:

- Within the corporate limits of a city or town with a population of at least 5,000 or within five miles of such a city or town (or its adopted Urban Growth Area boundary), or
- Within five miles of an adopted Urban Growth Area in a county that has a population density of at least 250 people per square mile.

The Urban Wildlife Habitat category receives fifteen percent of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Habitat Conservation Account.¹ The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board revised the funding formula² with the addition of nonprofit nature conservancies. Funds are now allocated as follows:

¹Chapter 79A.15.040(2)(d) RCW

²Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-36

1. Forty percent of the funds go to local agency, Native American tribe, and nonprofit nature conservancy projects;
2. Forty percent of the funds are allocated to state agency projects; and
3. Twenty percent of the funds are for partially funded local agency, Native American tribe, and nonprofit nature conservancy projects; then funds may be used for partially funded state agency projects, and finally staff will apply any remaining funds to the next highest ranked project(s) regardless of sponsor.

Program Summary

There were a few changes to the Urban Wildlife Habitat category, effective this year. The most significant changes included adding a conferral requirement for acquisition projects to help ensure a dialog with the local governing body, updating the public access policy to capture when it might be acceptable to limit or restrict public access, and allowing development of stewardship plans as an eligible cost item.

Criteria changes included modifying the *Ecological and Biological Characteristics* criterion to incorporate statewide significance, addressing consideration of conservation easements, modifying the *Public Benefit* criterion to add local community support, modifying the *Public and Recreational Uses* criterion to better address the compatibility of recreational uses, and adding the new Resource Uses and Management Practices criterion to capture the multiple benefits of the project. A summary of this category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Local and state ³ agencies, federally recognized Native American tribes, qualified nonprofit nature conservancy organizations, park districts, and special purpose districts
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development • Combination acquisition and development
Funding Limits	No minimum or maximum grant request limit per project
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local governments and nonprofit nature conservancy organizations must provide a 1:1 matching share. • No match required for state agencies.
Public Access	Must be accessible for public recreation and outdoor education unless it meets the criteria outlined in the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board policy for limiting public access to protect sensitive species, water quality, or public safety.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Property acquired or developed must be retained for habitat conservation purposes in perpetuity. • Projects involving renovation of existing facilities, habitat creation, enhancement or restoration are ineligible.

³ State agencies mean the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Enterprise Services (Formerly General Administration), and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Eleven Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects, requesting just over \$17.5 million, were evaluated by members of the WWRP Habitat Acquisition Advisory Committee on August 7-8, 2018, in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include state and local agency representatives and citizens who are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to habitat protection, enhancement, and conservation. The following members participated this year:

Advisory Committee Members	Affiliation
Kelly McCaffrey, Seattle	Citizen
Pene Speaks, Olympia	Citizen
Ann Van Sweringen, Olympia	Citizen
Mickey Fleming, Chelan Douglas Land Trust	Nonprofit Organization
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe	Local Agency
Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians*	Local Agency
John Gamon, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency
Dave Hays, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency

*Participated in the technical review meetings only.

The seven advisory committee members reviewed the proposals in an open public meeting and scored the projects using board-adopted criteria. The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

At the end of the evaluation meeting on August 8 and during the post evaluation meeting on September 5, RCO staff met with the WWRP Habitat Acquisition Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results.

There were several revisions to the evaluation criteria and advisory committee members spoke about the challenges during this grant cycle. Specifically, advisors were concerned about the information provided for the *Species and Communities with Special Status* criterion. Applicants included a list of species, however, some species were present on properties proposed for acquisition and others were not. RCO staff will work with the state agency advisory committee members to modify the species table to help applicants be clear about what species are actually on site, and whether they are nesting, breeding, or feeding.

Another area of discussion involved the *Public Benefit and Community Support* criterion, the *Educational Opportunities* criterion, and the *Public and Recreational Uses* question. There are elements of these criteria that seems to overlap. Evaluators were concerned about giving too much weight to public access when access might at times be detrimental to the conservation values of the habitat area.

The committee felt the evaluation process was organized and efficient and they were satisfied with the resulting ranked list. They appreciated the in-person presentations for the Urban Wildlife Habitat category, primarily because of the variety of applicants and complexity of the project proposals. Overall the process went well and evaluators were pleased with the results.

Public Comment

There are letters of support for Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant proposals supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-20.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-20, including Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21
- B. State Map for Urban Wildlife Habitat Category projects
- C. Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Projects, Evaluation Scores 2019-2021
- E. Urban Wildlife Habitat Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-20
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, eleven Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all eleven Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens, a nonprofit organization, and state and local agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of habitat needs, and the evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitat and the demonstrated need to protect it for fish and wildlife, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

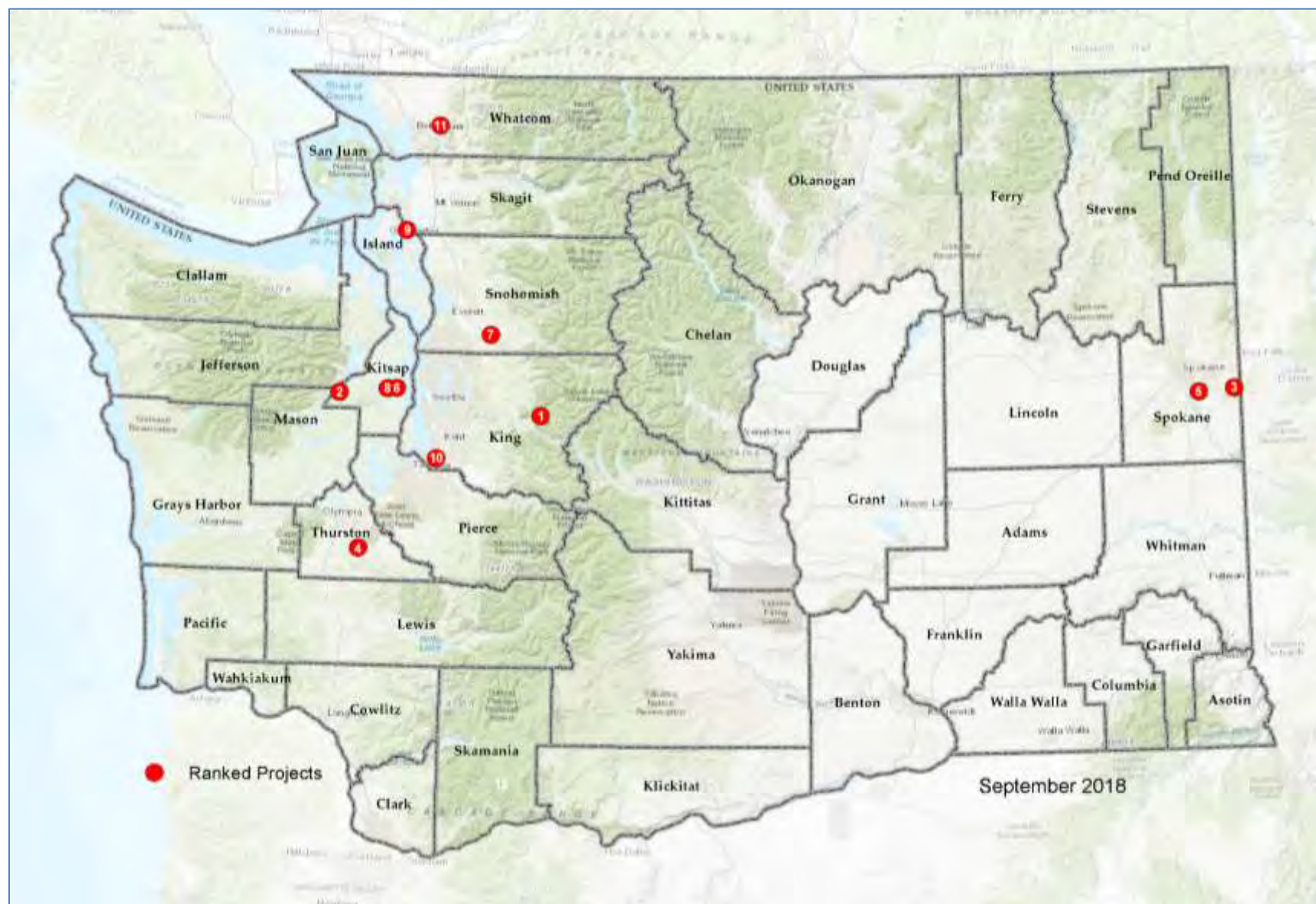
Table 1: Urban Wildlife Habitat Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-20

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	66.86	18-1524A	Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$4,768,585		\$4,768,585	\$4,768,585
2	60.00	18-1525A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,831,729		\$1,831,729	\$6,600,314
3	58.86	18-1308A	Mica Peak North Acquisition	Spokane County	\$1,210,442	\$1,310,242	\$2,520,684	\$7,810,756
4	56.71	18-1608A	Silver Creek Prairie Habitat Acquisition	Capitol Land Trust	\$843,000	\$843,000	\$1,686,000	\$8,653,756
5	56.57	18-1282A	The Wild Heart of Spokane	Dishman Hills Conservancy	\$803,700	\$803,700	\$1,607,400	\$9,457,456
6	56.00	18-1662A	Gazzam Nature Preserve Phase 7	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$2,448,994	\$2,449,000	\$4,897,994	\$11,906,450
7	52.29	18-1698A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,565,000	\$2,065,000	\$12,406,450
8	50.86	18-1961A	Kitsap County Parks Illahee Preserve Acquisition	Kitsap County	\$595,000	\$851,700	\$1,446,700	\$13,001,450
9	50.14	18-1931A	Strawberry Point Nature Preserve	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$1,737,310	\$1,737,310	\$3,474,620	\$14,738,760
10	47.86	18-1461A	East Hylebos Watershed Conservation Acquisition	Federal Way	\$2,165,500	\$6,726,270	\$8,891,770	\$16,904,260
11	43.14	18-1714A	Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$621,750	\$622,250	\$1,244,000	\$17,526,010
					\$17,526,010	\$16,908,472	\$34,434,482	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

State Map for Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Projects



Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

"Urban Wildlife Habitat means lands that provide habitat important to wildlife in proximity to a metropolitan area."⁴

Urban Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Summary		
Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Possible Points
Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project goals and objectives Location maps 	Not scored
1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bigger picture Uniqueness or significance Statewide significance Fish and wildlife species and communities Quality of habitat 	20
2. Species and Communities with Special Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threat to species or communities Importance of acquisition Ecological roles Taxonomic distinctness Rarity 	10
3. Manageability and Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediacy of threat to the site Consideration of a conservation easement Long-term viability Enhancement of existing protected land Ongoing stewardship 	15
4. Public Benefit and Community Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project support 	10
5. Educational Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational and scientific value 	5
6. Public and Recreational Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational uses The public's use of the site Multiple benefits 	10
7. Resource Uses and Management Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple benefits Compatible uses that achieve additional conservation benefits 	4
8. Growth Management Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth Management Act preference 	0
9. Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population of, and proximity to, the nearest urban area 	10
Total Points Possible		84

⁴ RCW 79A.15.010 (15)

Urban Wildlife Habitat Detailed Scoring Criteria

Team Scored

1. **Ecological and Biological Characteristics** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5)(a) (i, v-vii, ix, xiv); (5)(b)(ii)*
Why is the site worthy of long-term conservation?
2. **Species or Communities with Special Status** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (IV, xi, xiii)*
What is the significance of each species or community listed on your species and communities status table?
3. **Manageability and Viability** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (ii, iv, vi, viii, x, xii)*
What is the likelihood of the site remaining viable over the long-term and why is it important to secure it now?
4. **Public Benefit and Community Support** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (i, iii, xiv)*
To what degree do communities, governments, landowners, constituent groups, or academia benefit from or support the project?
5. **Educational Opportunities** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (xiv)*
To what degree does this project provide potential opportunities for educational and scientific value?
6. **Public and Recreational Use** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (b) (iii-iv)*
Does this project provide potential opportunities for public access, education, or enjoyment?
7. **Resource Uses and Management Practices** *RCW 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (i, iii, v, x)*
Does the project area include resource uses or management practices that are compatible with and provide the ability to achieve additional conservation benefits?

RCO Staff Scored

8. **Growth Management Act Preference** *RCW 43.17.250*
Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?
9. **Population** *RCW 79A.25.250; RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(b)(i)*
Where is this project located with respect to urban growth areas, cities/towns, and county density?

Evaluation Scores
Urban Wildlife Habitat Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit	Educational Opportunities	Public Use	Resource Uses and Management Practices	Growth Management Act	Population Proximity	
1	Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area	16.29	8.00	13.14	8.86	3.43	7.71	2.43	0.00	7.00	66.86
2	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	15.86	7.86	12.14	7.29	3.14	5.86	2.86	0.00	5.00	60.00
3	Mica Peak North Acquisition	15.43	6.86	12.00	7.57	3.14	7.86	3.00	-1.00	4.00	58.86
4	Silver Creek Prairie Habitat Acquisition	14.71	7.00	10.00	7.71	3.71	6.29	2.29	0.00	5.00	56.71
5	The Wild Heart of Spokane	13.14	6.71	10.14	7.43	4.00	7.43	2.71	0.00	5.00	56.57
6	Gazzam Nature Preserve Phase 7	12.14	5.86	10.57	6.86	3.29	6.86	2.43	0.00	8.00	56.00
7	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	12.57	7.43	9.86	7.29	3.29	6.71	2.14	-1.00	4.00	52.29
8	Kitsap County Parks Illahee Preserve Acquisition	10.43	5.00	9.43	6.43	3.29	6.29	2.00	0.00	8.00	50.86
9	Strawberry Point Nature Preserve	11.71	5.57	9.57	6.43	2.86	6.86	2.14	0.00	5.00	50.14
10	East Hylebos Satershed Conservation Acquisition	8.86	4.57	7.71	6.14	3.14	6.86	1.57	0.00	9.00	47.86
11	Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition	10.43	5.00	8.86	5.57	2.00	5.86	2.43	0.00	3.00	43.14

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Question 8-9.

Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

Washington Department of Natural Resources Buying the Top of Mount Si

Grant Requested: \$4,768,585

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 569 acres, including the top of Mount Si, to expand the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. The land is considered the largest and highest quality private land remaining in the conservation area. The department wants to conserve the land to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, natural resources, and wildlife habitat connections, and to provide low-impact public use. The property is highly threatened by residential development. It is a key parcel in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, which is a 100-mile landscape of forests, wildlife habitat, and open spaces along Interstate 90. Distinctive features of the land include talus, lakes, streams, wetlands, old-growth and mature forests, cliffs, and landscape connections for wildlife. The conservation area is used by amphibians, fish, cougars, bobcats, mountain goats, black bears, coyotes, and elk. Red-tailed hawks, osprey, barred owls, pygmy owls, and pileated woodpeckers also have been observed in the area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1524)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area to Protect Forests

Grant Requested: \$1,831,729

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 158 acres in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area in Kitsap County to protect forests along Boyce Creek and the west forks of Harding and Seabeck Creeks. The creeks are used as spawning and rearing habitat by Chum and Coho salmon. The purchase will conserve rare forest communities in one of the most important corridors for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Sound area. The conservation area provides high quality and rare wildlife habitat, supports wildlife near urban areas, and protects Puget Sound near-shore, forests, and critical wetlands. The land also will allow for low-impact public use, providing stunning views of the Olympic Mountains and Hood Canal. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1525)

Spokane County Buying Land in the Mica Peak Conservation Area

Grant Requested: \$1,210,442

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to buy 901 acres of high quality habitat that will link Mica Peak Conservation Area with Liberty Lake Regional Park, creating 5,300 acres of contiguous public, protected habitat for moose, elk, pileated woodpeckers, and other species with special status less than 5 miles from the cities of Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley. The project also will preserve rare old-growth trees, including Ponderosa pine, western hemlock, grand fir, and other species native to the Inland Northwest. The purchase will preserve a critical public trail connection between the well-established trail system in Liberty Lake Regional Park and the developing trail system in the Mica Peak Conservation Area. Lastly, this project protects Quinnamose Creek, which is the primary tributary to the Saltese Flats wetland complex, a critical stop for migrating birds and a significant aquifer recharge source for the region's sole aquifer. Spokane County will contribute more

than \$1.3 million in conservation futures⁵ and donations of labor and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1308)

Capitol Land Trust
Conserving Silver Creek Prairie Habitat

Grant Requested: \$843,000

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy about 220 acres of undeveloped shoreline, wetland, and forest in Tenino. The land contains 1.5 miles of Deschutes River shoreline and .6 mile of Silver Creek shoreline, both providing important habitat to salmon species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Silver Creek provides scarce off-channel fish habitat and is a critical source of cold water for the Deschutes River, which suffers from water that is too warm. Most of the land is comprised of prairie soils, and there is oak-prairie habitat along the northern edge. Elk visit the land year-round. The land trust hopes to protect this important wildlife habitat and will add a small parking area and trail for public access to part of the land. Capitol Land Trust will contribute \$843,000 in a local grant and a grant from the salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1608)

Dishman Hills Conservancy
Buying Land on Dishman Hills

Grant Requested: \$803,700

The Dishman Hills Conservancy will use this grant to buy 257 acres for wildlife and recreation, next to the Dishman Hills Conservation Area, about 3 miles from Spokane's city limits. Dishman Hills is the wild heart of Spokane because it is surrounded by development. Conserving the land is important to maintain a corridor for wildlife movement and a diversity of plants. The forest is home to deer, moose, elk, cougars, black bears, pileated woodpeckers, flammulated owls, northern goshawk, Vaux's swift, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons. The area also is used for hiking, mountain biking, climbing, and nature study. Dishman Hills Conservancy will contribute \$803,700 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1282)

Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Buying Land for the Gazzam Nature Preserve

Grant Requested: \$2,448,994

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust will use this grant to buy more than 61 acres of privately held forest in Bainbridge Island's largest contiguous forest. Building upon decades of previous protection efforts in the Gazzam Nature Preserve area, the purchase will create more than 545 acres of protected and contiguous forest, wetland, lake, and shoreline habitats. These lands host the highest quality habitat on the island for sustaining common species such as woodpeckers, Douglas squirrel, and northern flying squirrel as well as providing habitat for now-rare species such as northern saw-whet owls, northern pygmy owls, and ruffed grouse. The forest will be allowed to develop into true old-growth conditions, which are absent from Bainbridge Island. The area is a birding hot spot and is used for outdoor education. Upon purchase, there is an opportunity to add 2.2 miles of public trails to an existing 6-mile trail network. Bainbridge Island Land Trust will contribute more than \$2.4 million in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1662)

⁵Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

Monroe
Conserving an East Monroe Heritage Site

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Monroe will use this grant to buy 43 acres of undeveloped land along the Skykomish River, off U.S. Route 2, for wildlife viewing and environmental interpretation. The land is a diverse compilation of bluffs, salmon-bearing oxbow channel, and wetlands, which provide critical places for fish to rest during high flows. There is a natural connection to the Skykomish River and 90-acre Al Borlin Park to the southwest. The landowner has asked to rezone the land to general commercial and is planning to clear the land and fill it with 6,000 truckloads of material. Monroe will contribute more than \$1.5 million in cash, conservation futures,⁶ and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1698)

Kitsap County
Expanding Illahee Preserve Heritage Park

Grant Requested: \$595,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 16.7 acres, currently threatened with development, to add to the 572-acre Illahee Preserve Heritage Park. The land is near Bremerton, in the most densely populated area of the county, and in the preserve's envelope of targeted properties. The County will buy an approved development called Timbers Edge II, a voluntary land preservation agreement for a trail corridor connecting two sections of the preserve, and a planned commercial development called AllSecure Storage. With these purchases, the County hopes to conserve the last remaining forest, headwater wetlands, and streambanks in the area. The Illahee Preserve is a mature forest with shoreline habitat including deeply incised canyons that is so pristine and wild it has been called "the lost continent." Conserving the land will save threatened wildlife habitat and a system of non-motorized trails, serviced by a trailhead and picnic shelter. Kitsap County will contribute \$851,700 in a donation of property interest and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1961)

Whidbey Camano Land Trust
Creating the Strawberry Point Nature Preserve

Grant Requested: \$1,737,310

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy and permanently protect up to 267 acres of critical wildlife habitat on northeast Whidbey Island, just east of the city of Oak Harbor, Island County's only significant urban area. The land is characterized by a mosaic of habitats that includes freshwater wetlands, mixed forests, scrub shrub, open fields, and lake shoreline used by numerous native wildlife species, including those with special status. The land trust will create a wildlife preserve with a public nature trail. In addition to protecting the land, this project safeguards ecological processes and watershed functions that impact the nearby near-shore and marine habitat identified as a high priority for salmon recovery. This is a rare opportunity to protect a large, contiguous area for habitat. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.7 million in conservation futures,⁷ a private grant, and donations of cash, land, and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1931)

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Federal Way**Grant Requested: \$2,165,500****Conserving the East Hylebos Watershed on the Former Weyerhaeuser Campus**

The City of Federal Way will use this grant to buy up to 53 acres of the historic former Weyerhaeuser Campus. The 425-acre campus features second-growth forest, wetlands, East Hylebos Creek, and nearly three-quarter mile of North Lake shoreline, one of the longest undeveloped shorelines in urban south King County. The City will buy forest, wetland, and North Lake shoreline, in the headwaters of East Hylebos Creek. The forest provides significant surface water retention and natural filtration benefits, and offers unique wildlife habitat in an urban environment. The land to be purchased is next to a state boat launch and includes historic Weyerhaeuser innovations: a grove of the world's first cloned trees and the "Glue House," a demonstration residence constructed in 1971 originally using only adhesive as a fastener. Saving this property from development will preserve habitat and the quality of storm water entering North Lake, which feeds East Hylebos Creek and eventually Hylebos Creek. Federal Way will contribute more than \$6.7 million in a state appropriation, cash, conservation futures,⁸ a state grant, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1461)

Whatcom Land Trust**Grant Requested: \$621,750****Conserving the Anderson Creek Headwaters**

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 355 acres of forest and creek bank, on Stewart Mountain in Whatcom County. The land is about 4 miles from Bellingham, the county's largest city. Rapid growth is pushing development further into outlying areas and dramatically impacting wildlife habitat. The land contains the headwaters of Carpenter Creek, which feeds directly into Lake Whatcom, the source of drinking water for about half of the county residents. The land also contains Anderson Creek, which is between the north Cascade Mountains and the Chuckanut Mountains and an important wildlife corridor for fish and large mammals moving through developed areas to high quality habitat areas. Anderson Creek is used by Coho salmon, Bull trout, steelhead, and Cutthroat trout, as well as gray wolves, all of which are listed as priority species by state Department of Fish and Wildlife. The land trust's goal is to conserve a large swath of Stewart Mountain, which is an important midpoint refuge along the county's only officially designated wildlife corridor—the Cascades to Chuckanuts corridor. Whatcom Land Trust will contribute \$622,250 in donations of cash and taxes from a Local Improvement District. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1714)

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Outdoor Recreation Account:
Local Parks Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Beth Auerbach, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Ninety-one project proposals in the Local Parks category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, review and evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-21

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The Local Parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funds for active and passive outdoor recreation facilities. Acquisition, development, and renovation of existing facilities are eligible. Facilities may include athletic fields, hard courts, picnic sites, playgrounds, outdoor swimming pools, pump tracks, and support amenities such as restrooms, parking areas, and signs.

The Local Parks category receives thirty percent of the WWRP funds in the Outdoor Recreation Account. Forty percent of the funds allocated in this category must be used for acquisition costs.¹ Meeting this statutory requirement may require skipping higher-ranked development projects in favor of acquisition projects.

Program Summary

There were several changes to the Local Parks category, effective this year. The most significant changes involved implementing the board's new match reduction policy, adding the statutory conferral requirement for acquisition projects, modifying the fund allocation policy for acquisitions, updating the public access policy, and modifying the evaluation criteria for public need to incorporate priorities in the

¹Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.050(2)(b) and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-52

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 for underserved populations and health. A summary of this WWRP category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Local agencies (cities/towns, counties, park, port, and school districts, federally recognized Native American tribes, and special purpose districts)
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development or renovation of existing facilities • Combination projects involving both acquisition and development/renovation
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000 for development or renovation projects • \$1 million for acquisition and combination projects (maximum of \$500,000 for development)
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 percent • Exception: match may be reduced for communities in need, underserved populations, counties in need, or communities providing facilities in federal disaster areas.
Public Access	Required
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Ninety-one Local Parks category projects, requesting \$40 million, were evaluated by members of the WWRP Local Parks Advisory Committee between August 13 and 17, 2018 in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include local agency representatives and citizens who have expertise and experience in local land use issues, park and recreation resource management, engineering, and design. The following members participated this year:

Evaluator	Representing
Sharon Claussen, Edmonds	Citizen
Cindy Everett, Kennewick	Citizen
James Horan, Olympia	Citizen
John Bottelli, Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department	Local Agency
Doug Coutts, South Whidbey Park and Recreation District	Local Agency
Bryan Higgins, City of Kent	Local Agency
Rick Terway, City of Pasco	Local Agency

Seven advisory committee members reviewed the proposals in an open public meeting and scored the projects using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 – WWRP, Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

At the end of the evaluation meeting on August 17 and during the post-evaluation meeting on August 30, staff met with the WWRP Local Parks Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results.

The advisory committee felt the process was organized, well-run, and fair. While the advisors spent a total of 10 days in Olympia participating in technical review and evaluation meetings for Local Parks category projects, they still felt the in-person presentation process was the most efficient way to score and rank projects. They were satisfied with the materials provided and the responsiveness of many applicants to their suggested improvements following the technical review. As expected, there were a few surprises with some of the rankings, however, they were confident in the resulting ranked list.

Match Reduction

During this grant cycle, there were 37 project proposals that qualified for reduced match. Applicants for 27 proposals used the match reduction policy for a total reduction of \$2,544,007 in match. Applicants who provided excess match did not benefit from the match reduction policy.

Local Parks Category	Number of Grant Proposals	Applications Qualified for Reduced Match	Applications Using Reduced Match	Total Match Reduction
Acquisition/Combination	18	5	4	\$376,414
Development	73	32	22	\$2,167,589
Total	91	37	26	\$2,544,007

Public Comment

There are several letters of support or concern for Local Parks category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities. Also, projects considered for funding in the Local Parks category support board priorities in *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021*, via Resolution #2018-21.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-2021 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-21, including *Table 1 – WWRP, Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021*
- B. State Map for Local Parks Category projects
- C. Local Parks Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Local Parks Category Projects, Evaluation Scores, 2019-2021
- E. Local Parks Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-21
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, ninety-one Local Parks category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all ninety-one Local Parks category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10a, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Local Parks category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and local agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for recreation, thereby supporting board priorities in the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21* and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Local Parks category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: Local Parks Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-21

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	71.07	18-1952D	Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park	Wilkeson	\$30,024	\$20,017	\$50,041	\$30,024
2	67.71	18-1320D	South Lynnwood Park Renovation	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000	\$530,024
3	67.43	18-1630D	Bidwell Park Phase 3 Development	Spokane County	\$500,000	\$871,000	\$1,371,000	\$1,030,024
4	65.93	18-1245D	Lincoln Park Revitalization	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400	\$1,530,024
5	65.71	18-1923D	Fort Steilacoom Park Trail Access Upgrades	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$571,312	\$1,071,312	\$2,030,024
6	64.29	18-1370D	Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433	\$2,530,024
7	64.07	18-1609D	Natural Scenic Recreation Area Trailhead and Park	Skagit County	\$298,338	\$306,338	\$604,676	\$2,828,362
8	63.71	18-1528D	Lions Park Sprayground	Olympia	\$500,000	\$1,095,500	\$1,595,500	\$3,328,362
9	63.43	18-1649D	Warren Avenue Neighborhood Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$500,000	\$498,000	\$998,000	\$3,828,362
10	63.21	18-1284D	Gateway Park Phase 3 Splash Pad	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$497,800	\$497,800	\$995,600	\$4,326,162
11	62.93	18-1736D	Chehalis Recreation Park Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643	\$4,826,162
12	62.86	18-1251A	Little Baseball Association Woods Boulevard Road Parcel Acquisition	Olympia	\$1,000,000	\$4,684,834	\$5,684,834	\$5,826,162
13	62.57	18-1247C	Kenzie's Landing	Wenatchee	\$1,000,000	\$1,469,700	\$2,469,700	\$6,826,162
14	62.14	18-1582D	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120	\$7,326,162
15	61.57	18-1419D	Electric City Ice Age Park	Electric City	\$257,649	\$257,650	\$515,299	\$7,583,811
16	61.43	18-1666D	Hesse Recreation Park Phase 1	Ferry County	\$108,900	\$12,100	\$121,000	\$7,692,711
17	60.71	18-1668D	Puyallup Valley Sports Complex Field Improvement	Puyallup	\$461,150	\$461,150	\$922,300	\$8,153,861
18	59.86	18-1679A	George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	\$235,415	\$238,077	\$473,492	\$8,389,276
19	59.57	18-1586D	Smokiam Park Basketball Court Improvements	Soap Lake	\$211,445	\$23,494	\$234,939	\$8,600,721
20	59.14	18-1697D	Evergreen Playfield Number 1 Turf Conversion	Mountlake Terrace	\$500,000	\$1,087,000	\$1,587,000	\$9,100,721
20	59.14	18-1745D	Centennial Fields All Inclusive Playground	Snoqualmie	\$497,000	\$497,500	\$994,500	\$9,597,721
22	58.00	18-1687D	North Image Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,958,303	\$2,458,303	\$10,097,721
22	58.00	18-2030D	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$3,795,000	\$4,295,000	\$10,597,721

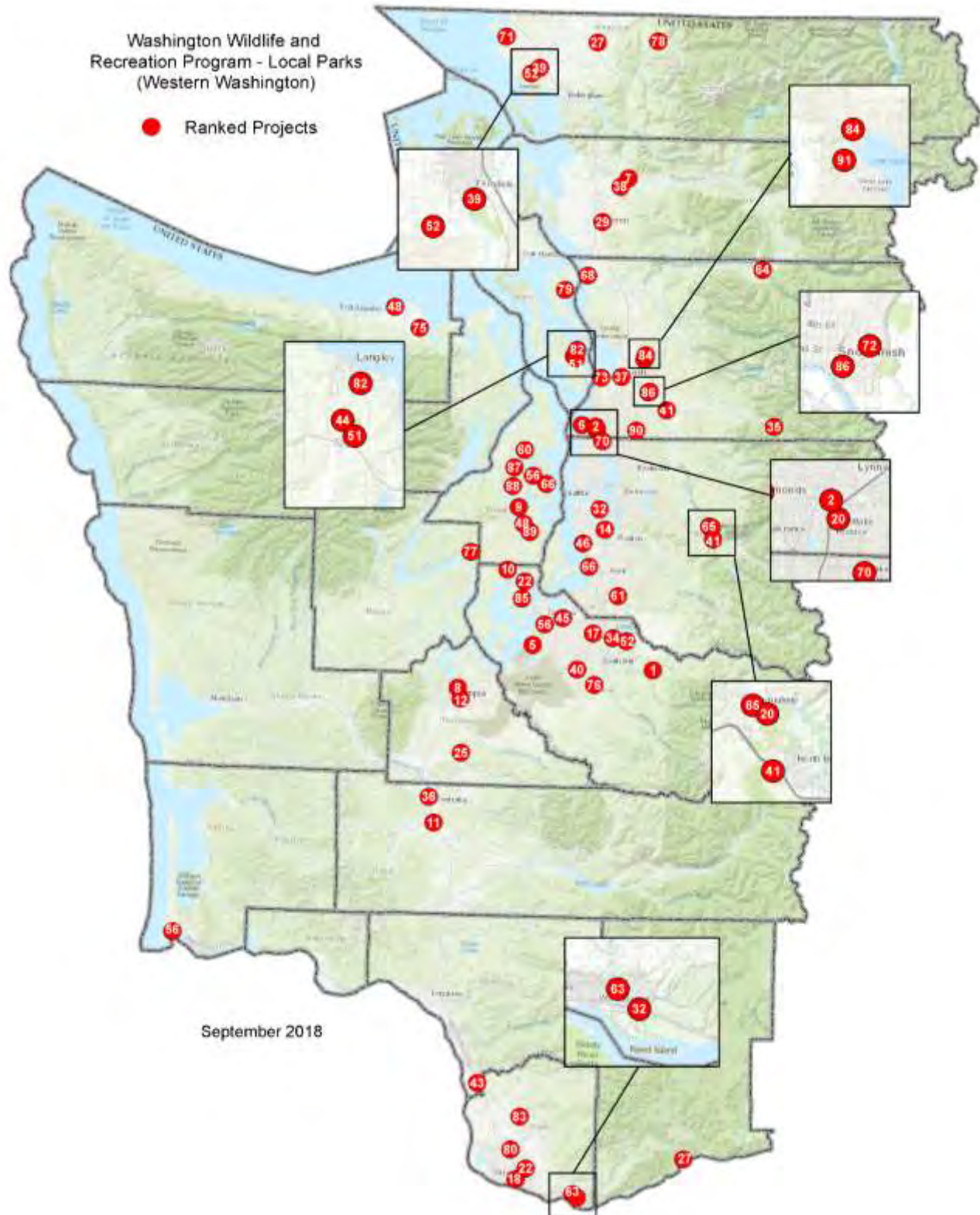
24	57.71	18-1938D	Nespelem Community Park	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$379,677	\$42,187	\$421,864	\$10,977,398
25	57.64	18-1773D	Tenino City Park Core	Tenino	\$297,966	\$198,644	\$496,610	\$11,275,364
26	57.57	18-1958D	Keller Community Park Redevelopment	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$500,000	\$87,920	\$587,920	\$11,775,364
27	57.29	18-1680D	Skamania Courthouse Plaza Revitalization	Skamania County	\$500,000	\$222,800	\$722,800	\$12,275,364
27	57.29	18-1637D	Everson City Park Improvements	Everson	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$12,575,364
29	57.07	18-1474D	Little Mountain Skills Park and Trails Facility	Mount Vernon	\$500,000	\$534,900	\$1,034,900	\$13,075,364
30	56.93	18-1934D	Lions Park Renovation	College Place	\$500,000	\$805,926	\$1,305,926	\$13,575,364
31	56.57	18-1555D	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Phase 2	Airway Heights	\$500,000	\$552,783	\$1,052,783	\$14,075,364
32	56.43	18-1270D	George Schmid Memorial Ballpark Improvements	Washougal	\$500,000	\$1,761,042	\$2,261,042	\$14,575,364
32	56.43	18-1785D	North Rainier Landbanked Site Park Development	Seattle	\$500,000	\$586,060	\$1,086,060	\$15,075,364
34	56.14	18-1715D	Rainier View Park Covered Court	Sumner	\$500,000	\$380,000	\$880,000	\$15,575,364
35	55.21	18-1869D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000	\$15,769,364
36	54.93	18-1904D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$15,869,364
37	54.86	18-1592D	Glacier View Neighborhood Park	Everett	\$500,000	\$1,517,044	\$2,017,044	\$16,369,364
38	53.29	18-1306D	Memorial Park Revitalization	Sedro Woolley	\$500,000	\$342,123	\$842,123	\$16,869,364
39	54.36	18-1787D	Metalworks Skate Park	Ferndale	\$450,980	\$68,480	\$519,460	\$17,320,344
40	54.29	18-1260D	Stan and Joan Cross Park Phase 1	Pierce County	\$500,000	\$1,116,736	\$1,616,736	\$17,820,344
41	54.00	18-1459D	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	Monroe	\$500,000	\$2,005,000	\$2,505,000	\$18,320,344
41	54.00	18-1701D	Tennant Trailhead Park Phase 1 Development	King County	\$400,000	\$412,000	\$812,000	\$18,720,344
43	53.50	18-2055D	Horseshoe Lake Americans with Disabilities Act Revitalization	Woodland	\$378,747	\$378,748	\$757,495	\$19,099,091
44	53.21	18-1207A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$315,325	\$315,325	\$630,650	\$19,414,416
45	53.14	18-1740D	Foss Central Park	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$2,109,450	\$2,609,450	\$19,914,416
46	52.14	18-1859D	Lake Burien School Memorial Park Design and Construction	Burien	\$500,000	\$1,083,953	\$1,583,953	\$20,414,416
47	52.00	18-1855A	Winthrop Open Space Park Acquisition	Winthrop	\$488,000	\$326,900	\$814,900	\$20,902,416
48	51.71	18-1513D	Dungeness Recreation Area Enhancement	Clallam County	\$500,000	\$670,000	\$1,170,000	\$21,402,416
48	51.71	18-1953D	South Kitsap Regional Park Phase 1D Expansion	Kitsap County	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$21,602,416
50	51.43	18-1429D	Chewelah Spray Park	Chewelah	\$495,000	\$55,000	\$550,000	\$22,097,416

51	51.36	18-1208D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000	\$22,550,116
52	50.43	18-1297D	Allan Yorke Park East Ballfield with Lighting	Bonney Lake	\$500,000	\$2,845,504	\$3,345,504	\$23,050,116
52	50.43	18-1798D	Lummi Nation Community Park Phase 1	Lummi Nation	\$500,000	\$1,782,195	\$2,282,195	\$23,550,116
54	50.36	18-1889D	North Alder Street Park Splash Pad	Ellensburg	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$245,000	\$23,670,116
54	50.36	18-1455D	Splash Pad at Municipal Swimming Pool	Grandview	\$139,600	\$60,000	\$199,600	\$23,809,716
56	50.14	18-1279D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500	\$24,309,716
56	50.14	18-1879D	Ilwaco City Park Renovation Phase 2	Ilwaco	\$364,715	\$120,312	\$485,027	\$24,674,431
56	50.14	18-1882D	Battle Point Park KidsUp Playground	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$500,000	\$505,500	\$1,005,500	\$25,174,431
59	50.07	18-1263D	Lions Park Splash Pad	Othello	\$490,403	\$61,156	\$551,559	\$25,664,834
60	49.93	18-1422C	Rotary Morrow Community Park	Poulsbo	\$400,000	\$333,570	\$733,570	\$26,064,834
61	49.57	18-1990D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Development	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251	\$26,564,834
62	49.43	18-1275A	Benton City Sports Complex Acquisition	Benton City	\$582,000	\$388,674	\$970,674	\$27,146,834
63	48.86	18-2164A	Washougal Schmid Property Acquisition	Washougal	\$304,744	\$304,745	\$609,489	\$27,451,578
64	48.79	18-1722D	Whitehorse Park Restroom and Shower Building	Snohomish County	\$350,000	\$470,500	\$820,500	\$27,801,578
65	48.64	18-1756C	Riverview Park Acquisition and Development	Snoqualmie	\$516,000	\$950,467	\$1,466,467	\$28,317,578
66	48.43	18-1754A	Sakai Park	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$1,000,000	\$3,496,281	\$4,496,281	\$29,317,578
66	48.43	18-1612A	Van Gasken Sound View Park	Des Moines	\$684,632	\$696,287	\$1,380,919	\$30,002,210
68	48.29	18-1322D	Heritage Park Phase 4 Renovation	Stanwood	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$700,000	\$30,502,210
69	48.07	18-1538D	Toppenish Pioneer Park Improvement	Toppenish	\$396,200	\$99,051	\$495,251	\$30,898,410
70	47.86	18-1962C	Five Acre Woods Park	Lake Forest Park	\$732,875	\$802,904	\$1,535,779	\$31,631,285
71	47.50	18-1992D	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	Whatcom County	\$500,000	\$1,066,000	\$1,566,000	\$32,131,285
72	47.29	18-1955D	Averill Field Development	Snohomish	\$418,237	\$278,825	\$697,062	\$32,549,522
73	46.86	18-1458D	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Phase 1	Mukilteo	\$486,000	\$487,000	\$973,000	\$33,035,522
74	46.64	18-1331A	New Community Park Road 48 and Court Acquisition	Pasco	\$292,865	\$292,865	\$585,730	\$33,328,387
75	46.50	18-1553D	Carrie Blake Playground Redevelopment	Sequim	\$273,393	\$120,000	\$393,393	\$33,601,780
76	46.43	18-1262C	Frontier Park Acquisition and Trail Development	Pierce County	\$500,000	\$510,429	\$1,010,429	\$34,101,780
77	46.07	18-1764C	Sweetwater Creek Protection and Restoration	Port of Allyn	\$520,333	\$534,259	\$1,054,592	\$34,622,113
78	45.86	18-1591D	Maple Falls Park Trailhead	Whatcom County	\$378,099	\$309,354	\$687,453	\$35,000,212
79	44.93	18-1956A	Barnum Point County Park Expansion	Island County	\$575,000	\$607,475	\$1,182,475	\$35,575,212

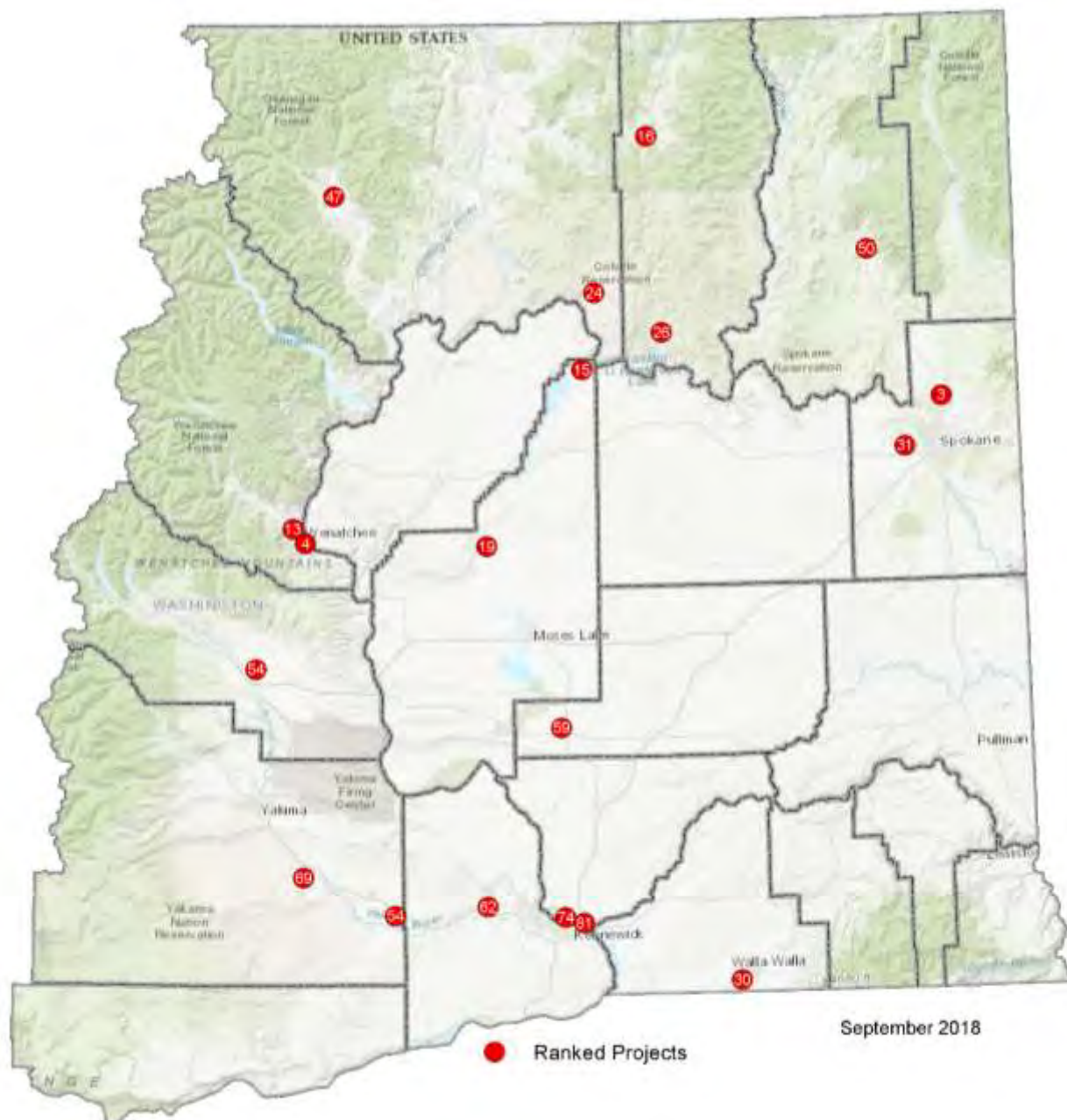
80	44.86	18-1644D	Curtin Creek Community Park Phase 1 Development	Clark County	\$500,000	\$5,659,001	\$6,159,001	\$36,075,212
81	44.29	18-1361C	A Street Sports Complex Phase 2	Pasco	\$535,000	\$203,029	\$738,029	\$36,610,212
82	43.93	18-2001D	South Whidbey Fairgrounds Campground Redevelopment	Port of South Whidbey	\$168,000	\$180,000	\$348,000	\$36,778,212
83	43.64	18-1858A	Lewis River Ranch	Clark County	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$37,778,212
84	43.57	18-1735D	Eagle Ridge Park Nature Themed Playground	Lake Stevens	\$135,234	\$135,234	\$270,468	\$37,913,446
85	42.93	18-2006D	Peninsula Gardens Playground and Spray Park	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$500,000	\$1,077,500	\$1,577,500	\$38,413,446
86	40.14	18-2013D	Carnegie Park and Veterans Memorial	Snohomish	\$266,431	\$266,430	\$532,861	\$38,679,877
87	39.50	18-1977D	Island Lake East Playground	Kitsap County	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$38,754,877
88	38.86	18-1224D	Lobe Field 1 Improvements Phase 2 Synthetic Turf	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$1,458,484	\$1,958,484	\$39,254,877
89	37.50	18-1974D	Long Lake Park Improvements	Kitsap County	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$39,379,877
90	34.93	18-1696D	Carousel Ranch Community Park Development	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$1,525,001	\$2,025,001	\$39,879,877
91	33.71	18-1454D	Frontier Heights Park Walking Paths and Parking	Lake Stevens	\$126,148	\$126,149	\$252,297	\$40,006,025
					\$40,006,025	\$85,063,624	\$85,063,624	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination, D=development

State Map for Local Parks Category Projects – Western Washington



State Map for Local Parks Category Projects – Eastern Washington



Local Parks Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

Local parks provide property or facilities for active (high impact) or passive (low impact) outdoor recreation. They may contain both upland and water-oriented elements.

Local Parks Criteria Summary					
Scored by	#	Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points	Focus*
Advisory Committee	1	Public Need	All	15	State, Local
Advisory Committee	2	Project Scope	All	15	Local
Advisory Committee	3	Immediacy of Threat	Acquisition	10	Local
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development	15	Technical
			Combination	7.5	
Advisory Committee	5	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	6	Site Suitability	Acquisition	5	Technical
			Combination	2.5	
Advisory Committee	7	Expansion/Renovation	All	5	Local
Advisory Committee	8	Project Support	All	10	State, Local
Advisory Committee	9	Cost Efficiencies	All	5	State, Local
RCO Staff	10	Growth Management Act Preference	All	0	State
RCO Staff	11	Population Proximity	All	3	State
Total Points Possible=78					

*Focus—Criteria orientation in accordance with the following priorities:

- State—Those that meet general statewide needs (often called for in Revised Codes of Washington or State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan [SCORP])
- Local—Those that meet local needs (usually an item of narrower purview, often called for in local plans)
- Technical—Those that meet technical considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy).

Scoring Criteria, Local Parks Category

Advisory Committee Scored Criteria

1. **Public Need.** Considering the availability of existing outdoor recreation facilities within the service area, what is the need for new or improved facilities and how will this project address the priorities for underserved populations and health in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*?
2. **Project Scope.** Does the project scope meet deficient recreational opportunities within the service area as identified in Question 1, Public Need?
3. **Immediacy of Threat.** Is there a threat to the public availability of the resources the site possesses?
4. **Project Design.** Does the project demonstrate good design criteria? Does it make the best use of the site? (Development/Combination only)
5. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
6. **Site Suitability.** Is the site to be acquired well suited for the intended recreational uses? (Acquisition/Combination only)
7. **Expansion or Renovation.** Will the acquisition or development project expand or renovate an existing recreation area or facility?
8. **Project Support.** The extent that the public (statewide, community, and/or user groups) has been provided with an adequate opportunity to become informed, and/or support for the project seems apparent.
9. **Cost Efficiencies.** To what extent does this project demonstrate efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources?

RCO Staff Scored Criteria

10. **Growth Management Act Preference.**
Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?
11. **Population Proximity.**
Is the project in a populated area?
 - a. The project is located within the urban growth area boundary of a city or town with a population of 5,000 or more.
 - AND
 - b. The project is located within a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile.

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1	Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park	14.57	14.57			14.14		7.71			4.43	9.43	4.71	0.00	1.50	71.07
2	South Lynnwood Park Renovation	13.71	12.86			12.00		8.00			4.29	9.43	4.43	0.00	3.00	67.71
3	Bidwell Park Phase 3 Development	14.14	14.14			13.71		7.71			4.57	8.29	2.86	-1.00	3.00	67.43
4	Lincoln Park Revitalization	14.14	13.29			12.86		7.43			4.57	8.29	3.86	0.00	1.50	65.93
5	Fort Steilacoom Park Trail Access Upgrades	13.29	13.71			13.29		7.71			4.57	7.43	2.71	0.00	3.00	65.71
6	Civic Park Development	12.00	12.43			12.43		7.14			4.43	8.57	4.29	0.00	3.00	64.29
7	Natural Scenic Recreation Area Trailhead and Park	12.86	12.43			12.43		8.57			4.14	8.29	3.86	0.00	1.50	64.07
8	Lions Park Sprayground	14.14	12.43			12.86		8.00			4.29	8.00	1.00	0.00	3.00	63.71
9	Warren Avenue Neighborhood Park Renovation	13.29	12.00			12.86		7.43			4.00	7.71	3.14	0.00	3.00	63.43
10	Gateway Park Phase 3 Splash Pad	13.71	12.86			12.43		7.71			4.00	7.71	3.29	0.00	1.50	63.21
11	Chehalis Recreation Park Renovation Phase 2	13.29	12.86			12.43		7.14			3.71	8.29	4.71	-1.00	1.50	62.93
12	Little Baseball Association Woods Boulevard Road Parcel Acquisition	10.29	11.57	8.86				8.57	4.43		4.14	9.43	2.57	0.00	3.00	62.86
13	Kenzie's Landing	12.43	12.43		4.00		6.00	7.43		2.21	3.86	8.29	4.43	0.00	1.50	62.57

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14	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	12.43	11.14			12.43		8.00			3.86	8.57	2.71	0.00	3.00	62.14
15	Electric City Ice Age Park	13.29	13.71			13.29		8.00			1.57	8.86	2.86	0.00	0.00	61.57
16	Hesse Recreation Park Phase 1	13.29	12.43			12.43		6.86			4.00	8.00	4.43	0.00	0.00	61.43
17	Puyallup Valley Sports Complex Field Improvement	12.43	12.00			12.00		6.86			4.43	7.43	2.57	0.00	3.00	60.71
18	George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park	12.86	9.43	7.14				6.86	4.43		4.43	7.71	4.00	0.00	3.00	59.86
19	Smokiam Park Basketball Court Improvements	12.86	13.29			12.86		6.86			3.71	8.29	1.71	0.00	0.00	59.57
20	Evergreen Playfield Number 1 Turf Conversion	11.57	12.86			10.71		7.14			4.43	7.43	3.00	-1.00	3.00	59.14
20	Centennial Fields All Inclusive Playground	11.14	11.14			13.71		5.71			3.43	8.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	59.14
22	North Image Neighborhood Park	12.86	10.71			12.86		7.43			3.14	6.57	1.43	0.00	3.00	58.00
22	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	12.00	11.14			11.14		6.57			3.86	7.43	2.86	0.00	3.00	58.00
24	Nespelem Community Park	12.86	12.43			10.29		5.71			4.57	7.43	4.43	0.00	0.00	57.71
25	Tenino City Park Core	13.71	12.43			12.43		6.29			4.29	5.14	1.86	0.00	1.50	57.64

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26	Keller Community Park Redevelopment	12.00	12.86			11.57		6.29			4.29	6.57	4.00	0.00	0.00	57.57
27	Skamania Courthouse Plaza Revitalization	12.43	10.29			11.14		6.86			3.86	8.29	4.43	0.00	0.00	57.29
27	Everson City Park Improvements	12.86	12.43			10.71		6.86			4.43	7.14	2.86	0.00	0.00	57.29
29	Little Mountain Skills Park and Trails Facility	10.71	11.14			11.14		7.14			4.14	8.29	4.00	-1.00	1.50	57.07
30	Lions Park Renovation	12.43	12.43			12.00		5.43			4.57	6.29	2.29	0.00	1.50	56.93
31	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Phase 2	11.57	10.71			10.71		7.43			4.14	7.43	2.57	-1.00	3.00	56.57
32	George Schmid Memorial Ballpark Improvements	10.71	10.71			12.00		6.57			4.43	6.86	2.14	0.00	3.00	56.43
32	North Rainier Landbanked Site Park Development	11.57	10.29			11.14		7.14			1.29	8.57	3.43	0.00	3.00	56.43
34	Rainier View Park Covered Court	11.57	12.00			11.57		6.29			3.57	6.57	1.57	0.00	3.00	56.14
35	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	9.86	10.71			10.71		8.00			4.00	8.57	2.86	-1.00	1.50	55.21
36	Borst Park Playground Renovation	12.43	12.86			12.00		5.43			4.14	6.57	1.00	-1.00	1.50	54.93
37	Glacier View Neighborhood Park	12.00	11.57			11.14		7.71			1.71	6.29	1.43	0.00	3.00	54.86
38	Memorial Park Revitalization	12.43	11.14			10.29		6.57			3.86	6.57	2.29	0.00	1.50	54.64

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39	Metalworks Skate Park	12.00	11.57			11.57		5.43			3.57	7.71	1.00	0.00	1.50	54.36
40	Stan and Joan Cross Park Phase 1	10.71	9.43			12.00		7.43			3.14	6.57	2.00	0.00	3.00	54.29
41	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	11.14	11.14			12.00		5.43			3.57	6.86	1.86	-1.00	3.00	54.00
41	Tennant Trailhead Park Phase 1 Development	11.14	11.57			10.29		6.86			2.14	6.29	2.71	0.00	3.00	54.00
43	Horseshoe Lake Americans with Disabilities Act Revitalization	11.14	11.14			9.86		6.57			4.14	6.57	3.57	-1.00	1.50	53.50
44	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	10.29	10.29	8.00				6.86	4.14		2.43	7.43	2.29	0.00	1.50	53.21
45	Foss Central Park	11.14	9.86			10.71		7.43			2.00	6.57	2.43	0.00	3.00	53.14
46	Lake Burien School Memorial Park Design and Construction	12.00	10.29			10.71		5.71			3.43	6.29	0.71	0.00	3.00	52.14
47	Town of Winthrop Open Space Park Acquisition	9.86	10.29	7.43				6.86	3.86		1.71	8.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	52.00
48	Dungeness Recreation Area Enhancement	12.00	10.71			10.29		6.86			3.71	7.14	1.00	0.00	0.00	51.71
48	South Kitsap Regional Park Phase 1D Expansion	10.29	9.86			9.86		6.86			4.29	6.57	1.00	0.00	3.00	51.71
50	Chewelah Spray Park	11.14	10.29			12.00		5.43			3.86	8.86	0.86	-1.00	0.00	51.43

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51	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	11.14	11.14			9.00		6.29			3.86	7.14	1.29	0.00	1.50	51.36
52	Allan Yorke Park East Ballfield with Lighting	12.00	10.29			9.00		6.29			3.43	6.00	0.43	0.00	3.00	50.43
52	Lummi Nation Community Park Phase 1	11.57	7.71			11.57		7.14			1.00	6.57	4.86	0.00	0.00	50.43
54	North Alder Street Park Splash Pad	9.86	9.43			9.86		6.00			3.71	6.57	3.43	0.00	1.50	50.36
54	Splash Pad at Municipal Swimming Pool	11.57	10.29			10.71		5.43			3.57	6.29	1.00	0.00	1.50	50.36
56	Fircrest Community Pool	8.14	9.86			10.71		6.57			3.86	7.14	0.86	0.00	3.00	50.14
56	Ilwaco City Park Renovation Phase 2	11.57	11.57			10.71		4.86			3.43	5.71	3.29	-1.00	0.00	50.14
56	Battle Point Park KidsUp Playground	9.00	9.00			10.71		5.43			3.43	7.14	2.43	0.00	3.00	50.14
59	Lions Park Splash Pad	10.29	9.43			9.43		6.57			3.57	6.86	2.43	0.00	1.50	50.07
60	Rotary Morrow Community Park	11.14	8.57		2.86		4.93	5.43		1.29	1.14	7.43	4.14	0.00	3.00	49.93
61	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Development	10.71	9.00			11.14		6.86			3.00	6.00	0.86	-1.00	3.00	49.57

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62	Benton City Sports Complex Acquisition	12.00	11.14	6.86				6.57	4.29		1.00	6.86	0.71	0.00	0.00	49.43
63	Washougal Schmid Property Acquisition	10.71	10.71	5.14				6.29	4.00		2.00	6.00	1.00	0.00	3.00	48.86
64	Whitehorse Park Restroom and Shower Building	11.14	10.29			10.71		6.29			3.57	5.43	0.86	-1.00	1.50	48.79
65	Riverview Park Acquisition and Development	8.57	9.00		3.14		4.93	7.43		1.43	3.71	6.29	1.14	0.00	3.00	48.64
66	Sakai Park	7.71	8.57	6.00				6.86	3.43		2.43	8.29	2.14	0.00	3.00	48.43
66	Van Gasken Sound View Park	9.00	9.86	6.86				6.00	3.29		3.43	5.71	1.29	0.00	3.00	48.43
68	Heritage Park Phase 4 Renovation	9.86	8.14			9.43		7.14			3.71	6.29	0.71	0.00	3.00	48.29
69	Toppenish Pioneer Park Improvement	12.00	8.14			11.57		4.57			3.86	6.57	0.86	-1.00	1.50	48.07
70	Five Acre Woods Park	8.14	9.00		3.14		4.50	7.14		1.79	2.57	7.71	1.86	-1.00	3.00	47.86
71	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	11.14	10.29			9.86		5.71			3.29	6.00	0.71	-1.00	1.50	47.50
72	Averill Field Development	10.29	8.57			8.14		5.43			3.71	7.43	0.71	0.00	3.00	47.29
73	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Phase 1	7.29	9.00			11.57		6.00			2.86	6.00	1.14	0.00	3.00	46.86

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74	New Community Park Road 48 and Court Acquisition	9.43	9.00	7.14				6.86	4.14		3.71	4.00	0.86	0.00	1.50	46.64
75	Carrie Blake Playground Redevelopment	10.29	8.14			9.43		5.14			3.57	6.86	1.57	0.00	1.50	46.50
76	Frontier Park Acquisition and Trail Development	9.43	9.00		4.00		5.36	6.29		1.86	3.43	5.14	0.43	0.00	1.50	46.43
77	Sweetwater Creek Protection and Restoration	6.86	7.71		2.71		4.50	8.29		1.64	2.14	6.86	3.86	0.00	1.50	46.07
78	Maple Falls Park Trailhead	11.57	9.43			9.86		5.43			3.57	6.00	1.00	-1.00	0.00	45.86
79	Barnum Point County Park Expansion	8.14	8.57	5.43				7.14	3.86		3.29	6.86	1.14	-1.00	1.50	44.93
80	Curtin Creek Community Park Phase 1 Development	8.57	9.00			10.71		6.00			1.86	5.71	1.00	-1.00	3.00	44.86
81	A Street Sports Complex Phase 2	10.71	9.86		2.86		4.50	4.00		2.00	2.57	4.57	1.71	0.00	1.50	44.29
82	South Whidbey Fairgrounds Campground Redevelopment	10.29	8.57			7.29		4.29			3.29	6.86	1.86	0.00	1.50	43.93
83	Lewis River Ranch	8.57	7.29	5.43				6.57	3.14		3.57	5.14	3.43	-1.00	1.50	43.64
84	Eagle Ridge Park Nature Themed Playground	8.57	8.14			8.57		5.43			2.71	5.43	2.71	-1.00	3.00	43.57

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85	Peninsula Gardens Playground and Spray Park	10.71	9.86			6.00		5.43			2.86	5.71	0.86	0.00	1.50	42.93
86	Carnegie Park and Veterans Memorial	7.29	6.43			7.71		5.43			2.29	7.43	0.57	0.00	3.00	40.14
87	Island Lake East Playground	8.57	8.14			9.00		3.71			3.43	4.57	0.57	0.00	1.50	39.50
88	Lobe Field 1 Improvements Phase 2 Synthetic Turf	5.57	7.29			8.57		5.14			3.43	4.29	1.57	0.00	3.00	38.86
89	Long Lake Park Improvements	7.29	8.57			7.71		4.00			3.43	4.29	0.71	0.00	1.50	37.50
90	Carousel Ranch Community Park Development	6.43	6.86			8.14		6.00			0.71	5.71	0.57	-1.00	1.50	34.93
91	Frontier Heights Park Walking Paths and Parking	8.14	6.43			6.43		4.00			2.14	4.00	0.57	-1.00	3.00	33.71

Evaluators score Questions 1-9; RCO staff scores Questions 10-11.

¹Acq=acquisition

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Wilkeson

Grant Requested: \$30,024

Building Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park

The Town of Wilkeson will use this grant to build a bacon-and-eggs-inspired skateable art structure at its skate park. The 3,600-square-foot structure will be build on the south end of the skate park and will add four skating elements to the park. The skate park serves nearly 500 residents plus surrounding towns and unincorporated developments nearby. Located along the Foothills Trail, the park's improvements will enhance opportunities for bikes, scooters, rollerblading, and skateboarding. Wilkeson will contribute \$20,017 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1952)

Lynnwood

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating South Lynnwood Park

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts 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, 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. The park development will reconnect the community to its local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and encourage community connections. Lynnwood will contribute more than \$1.4 million in cash, staff labor, a local grant, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1320)

Spokane County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Finishing Development of Bidwell Park

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to finish development of the 20-acre Bidwell Park. Development of the remaining 6 acres will include expanded green space, paved trails, a natural area, landscaping, a restroom, a playground, a picnic shelter, a baseball field with safety fencing, four sand volleyball courts with lighting, and two pickle ball courts. These improvements will help meet the outdoor recreation needs of this growing community by expanding the trail system, access to green space, and athletic facilities. Spokane County will contribute \$871,000 in cash, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1630)

Wenatchee
Renovating Lincoln Park

Grant Requested: \$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 creates 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, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Program, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1245)

Lakewood
Upgrading Access to Fort Steilacoom Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve access on the southeast end of Fort Steilacoom Park, a more than 350-acre regional park in Lakewood. The City also will pave a parking area, improve two trailheads and trail surfacing, add new pedestrian trails, expand the Discovery Trail interpretive program, and add a restroom, signs, landscaping, and site furnishings. The improvements will provide new and upgraded access to park amenities, including a 24-acre dog park, 30-acre Waughop Lake, a historic cemetery and barns, sport fields, and event venues. Lakewood will contribute \$571,312 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1923)

Edmonds
Creating Civic Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop Civic Park, an 8-acre park in downtown Edmonds. 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 will contribute more than \$11.5 million in a state appropriation, cash, council bonds, a local grant, potentially grants from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1370)

Skagit County
Developing the Northern State Recreation Area's Trailhead and Park

Grant Requested: \$298,338

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop its Northern State Recreation Area. The County will build a trailhead complete with a restroom, parking, interpretive trail, entrance monuments, signs, and picnic area amenities. In addition, a part of the day-use area will reflect the first and only park dedicated to veterans in all of Skagit County. The County will upgrade 1 mile of trail to be accessible to people with disabilities and will add a

short .1-mile section to complete the loop. The Northern State Recreation Area is a 726-acre park that historically was farmland associated with the Northern State Mental Hospital. The park consists of a gravel parking lot, disc golf course, and about 5 miles of multi-use trails. Skagit County will contribute \$306,338 in cash, another grant, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1609)

Olympia
Building Lions Park Sprayground

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to build a sprayground at Lions Park. The City also will modify the park shelter to allow better access to the sprayground, build walkways accessible to people with disabilities, improve the parking, and install new drainage infrastructure and lighting. The project will help relieve demand at the city's only other sprayground, the Heritage Park Fountain. Olympia will contribute more than \$1 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1528)

Bremerton
Renovating Warren Avenue Neighborhood Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to upgrade the Warren Avenue Playfield, an aging 2-acre neighborhood park with an unpaved parking area, outdated sports field lighting, cracked and aging restroom, and a substandard children's' playground near a busy traffic intersection. Currently no part of the park is accessible to people with disabilities. The City will develop pathways that will allow people with disabilities access to updated park amenities including a paved parking lot, children's' playground, restroom, shelter, and enhanced entry built from community member-purchased donor bricks. The City also will install lights and a backstop at the sports field. Bremerton will contribute \$498,000 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1649)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Building the Gateway Park Splash Pad

Grant Requested: \$497,800

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to develop a splash pad in the 72-acre Gateway Park, on the north end of Key Peninsula. There are no splash pads in the service area; the nearest one is more than 14 miles away in Tacoma and requires paying a toll. This splash pad also will be the only place in the Key Peninsula area where people with disabilities can or play in the water, unassisted, on an accessible surface. The park district will contribute \$497,800 in cash, another grant, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1284)

Chehalis
Renovating Chehalis Recreation Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate Recreation Park, near Interstate 5. The City will replace the failing irrigation and drainage systems that serve the four ball fields, replace sod, upgrade the surfaces, and improve pathway. The City also will replace the 25-year-old playground with one accessible to people with disabilities. The 50-year-old park has many needed upgrades and this is one to keep the fields more playable during wet weather, which now causes too many cancelled games due to flooding and wet fields. Chehalis will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1736)

Olympia
Buying LBA Woods

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 59 acres to expand a community park, known locally as LBA Woods. Acquiring the land will conserve one of the last large unprotected forested areas in the city. This property was purchased under a Waiver of Retroactivity and a payment is due in 2019. Olympia will contribute more than \$4.6 million in voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1251)

Wenatchee
Enhancing Access to Kenzie's Landing

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy 51.76 acres of open land for recreation, habitat protection, education, and community safety. The acquisition would preserve critical trail connections and provides access between publicly owned land and the community. The City also will develop a trailhead complete with restrooms, water, a picnic shelter, and other features. The land and trailhead will provide permanent access to more than 18 miles of existing trails. It also will improve emergency access by building the trailhead access drive and adding water. This project completes the highest priority trail project in Wenatchee and satisfies 28 of the city's parks comprehensive plan goals and objectives. Wenatchee will contribute more than \$1.4 million in cash, council bonds, staff labor, and donations of cash and land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1247)

Seattle
Enhancing Kubota Garden

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant for long-overdue enhancements at Kubota Garden, including two all-gender restrooms and pathways and a picnic area accessible to people with disabilities in the 3.5-acre Terrace area. This 20-acre garden is a Seattle historic landmark and the masterpiece of Fujitaro Kubota, a horticultural pioneer who infused traditional Japanese garden design with Pacific Northwest plants to create a uniquely American-Japanese

garden. The garden offers spectacular hills and valleys interlaced with streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, and rock outcroppings. More than 20,000 people live within a half-mile of the garden in the diverse Rainier Beach neighborhood, which has 75 percent people of color, 48 percent who do not speak English at home, and 23 percent of households living in poverty. The current gravel paths and portable toilets are not holding up to the high number of visitors. Attendance has grown 27 percent since 2014, with 77,000 last year. The Kubota Garden Foundation will contribute donations and volunteer labor. Seattle will contribute \$517,120 in a local grant, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1582)

Electric City
Bringing Ice Age Park to Life

Grant Requested: \$257,649

Electric City will use this grant to develop the city's first public park, named Ice Age Park. The .41-acre park is centrally located in Electric City and will include open areas, pathways, a playground and splash pad, a picnic shelter, and restrooms. This project is of high priority for Electric City because there are no city-owned public parks in this underserved community. This park will have the first public playground for local children. The park will have an Ice Age and Ice Age Floods theme because Electric City is in the center of the floods region. With themed park features and interpretive signs, this park will emphasize the region's unique character and provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents alike. Electric City will contribute \$257,650. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1419)

Ferry County
Developing Hesse Recreation Park

Grant Requested: \$108,900

Ferry County will use this grant to develop Hesse Park, off State Highway 21 near Republic schools and the Golden Tiger Pathway trailhead. Park components will include a pump track with an outer flat track, a grass lawn, a covered pavilion, fencing, a storage facility, electricity, and a waterline for irrigation. Some future improvements include campgrounds, restrooms, showers, mountain bike trails, and a sledding hill. The proposed project would provide reliable recreation opportunities while supporting economic stability and promoting healthy alternatives for the youth of Ferry County. Ferry County will contribute \$12,100 in donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1666)

Puyallup
Improving Puyallup Valley Sports Complex Field

Grant Requested: \$461,150

The Puyallup Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert one outfield from natural to synthetic turf in the Puyallup Valley Sport Complex. The converted outfield will attach to the synthetic turf infield, creating a completely synthetic turf field. This conversion will allow the field to be used year-round for a multitude of sports, including baseball, softball, soccer,

lacrosse, and football. The field now is shut down in the fall and winter to prevent damage. Converting the field will increase use by more than 50 percent and provide play opportunities for an additional 1,850 youth. It also will allow Puyallup to offer a fully accessible playing surface for disabled athletes, the first in the city. This is the second phase of a larger project to convert all three fields at the complex to synthetic turf. Puyallup will contribute \$461,150 in cash, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1668)

Vancouver
Expanding George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park

Grant Requested: \$235,415

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy land to expand a future neighborhood park. The land is north of Mill Plain Boulevard in an older, underserved neighborhood. The City bought .77 acre in 1975, and an adjoining landowner donated a .8 acre, which then triggered a time-sensitive opportunity to buy another 1.9 acres for further expansion. The new purchase will give the city 3.5 acres for a future neighborhood park. Vancouver will contribute \$238,077 in park impact fees and a donation of land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1679)

Soap Lake
Building a Smokiam Park Basketball Court

Grant Requested: \$211,445

The City of Soap Lake will use a grant to build a full-court basketball court in Smokiam Park, a beachfront city park on the south shore of Soap Lake. The existing half-court basketball court is popular and is the only basketball court within 6 miles. However, the concrete is cracked and pitted. Soap Lake will contribute \$23,494 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1586)

Mountlake Terrace
Converting Evergreen Playfield's Turf

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to convert Evergreen Playfield 1 to support baseball, fast pitch, soccer, rugby, lacrosse, flag football, Ultimate Frisbee, and other field sports. The City will install artificial turf, lighting, fences, and landscaping. Mountlake Terrace will contribute more than \$1 million in cash, a private grant, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1697)

Snoqualmie
Building Centennial Field's All-Inclusive Playground

Grant Requested: \$497,000

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to build an inclusive playground at Centennial Field, next to Snoqualmie Elementary School, which houses the special education team for the school district. Snoqualmie has no parks designed for inclusive play. The new playground will include ramps and surfacing to enhance wheelchair access, play equipment for those with mobility-

impairments, as well as tactile and musical play equipment for both autistic and sight-impaired youth. The City also will add perimeter fencing and improve the parking lot with additional spaces for people with disabilities. A universally accessible playground will help address a recreational disparity for differently abled youth, build visitors' confidence, and improve opportunities for peer interaction and community building among youth and parents alike. Snoqualmie will contribute \$497,500 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1745)

Vancouver
Developing North Image Neighborhood Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop North Image Neighborhood Park. The 5.57-acre undeveloped site lies in the northeast section of the city; an area with the greatest park deficit in the city. The new park would provide the surrounding low-income neighborhood with a unique opportunity for recreation and community engagement. This project is the highest priority neighborhood park for development. The park will have a prehistoric theme including a dinosaur-inspired climbing structure, fossil imprinted stepping stones, a dinosaur bone tunnel, and an abundance of climbing boulders. Vancouver will contribute more than \$1.9 million in a local grant and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1687)

Gig Harbor
Building a Sports Complex

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to create two multi-use synthetic turf fields with lighting, six regulation-size pickle ball courts with lighting, 250 parking stalls, a restroom and concession building, and playground. The goal is to provide all-weather fields primarily for youth sports leagues and a site where every resident can recreate. Gig Harbor has only three synthetic turf fields, and only two have field lighting. The synthetic turf will allow the fields to be used year-round, regardless of the weather. Gig Harbor will contribute \$3.7 million in a state appropriation, park impact fees, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2030)

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Enhancing Nespelem Community Park

Grant Requested: \$379,677

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will use this grant project to improve Nespelem Community Park. Park enhancements include a splash pad, play equipment, fencing, an updated basketball court, picnic canopy, lighting, and grass seeding. The splash pad would create a recreation option for youth who historically haven't had many options in the Nespelem area. Children currently swim in Nespelem Creek, which warms mid-summer, creating potential health hazards. The Tribe will contribute \$42,187. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1938)

Tenino
Renovating Tenino City Park Core

Grant Requested: \$297,966

The City of Tenino will use this grant to renovate core areas of Tenino City Park. Development will include replacement of the playground area, a picnic shelter, park furnishings, improved storm water drainage, and restrooms. Tenino City Park offers sports fields, a campground, museum, community hall, the quarry swimming pool, and a trailhead for the Yelm-Tenino Trail, which provides a trail connection to Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Rainier, and Yelm. This well-loved recreation resource is Tenino's focal point and a regional and statewide recreational destination. Tenino will contribute \$198,644. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1773)

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Redeveloping Keller Community Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will use this grant to redevelop Keller Community Park, on the eastern side of the reservation in Ferry County. The Tribe will install a restroom, shower and pathways. The Tribe also will improve the roadway and lighting and upgraded the recreational vehicle campsites. The campground serves hunters, anglers, campers, and Lake Roosevelt National Recreation visitors year-round and is the only place to camp on the Sanpoil River Arm shore. The Tribe will contribute \$87,920 in cash, staff labor, materials, a local grant, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1958)

Skamania County
Revitalizing Skamania Courthouse Plaza

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Skamania County, in cooperation with the Stevenson Downtown Association, will use this grant to complete phase one of a comprehensive parks and pedestrian access program by redeveloping ten parcels of commercially zoned land into a protected central park plaza. The plaza will include an amphitheater, picnic areas, grand vistas, a pathway, and a rain garden for improved storm water filtration. This project creates unique recreational opportunities currently absent in Skamania County while enhancing pedestrian connection to the Columbia River. Throughout the summer season, the Gorge is a phenomenal tourist attraction and this project will alleviate pressure points, draw tourists into the commercial core, and provide a year-round, universally accessible cultural venue for residents and tourists alike. Skamania County will contribute \$222,800 in a private grant and donations of cash and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1680)

Everson
Improving Everson City Park

Grant Requested: \$300,000

The City of Everson will use this grant to do major upgrades to Everson City Park in the city's downtown. The City will build new bathrooms, renovate the spray park, and install playground equipment. These improvements will expand greatly the types of recreational opportunities

available at City Park and in the surrounding area, will replace and expand much-used playground equipment that has outlived its useful life, and will add bathrooms accessible to people with disabilities. Everson will contribute \$200,000 in cash, another grant, park impact fees, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1637)

Mount Vernon
Designing and Building Little Mountain Skills Park and Trails

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Mount Vernon will use this grant to design and build a multi-use mountain bike skills park, access road, parking lot, and trail facility in the 522-acre Little Mountain Park. The skills park will provide a safe, year-round location for mountain bike enthusiasts of all ages to practice their skills before tackling the park's more challenging trails. It includes a pump track, slopestyle and technical climbs, and obstacles. Little Mountain Park has limited off-road parking, which results in an increasing amount of visitors parking on the narrow shoulders of the main park road or in undesignated areas. The trail facility includes a new entrance road and a paved parking lot with more than 40 stalls. The parking area improves safety by tripling current parking and enhancing accessibility with designated barrier-free and bus parking areas. This facility will have a restroom, group picnic shelter, day-use picnic areas, and mini shelters scattered through the woods, an educational plaza, storage building for trail maintenance, multiple bike racks, informational and educational kiosks, and off-road connections to park trails and the bike skills park. Mount Vernon will contribute \$534,900 in cash, staff labor, materials, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1474)

College Place
Renovation Lions Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of College Place will use this grant to improve Lions Park by adding a .25-mile trail with fitness stations, enhanced parking, restrooms, a picnic shelter, a fishing dock, a baseball backstop, and splash pad accessible to people with disabilities. Many elements of the existing park aren't useable by people with disabilities, including parking stalls, restrooms, play structures, and fishing opportunities. Renovations will add opportunities, including fitness stations and baseball fields, that aren't currently available within the city. College Place will contribute \$805,926. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1934)

Airway Heights
Developing the Airway Heights Recreation Complex

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Airway Heights will use this grant to develop the second phase of the Airway Heights Recreation Complex in Spokane County. The City will build a second baseball-softball field with fencing and dugouts, add a trail around the complex, build more parking, and add fencing, dugouts, and lighting on existing fields. Airway Heights is severely lacking in athletic field space. The City relies on use of Sunset Elementary, the only school in the community and one that is

expanding into the existing field. The continued increase in residential development in the community raises the need to provide additional field space. Airway Heights will contribute \$552,783 in cash and potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1555)

Washougal
Improving the George Schmid Memorial Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Washougal is will use this grant to improve the George Schmid Memorial Park by building a third field, lighting three fields, constructing a restroom and storage building, and providing running water and a drinking fountain. For the past 12 years, participants and spectators have relied on portable restrooms and this project will install supporting water, sewer, and electrical services. This project also will add security lights to enhance safety for a newly paved parking area. This is the third phase of development for this park. Washougal will contribute more than \$1.7 million in cash, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1270)

Seattle
Developing North Rainier Neighborhood Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop 1.25 acres as a neighborhood park in the North Rainier neighborhood of Seattle. This park will provide new open space in a high-density urban neighborhood with a small amount of existing open space and an increasing number of residences. The park will include a looped walking path, play equipment and adult outdoor fitness equipment, barbecue and picnic areas, shade structures and trees, gardens, and seating. The City also will improve sidewalks and add crosswalks leading to the park. These developments represent the first phase of the park development. The second phase, contingent on acquiring an adjacent parcel of land, will involve building a sports court. Seattle will contribute \$586,060 in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1785)

Sumner
Improving Rainier View Park with a Covered Court

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Sumner is will use this grant to enhance its 4-acre Rainier View Park by replacing an open basketball court with a covered, lighted multi-game court. The park is in an area where median income is nearly \$15,000 below the state median income and the residents have a higher body mass index and higher mortality rate than the state median. With funding, Sumner will build an attractive, inviting, covered, lighted structure with adaptable courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickle ball, extending its use year-round. Sumner will contribute \$380,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1715)

Snohomish County
Building a Trail in Heybrook Ridge County Park

Grant Requested: \$194,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build a half-mile trail and restroom accessible to people with disabilities in Heybrook Ridge County Park. The 144-acre park is on the south side of the Skykomish River, across from the Town of Index. The new trail will travel through a scenic forested region that is rich in history and ecology, along a wetland, and around a historic former lumber mill site. Development will include installation of interpretive signs. Snohomish County will contribute \$238,000 in cash, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1869)

Centralia
Renovating Borst Park Playground

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The City of Centralia will use this grant to replace the playground equipment at Borst Park. The City will remove an old and dilapidated playground from the 1970s and replace it with a playground that is more accessible to people with disabilities, is constructed from heavy-duty materials, and can provide a place to play for 85-90 children ages 5-12 years old. The new equipment will include a tree swing with two swings designed specifically for children who have physical disabilities and a 100-foot zip line. The City also will add fencing and a loose fill surfacing. Centralia will contribute \$150,000 in donations of cash and potentially a grant from the state Land and Water Conservation Fund. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1904)

Everett
Constructing Glacier View Neighborhood Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to construct a neighborhood park in the Glacier View neighborhood. Development will include walking paths, outdoor exercise equipment, a playground area, gathering plaza, a demonstration rain garden, open areas, park furnishings, and interpretive signs. Everett will contribute more than \$1.5 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1592)

Sedro Woolley
Revitalizing Memorial Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Sedro-Woolley will use this grant to redevelop Memorial Park, located in the heart of the city. This project will develop a new spray park, playground, pathways, and site amenities including picnic shelters, park benches, and landscaping. Additionally, the City will upgrade the park lighting and the parking. Memorial Park was designed in 1941 and doesn't meet current standards for people with disabilities. It also will provide the city's only outdoor water feature. Sedro Woolley will contribute \$342,123 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1306)

Ferndale
Building the Metalworks Skate Park

Grant Requested: \$450,980

The City of Ferndale will use this grant to develop an outdoor skate and bike park with landscaping and a restroom, south of downtown in Pioneer Park. Ferndale is one of the fastest growing cities in the state but has few recreational amenities for teenagers, aside from organized sports. With the planned improvements to the adjacent BMX park, this facility will improve the outlook for Ferndale's youth. This park, tentatively titled "Metalworks Skate Park" will pay tribute to the community's industrial heritage. Ferndale is home to the Cherry Point industrial businesses and an aluminum smelter, which employs hundreds of residents. Ferndale will contribute \$68,480 in park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1787)

Pierce County
Developing the Stan and Joan Cross Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to build the Stan and Joan Cross Park, in the Frederickson community in central Pierce County. The County will build a large playground, a grassy playfield, picnic areas, a parking lot, and a plaza in this first phase of development of this 64-acre park. This park will be the first public park in the 26,000-person Frederickson community in the heart of Pierce County's unincorporated urban growth area. Project design was possible thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Stan and Joan Cross Park, which pledged \$15,000 to support this grant application. Pierce County will contribute more than \$1.1 million in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1260)

Monroe
Renovating a Field in Lake Tye Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert to synthetic turf one baseball and one soccer field in the south end of Lake Tye Park. The renovated playfields will support play year-round, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The City also will install baseball and softball amenities such as improved backstop and covered dugouts, new electrical service and lights, and paved pathways. The playfields are used by the local community, for regional events, and by the adjacent elementary school. After 22 years of play, the grass fields are worn and have limited accessibility. Several community groups support this project including the Sky Valley Little League, which has donated \$10,000. Monroe will contribute more than \$2 million in a state appropriation, cash, potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1459)

**King County
Beginning Development of Tennant Trailhead Park**

Grant Requested: \$400,000

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to create access to the soon-to-be developed Tennant Trailhead Park by building a paved 40-vehicle parking lot and trailhead. The project includes installing bike racks, a plaza area, a restroom, and an informational kiosk. Located just off Interstate 90 near North Bend, the 32-acre site was acquired for a natural area park in one of the most-visited recreation corridors in the state. King County will contribute \$412,000 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1701)

**Woodland
Revitalizing Horseshoe Lake**

Grant Requested: \$378,747

The City of Woodland will use this grant to enhance accessibility for all visitors to Horseshoe Lake Park. The City will add a splash zone, picnic tables, fishing dock, and restrooms. Located in the heart of downtown Woodland, the park's proposed splash zone and fishing dock will be accessible to people with disabilities and will create recreational fun for all ages and abilities. The City also will add a walkway to enhance connections to fishing opportunities. Woodland will contribute \$378,748 in park impact fees and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2055)

**South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District
Buying the Waterman Trails Property for the Public**

Grant Requested: \$315,325

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 40 acres of privately owned land with a trail system to keep it open to the public. If the district doesn't buy the land, it will be logged, subdivided, and sold for residential lots. The park district is on the southern end of Whidbey Island, and is home to about 15,000 people. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$349,040 in cash, staff labor, potentially a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1207)

**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma
Developing Foss Central Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Tacoma Metro Parks will use this grant to develop a new park, Foss Central Park, along the Thea Foss waterway in Tacoma's city center. This new park will serve residents and visitors to downtown and the city's Museum District and act as an event space for larger community gatherings. As part of the development, Tacoma Metro Parks will expand Foss Waterway Esplanade, including adding a playground, picnic area, event spaces, seating, and landscaping. The park development will protect and enhance shoreline habitat along the Thea Foss waterway. The park district will contribute more than \$2.1 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, park impact fees, and donations of cash and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1740)

Burien
Replacing the Playground in Lake Burien School Memorial Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Burien will use this grant to replace a non-compliant, mixed age group playground with separated youth and tot playgrounds in Lake Burien School Memorial Park. The City also will create pathways accessible to people with disabilities. Lake Burien Park is home to the historic Lake Burien Elementary School, which elementary aged children and underserved families throughout the community use. As fourth densest city in Washington, Burien exceeds King County and Washington State averages for people of color, special needs, body mass, and mortality. Maintaining quality, accessible parks for all ages and all abilities is important to maintaining a healthy community. Burien will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and another grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1859)

Winthrop
Buying a Rolling Hillside for Trails

Grant Requested: \$488,000

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to buy 139 acres of rolling hillside along the eastern edge of town, fulfilling a significant goal of protecting undeveloped land and ensuring public access to a network of walking trails across an iconic shrub-steppe hillside. The landowner is selling the property for development of up to 275 homes. With the threat of a sale looming, the Methow Conservancy and local land trust purchased the land until Winthrop could get funding to buy it for a public park. Following acquisition, Winthrop will work in partnership with the Methow Conservancy and Methow Trails to develop access, parking, and a network of walking trails on the land. As a park near neighborhoods, the land will provide opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy walking, photography, wildlife watching, scenic views of the north Cascade Mountains, and education on shrub-steppe habitat. The land also provides valuable mule deer winter range. Winthrop will contribute \$326,900 in a private grant and donations of cash and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1855)

Clallam County
Enhancing Dungeness Recreation Area

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Clallam County will use this grant to enhance hiking, horseback riding, and camping at the Dungeness Recreation Area. At the entrance, the County will build a traffic circle, parking, a restroom, picnic shelter, security lighting, and signs. The roads for the two camp loops will be repaved. To meet the needs of Boy Scouts, church groups, and family reunions, the County will widen and upgrade the group camping area, install utility pedestals for recreational vehicles, add power and lights in the shelter, and upgrade the parking, picnic tables, and barbecue grills. Finally, the County will add walking and equestrian trails, two wildlife viewing areas, and signs. The campsites for hikers and mountain bikers will have improved tent pads. Clallam County will contribute \$670,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1513)

Kitsap County
Expanding South Kitsap Regional Park

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to improve South Kitsap Regional Park. Work will include expanding the playground, installing a new group picnic shelter, extending a pathway, adding parking, and building a new park road. By extending the pathway accessible to people with disabilities, Kitsap County will connect the park's most-used features, including the restroom, picnic shelters, steam train, playgrounds, and nature loop trail. Kitsap County will contribute \$200,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1953)

Chewelah
Building the Chewelah Spray Park

Grant Requested: \$495,000

The City of Chewelah will use this grant to design and develop a spray park in Chewelah City Park. Development will include landscaping, seating, shade, and updates to the restrooms. The goal of this project is to provide a safe alternative for children who would otherwise swim or wade in Chewelah Creek. The project will be the first spray park in Chewelah. Chewelah will contribute \$55,000 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1429)

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District
Building a Campground Welcome Center

Grant Requested: \$452,700

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to build a campground welcome center with showers and restrooms for the campground, campground registration, and a covered picnic shelter with a barbecue. The campground is next to South Whidbey High School on the southern end of Whidbey Island. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$553,300 in equipment, staff labor, potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1208)

Bonney Lake
Building a Lighted Field in Allan Yorke Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Bonney Lake will use this grant to build a multi-use athletic field with synthetic turf and lighting in Allan Yorke Park. This new field will allow year-round use and will be available for municipal recreation program and community group use including organized baseball, softball, soccer, rugby, and lacrosse clubs. The field will have an overlapping Little League field, be enclosed by a fence, and have a paved walkway connecting it to the parking lot. A new restroom is included. Bonney Lake will contribute more than \$2.8 million in cash and potentially a grant from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1297)

Lummi Nation**Grant Requested: \$500,000****Building the First Phase of the Lummi Nation Community Park**

The Lummi Nation will use this grant to build the first phase of the Lummi Nation Community Park, a 7-acre park with two multipurpose fields and support facilities. The park is at the gateway to the Lummi Nation community on the southeast corner of Slate Road and Haxton Way. Development will include parking, backstops, drainage and irrigation, dugouts, batting and pitching machine enclosures, scoreboards, fencing, paved parking for people with disabilities, a paved trail, a paved spectator court, and the beginning of landscaping. The Lummi Nation will contribute more than \$1.7 million in cash and potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1798)

Ellensburg**Grant Requested: \$120,000****Building North Alder Street Park Splash Pad**

The Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a splash pad in the North Alder Street Park. This splash pad will be the only outdoor aquatic facility available to the citizens of Ellensburg. North Alder Street Park is the city's newest park, opening in 2013. Ellensburg will contribute \$125,000 in cash, equipment, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1889)

Grandview**Grant Requested: \$139,600****Building a Splash Pad at the Municipal Swimming Pool**

The Grandview Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to design and install a splash pad with multiple features next to the city pool. The pool's shallow end is too deep for small children and people of limited mobility. Building the splash pad will expand the opportunity for water-related recreation to people of all ages and abilities. Grandview will contribute \$60,000 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1455)

Fircrest**Grant Requested: \$500,000****Building a Community Pool**

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to build an outdoor pool. The pool will be in Fircrest Park, near the Roy H. Community Center. The pool will include a 6-lane lap pool with diving well, wading area, and a stand-alone bathhouse. The Fircrest community pool is cherished and sees nearly 100 visitors a day in the summer. The new public pool will meet the needs of all ages and provide a safe place for healthy family fun, swim lessons, and low-impact exercises. Fircrest will contribute more than \$3 million in voter-approved bonds, a state appropriation, and potentially a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1279)

Ilwaco
Renovating Ilwaco City Park

Grant Requested: \$364,715

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to continue renovating City Park, which is east of the city's downtown and the only park of its type on the south end of the Long Beach peninsula. The City will improve the baseball field with new dugouts, bleachers, and infield surfacing; create a small dog park area; build a walking trail around the park with fitness stations; renovate the parking lot; replace the 25-year-old basketball court; and add a batting cage, storage building, and park furniture. Ilwaco will contribute \$120,312 in a private grant and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1879)

Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District
Renovating Battle Point Park KidsUp Playground

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District will use this grant to redevelop the KidsUp playground and restroom at Battle Point Park. The 90-acre park is the largest developed regional park in the park district. The restroom is the park's most heavily used and is next to the playground. The park district will contribute \$505,500 in a voter-approved levy and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1882)

Othello
Building a Splash Pad in Lions Park

Grant Requested: \$490,403

The City of Othello will use this grant to improve the Othello Aquatic Center in Lions Park by building a splash pad for underserved young children, including those with disabilities. None of Othello's parks has facilities geared toward ages 5 and under, even though they represent more than 12 percent of the city population. With the nearest splash park 26 miles away in Moses Lake, this new amenity will be a tourism draw, benefiting the city's economy. Othello will contribute \$61,156 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1263)

Poulsbo
Developing Rotary Morrow Community Park

Grant Requested: \$400,000

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to develop Rotary Morrow Community Park, located on the quickly expanding east side of Poulsbo along the Noll Road corridor. In this 1.2-acre park, the City will install nature play activities including logs, playground equipment, game tables, trails, benches, landscaping, and parking. The character of the park will remain forested and natural. This neighborhood corridor is facing tremendous residential development in the next 5 years and the City has identified the need for two parks on the east side of town to accommodate the population. The park is next to Poulsbo North Kitsap Rotary's housing development for domestic violence survivors. The Poulsbo North Kitsap Rotary Foundation is donating the land to the City for the park and Rotary Club leadership has committed to building

a tree fort and arbor in the park. Poulsbo will contribute \$333,570 in cash and donations of labor, land, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1422)

Auburn
Developing a Park along the Green River

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Auburn will use this grant to develop a community park at 104th Avenue Southeast, located near the Green River. The 14.73-acre park will include parking, improved access to the river, pathways through the site, a picnic shelter, interpretive kiosk and signs, drinking fountain, and a restroom. Auburn will contribute \$626,251 in park impact fees and potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1990)

Benton City
Buying Land for a Sports Complex

Grant Requested: \$582,000

The Benton City will use this grant to buy 25 acres for a future park and sports complex. The land is on Ki-Be Road, across the street from the high school. Future development will include soccer, football, baseball, and softball fields, a spray pad, and amenities such as shade structures, restrooms, and parking. Benton City will contribute \$388,674. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1275)

Washougal
Purchasing Land for a Park

Grant Requested: \$304,744

The City of Washougal will use this grant to buy and develop land in the city's center along the Washougal River. The land not only will provide convenient recreation opportunities for residents on the east side of town, but its location next to greenway properties will provide a gateway to the Washougal River. The City will pave a path circling the upper park that will connect to gravel trails and to a trail to Hathaway Park. The City will build a construction company-inspired playground that will pay homage to the site's previous use as the George Schmid and Sons Construction Company. The City also will install picnic areas and a pavilion for gatherings and public events, restrooms, and parking. The park may include a hillside slide, sloped climbing wall, and small disc golf course. Washougal will contribute \$304,745 in cash and another grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2164)

Snohomish County
Building Restrooms and Showers in Whitehorse County Park

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build restrooms and showers in Whitehorse County Park, near Darrington. The 83-acre park has ball fields, camping facilities, an off-leash dog area, amphitheater, and playground, and is the end of the soon-to-be-completed 28-mile Whitehorse Regional Trail, near Mount Baker Snoqualmie

National Forest. Snohomish County will contribute \$470,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1722)

Snoqualmie
Expanding Development of Riverview Park

Grant Requested: \$516,000

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to buy .33 acre to expand Riverview Park. The acquisition will add a scenic viewpoint, expand the play area, improve pedestrian access, enhance wildlife habitat, and remake the park as a marquee feature of the Snoqualmie Riverwalk Trail. Snoqualmie will contribute \$950,467 in cash, conservation futures,² and federal and local grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1756)

Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District
Buying Sakai Property for a Park

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District will use this grant to help buy 16.63 acres for a park. Known as Sakai property, the land is the last available large open space in the Winslow area on Bainbridge Island. It contains a pond, wetlands, and Ravine Creek. The Sakai family purchased the property in 1935 and operated it as a berry farm before and after its World War II internment in 1942. The property will complement interpretation efforts at Pritchard Park, where the first internees were deported under Executive Order 9066. The park will include courts, fields, parking, and trails. The park district will contribute more than \$3.4 million in voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1754)

Des Moines
Preserving Views of the Sound

Grant Requested: \$684,632

The City of Des Moines will use this grant to buy the Van Gasken property for a future park. This unique waterfront land features views of Puget Sound, Vashon Island, Maury Island, and the Olympic Mountains. The City will convert it into a park that connects the downtown marina district to the city's waterfront, parks, and open space system. The park will enhance the pedestrian corridor, preserve environmental and cultural resources, and protect wildlife habitat for salmon, heron, and eagles. The land borders Des Moines Beach Park, a 21-acre National Historic District with tidelands; Des Moines Creek Park, a 43-acre open space; Overlook II Park; and the Des Moines Marina. The land has been owned by the Van Gasken family and its heirs since 1883. Des Moines will contribute \$696,287 in cash and conservation futures.³ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1612)

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**Stanwood
Renovating Heritage Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Stanwood will use this grant to renovate the Heritage Park Recreation Complex. The City will expand the playground, pave walking paths, landscape the area, and install bleachers and covered dugouts. The expanded playground will have a structure accessible to people with disabilities and new landscaping. Stanwood will contribute \$200,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1322)

**Toppenish
Improving Toppenish Pioneer Park**

Grant Requested: \$396,200

The Toppenish Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate and increase access to facilities at Pioneer Park. Located in south central Toppenish, Pioneer Park is the largest park in the city and experiences a high volume of use. The City will demolish the restroom and install a new one, preserve the basketball court with surface treatments and new markings, build a pathway to the ball field and bleachers that will be accessible to people with disabilities, and add a shade structure above the playground equipment, benches, and a picnic shelter. Toppenish will contribute \$99,051 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1538)

**Lake Forest Park
Developing Five Acre Woods**

Grant Requested: \$732,875

The City of Lake Forest Park will use this grant to buy land for a park. Five Acre Woods, is a 5.6-acre forested area that includes a stream, wetlands, and hills. The park design calls for a play area, educational opportunities, walking trails, a picnic shelter, and a parking lot. The city has a rate of 3 acres of park per 1,000 residents, below the national median of 10.5 acres. Along with decreasing the city's outdoor recreational gap, this project fulfills the city's mission toward urban forest preservation and restoration and community building. Lake Forest Park will contribute \$802,904 in conservation futures⁴ and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1962)

**Whatcom County
Developing Birch Bay Beach Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to develop 13.2 acres in Birch Bay's central business district. The site includes forests, tidelands, and waterfront. Once developed, this day-use area will allow residents and visitors to safely park, picnic, and access the Birch Bay beach and tidelands. Whatcom County will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1992)

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**Snohomish
Developing Averill Field**

Grant Requested: \$418,237

The City of Snohomish will use this grant to improve the playground at Averill Field. The City will enlarge the play area and build weather structures, a restroom, and walkways accessible to people with disabilities. The city also will add seating, landscape changes, and park furnishings. Snohomish will contribute \$278,825. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1955)

**Mukilteo
Enhancing the Mukilteo Waterfront**

Grant Requested: \$486,000

The City of Mukilteo will use this grant to develop a section of the promenade planned to connect Edgewater Beach Park and Lighthouse Park. The City will build a 15-foot pathway along the Possession Sound and add resting areas, viewpoints, beach access, and landscaping. This project will develop a portion of the promenade located on the Mukilteo Tank Farm property, which the Tulalip Tribes owns. The promenade is being built by many partners: the Port of Everett build nearly 265 feet, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will build 535 feet, and the Washington Department of Transportation will build 940 feet at the ferry terminal. In total, waterfront partnerships will account for 46 percent of the promenade construction. Once all phases of the waterfront redevelopment are complete, the promenade will provide a continuous walkway and beach access along Mukilteo's waterfront. Mukilteo will contribute \$487,000 in materials and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1458)

**Pasco
Buying Land for a Community Park**

Grant Requested: \$292,865

The City of Pasco will use this grant is to buy 13.12 acres to create a 17-acre community park. The land is in an area with no neighborhood parks and increased demand for new residential development. Once developed, the community park will provide walking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, a spray pad, sports fields, and tennis courts. The area contains many well-established trees and a wooded area. Pasco will contribute \$292,865. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1331)

**Sequim
Renovating the Carrie Blake Playground**

Grant Requested: \$273,393

The City of Sequim will use this grant to renovate the playground in its flagship recreation site, Carrie Blake Community Park, on the eastern side of downtown Sequim. The City will add a large play structure with elements for people with disabilities, boulders, pathways, benches, picnic tables, and a bike rack. Sequim will contribute \$120,000 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1553)

Pierce County
Expanding Frontier Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to buy 7 acres to expand Frontier Park, near Graham. At 64 acres, Frontier Park is undersized for the type and amount of use that occurs there. State Route 7 borders the park on one side and commercial and residential development border the park on the other three sides. The proposed 7-acre addition is the only undeveloped property next to the park and the last chance to expand the site. With the purchase of the land, Pierce County could add .83 mile of walking trails to create a 1.6-mile looped trail that runs along the perimeter of the park. Frontier Park is the only public park in the Graham Community Plan Area, with a population of roughly 40,000. The park functions as both a community park for the surrounding neighborhoods and as a regional special events center. Pierce County will contribute \$510,429 in cash and conservation futures.⁵ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1262)

Port of Allyn
Protecting and Restoring Sweetwater Creek

Grant Requested: \$520,333

The Port of Allyn will use this grant to buy 21.4 acres to conserve salmon habitat and to build a park. The land is along Sweetwater Creek, which flows into lower Hood Canal near the Union River estuary. The area is important habitat for Hood Canal summer chum and coho. By buying the land, the Port of Allyn will restore access for salmon to 1.2 miles of stream and protect 48 acres of coho habitat and mature streamside forest. The Port plans to build a park, complete with restrooms, a fishing dock, a playground, and picnic shelter, at the site. The Port will restore an historic waterwheel and include interpretive displays in the waterwheel generator house about the importance of hydropower to the Pacific Northwest. The Port of Allyn will contribute \$534,259 in federal and private grants and donations of cash, labor, land, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1764)

Whatcom County
Building the Maple Falls Park Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$378,099

Whatcom County will use this grant to develop the Maple Falls Park trailhead, in Maple Falls Park. The County will build a 30-car parking lot with restrooms, an informational kiosk, and signs. The land is ideal for providing parking for Maple Falls Park and the 73-acre Maple Creek Park, which has trails that meander through forests along the creek and past several small waterfalls. Whatcom County will contribute \$309,354 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1591)

Island County
Expanding Barnum Point County Park

Grant Requested: \$575,000

Island County will use this grant to buy 40 acres, commonly referred to as the Leavitt property, to expand Barnum Point County Park. The land includes 11 acres bordering the park boundary

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that will serve as the park's main entrance. Nearly 30 acres of forest and wetlands surround the entrance. Since 2016, Barnum Point County Park has grown from 27 acres of forestland to 120 acres, with more than 2.5 miles of trails and 1 mile of new beach access. The biggest challenge in creating this signature county park has been locating an appropriately sized area for permanent parking and trail access. Acquisition of the Leavitt property will complete Barnum Point County Park, Island County's signature park, and provide the ideal location for its park entrance. Island County will contribute \$607,475 in conservation futures.⁶ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1956)

Clark County
Improving Curtin Creek Community Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Clark County will use this grant to improve Curtin Creek Community Park. The County will build three Little League-sized baseball and soccer fields, pave a loop path, install two large picnic shelters and restrooms, and add playground equipment, a nature play trailhead, picnic tables, benches, signs, parking, and a maintenance storage building. The County will build trail connections to South Creek Corridor Trail. Clark County will contribute more than \$5.6 million in a local grant and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1644)

Pasco
Developing A Street Sports Complex

Grant Requested: \$535,000

The City of Pasco will use this grant to develop 14 acres of city-owned land south of A Street and buy 2.11 acres of adjacent private property for a sports complex. The City will develop five multi-sport fields with irrigation, paths, a shelter for portable toilets, a playground, parking, and a storage building. The fields could be used for soccer, lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, football, and rugby. Buying the additional land will set the stage for a future development of two additional fields. Pasco is Washington's fastest-growing large city and has extreme wear on its fields. This leads to potential hazards and injuries. This project would help to meet the rising recreational needs of Pasco's population. Pasco will contribute \$203,029 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1361)

Port of South Whidbey
Redeveloping South Whidbey Fairgrounds Campground

Grant Requested: \$168,000

The Port of South Whidbey will use this grant to revamp the campground at the fairgrounds in Langle. The Port recently took over ownership of the property from Island County and the campground is very limited in its amenities, yet serves a great need for lodging for South Whidbey's recreational users and visitors. The Port will build restrooms, a coin-operated laundry, and electrical and water hookups for campers. The Port will contribute \$180,000 in council

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bonds and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2001)

Clark County
Buying Lewis River Ranch

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Clark County will use this grant to buy 160 acres, a half-mile north of Battle Ground on the East Fork Lewis River in central Clark County. The land will become part of a 12-mile, 2,200-acre park and greenway system on the East Fork Lewis River. It is a key link in the East Fork Lewis Regional Trail that connects Lewisville Park, the county's oldest and most popular regional park, with Daybreak regional park and Paradise Point State Park. The primary goal of this project is to support hiking, walking, picnicking, bicycling, wildlife observation, and jogging. It also will help reduce a countywide regional park deficit that exceeds 1,000 acres. Clark County will contribute \$1.3 million in donations of cash and conservation futures.⁷ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1858)

Lake Stevens
Eagle Ridge Park Nature-Themed Playground

Grant Requested: \$135,234

The City of Lake Stevens will use this grant to build a nature-themed playground in the 27.9-acre Eagle Ridge Park. The City will build a playground and parking, and install fences and landscaping. The park contains headwaters of two stream systems: Hulbert Creek, a salmon-bearing creek that flows west through a steep ravine into Ebey Slough, and Eagle Creek, which drains into Lake Stevens. Lake Stevens will contribute \$135,234 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1735)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Developing Peninsula Gardens Playground and Spray Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park will use this grant to develop a playground and spray park on the Peninsula Gardens site at the heart of the Gig Harbor peninsula. The park district will convert the former Peninsula Gardens Nursery into a recreation center with indoor recreation fields and classrooms, walking paths, an off-leash area, and children's play areas. The spray park will be the first for the community. The park district will contribute more than \$1 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2006)

Snohomish
Carnegie Park and Veterans Memorial

Grant Requested: \$266,431

The City of Snohomish will use this grant to renovate the Carnegie Library Park. The City will remove a building, grade the land and add drainage, pave and add landscaping, build walkways and a plaza, and install a drinking fountain, benches, and a flagpole. Snohomish will contribute

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\$266,430. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2013)

Kitsap County
Replacing the Island Lake Park Playground

Grant Requested: \$75,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to remove and replace outdated playground equipment and buckling pathways in Island Lake Park. The playground area is next to one of the few sandy beaches at Island Lake Park. Kitsap County will contribute \$75,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1977)

Kitsap County
Installing Synthetic Turf on Lobe Field 1

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert Lobe Field 1 to synthetic turf. By installing synthetic turf, Kitsap County would increase the field's availability for sports teams and tournaments, especially during bad weather, and reduce maintenance costs. Kitsap County will contribute more than \$1.4 million in, grants and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1224)

Kitsap County
Improving Long Lake Park

Grant Requested: \$125,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to remove, relocate, and replace outdated playground equipment in Long Lake Park. The County also will build a pathway accessible to people with disabilities across the park to the lake, connecting parking, the community center, playground, restrooms, and a swimming beach. Kitsap County will contribute \$125,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1974)

Snohomish County
Developing Carousel Ranch Community Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build a synthetic turf field in Carousel Ranch Community Park, in the town of Maltby. The field will support multiple sports including, baseball, softball, soccer, football, and lacrosse, as well as leisure play. The County also will add new lights and soccer nets. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$1.5 million in cash and potentially a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1696)

Lake Stevens

Grant Requested: \$126,148

Building Walking Paths and Parking in Frontier Heights Park

The City of Lake Stevens will use this grant to build a half-mile pathway and parking area in Frontier Heights Park. The City will build the 10-foot wide circular pathway along the perimeter of the 6.2-acre park as well as improve the drainage, add landscaping, and install benches and picnic tables. The proposed park is the only neighborhood park on the northwest side of State Route 9. Lake Stevens will contribute \$126,149. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1454)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Outdoor Recreation Account
State Lands Development and Renovation Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Dan Haws, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Twenty project proposals in the State Lands Development and Renovation category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
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Resolution: 2018-22

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The State Lands Development and Renovation category provides funds for projects that involve development and renovation of public access facilities on existing state recreation lands. Typical facilities include campsites, fishing piers, interpretive trails, boating access, picnic sites, and wildlife viewing blinds.

The State Lands Development and Renovation category receives ten percent or \$3 million (whichever is less) of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Outdoor Recreation Account.

Program Summary

There were three changes to the State Lands Development and Renovation category this year. The board modified the control and tenure policy for developments associated with state-owned aquatic lands. There were updates to the public access policy for both recreation and conservation lands. And, the board added the firearms and archery range safety policy for all ranges funded with board grants. A summary of the State Lands Development category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife
Eligible Project Types	Development and renovation
Funding Limits	Minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$325,000 per project
Match Requirements	None
Public Access	Required
Another Program Characteristic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility • Multi-site projects allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elements must be the same at each site (fishing docks, vault toilets, interpretive kiosk) ○ Sites limited to no more than two adjacent counties ○ Elements must meet capital project criteria ○ No more than \$100,000 per site ○ No more than five sites per project

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Twenty State Lands Development and Renovation category projects, requesting \$4.7 million, were evaluated by members of the WWRP State Lands Development Advisory Committee between August 6 and August 27, 2018, through a written evaluation process. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include state and local agency representatives and citizens who are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to outdoor recreation. The following members participated this year:

Advisory Committee Members	Representing
Kurt Danison, Okanogan	Citizen
Bill Grimes, Spokane	Citizen
Peter Sherrill, Bellevue	Citizen
Amanda Tainio, Spokane Valley	Citizen
Perry Barrett, Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	Local Agency
Mary McCluskey, City of Poulsbo	Local Agency
Sharon Swan, Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department	Local Agency
Shane Belson, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency
Rex Hapala, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency
Michael Hankinson, State Parks and Recreation	State Agency

Using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), a team of ten evaluators reviewed and ranked the projects. The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

During the post-evaluation meeting on September 7, staff met with the WWRP State Lands Development Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical review and evaluation process, and the scoring results. The advisory committee felt the process was organized and efficient. They were satisfied with the materials provided and felt reviewing projects using the online links made the job easier. They were confident in the resulting ranked list.

Advisors considered and discussed with staff why the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) projects appear to score higher than those submitted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Advisory committee members believe two key factors are that DNR often provides matching resources and their proposals are typically located closer to urban areas, which makes it easier to demonstrate need. The committee discussed whether this places WDFW proposals, which involve access sites in eastern Washington, at a disadvantage. After the meeting, advisory committee member, Shane Belson with WDFW provided RCO staff with some data that could help staff with its analysis of whether funds in this category are supporting needed improvements to public access sites across the state.

Public Comment

There are several letters of support or concern for State Lands Development and Renovation projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-22.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-22, including *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*

- B. State Map for State Lands Development and Renovation Category projects
- C. State Lands Development and Renovation Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. State Lands Development and Renovation Category Projects, Evaluation Summary, 2019-21
- E. State Lands Development and Renovation Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-22
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Lands Development and Renovation Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twenty State Lands Development and Renovation category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all twenty State Lands Development and Renovation category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10a, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program-Outdoor Recreation Account*, and

WHEREAS, these State Lands Development and Renovation category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and local and state agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve development and renovation of public access sites on state lands, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of State Lands Development and Renovation category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

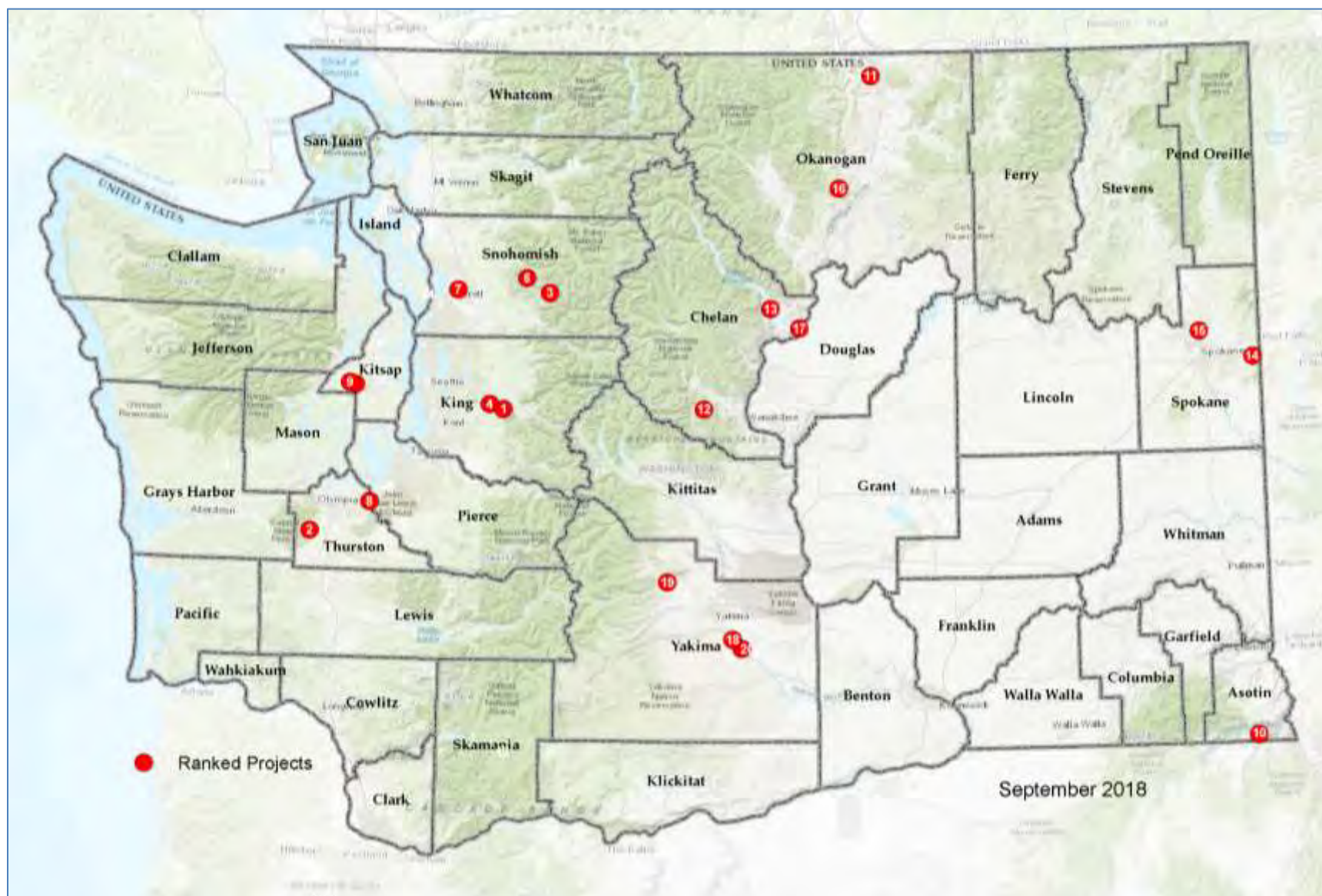
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Table 1: State Lands Development and Renovation Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-22

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	58.00	18-1446D	Raging River State Forest Phase 3 Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$640,000	\$320,000
2	57.50	18-1949D	McKenny Camp and Trailhead Renovation and Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$146,300	\$8,500	\$154,800	\$466,300
3	56.20	18-1860D	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Boulder-Greider	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$286,315	\$25,150	\$311,465	\$752,615
4	55.30	18-1733D	Tiger Mountain State Forest View Shelter and Trail Connections	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$325,000	\$206,500	\$531,500	\$1,077,615
5	55.00	18-1447D	Green Mountain State Forest Phase 1 Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$140,000	\$460,000	\$1,397,615
6	54.40	18-1614D	Morning Star Sustainable Backcountry Toilets	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$216,000	\$20,150	\$236,150	\$1,613,615
7	53.90	18-1951D	Ebey Island Recreation Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$232,000		\$232,000	\$1,845,615
8	53.40	18-1457D	Nisqually River Water Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$290,000		\$290,000	\$2,135,615
9	52.30	18-1610D	Lake Tahuya Public Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$310,000		\$310,000	\$2,445,615
10	52.20	18-1181D	Shumaker Grade and Snyder Bar Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$260,000		\$260,000	\$2,705,615
11	51.90	18-1724D	Blue Lake (Wannacut) Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$223,000		\$223,000	\$2,928,615
12	49.80	18-1603D	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$62,760		\$62,760	\$2,991,375
13	49.60	18-1965D	Roses Lake Access Redevelopment Phase 2	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$3,316,375
14	47.00	18-2058D	Liberty Lake Public Access Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$89,000		\$89,000	\$3,405,375
15	46.50	18-2045D	Little Spokane River Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$178,000		\$178,000	\$3,583,375
16	46.20	18-1727D	Buzzard Lake Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$183,000		\$183,000	\$3,766,375
17	46.00	18-1712D	Beebe Springs Facilities Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$3,966,375
18	44.50	18-2224D	Pond 1, 2, 3, and 6 Toilet Replacement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$251,000		\$251,000	\$4,217,375
19	43.40	18-2048D	Oak Creek Elk Viewing Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$196,490		\$196,490	\$4,413,865
20	42.60	18-1831D	Pond 4 and 5 Fishing Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$320,000		\$320,000	\$4,733,865
					\$4,733,865	\$720,300	\$5,454,165	

State Map for State Lands Development and Renovation Category Projects



State Lands Development and Renovation Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

This project category is reserved for the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources for development and/or renovation of state recreation lands.¹

State Lands Development and Renovation Criteria Summary					
Scored by	#	Question	Project Type	Maximum Points	Focus*
Advisory Committee	1	Public Need	Development and Renovation	20	State
Advisory Committee	2	Site Suitability and Design	Development and Renovation	15	Technical
Advisory Committee	3	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Development and Renovation	10	State
Advisory Committee	4	Diversity and Compatibility	Development and Renovation	10	State
Advisory Committee	5	Performance Measure	Development and Renovation	5	State
Advisory Committee	6	Public Benefit	Development and Renovation	5	State
RCO Staff	7	Population Proximity	Development and Renovation	1	State
Total Points Possible: 66					

* Focus: Criteria orientation in accordance with the following priorities:

- State – those that meet general statewide needs (often called for in Revised Codes of Washington or the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP))
- Technical – those that meet technical considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy).

¹ Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.050

Scoring Criteria, State Lands Development and Renovation Category

Team Scored Criteria

1. **Public need.**
Considering the availability and use of existing facilities within the service area, what is the need for new or improved facilities?
2. **Site Suitability and Design.**
Does the project demonstrate good design criteria; does it make the best use of the site?
3. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship** *Board Resolution 2014-06*
Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
4. **Diversity of and Compatibility of Recreational Uses.**
To what extent does this project provide diversity of possible recreational uses?
5. **Outcome-Focused Performance Measures.**
To what extent does the project result in measurable progress toward goals and objectives for the recreation or access area?
6. **Public Benefit and Project Support.**
To what extent does this project result in measurable benefits for the community impacted as a result of this development or renovation?

Scored by RCO Staff

7. **Proximity to Human Populations.** *RCW 79A.25.250*
Is the project in a populated area?

Evaluation Scores
State Lands Development and Renovation Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
		Public Need	Site Suitability and Design	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Diversity and Compatibility	Performance Measure	Public Benefit and Project Support	Population Proximity	
1	Raging River State Forest Phase 3 Trail System Expansion	17.6	13.2	8.2	9.0	4.2	4.8	1.0	58.0
2	McKenny Camp and Trailhead Renovation and Expansion	18.0	12.9	8.8	8.6	3.6	4.6	1.0	57.5
3	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Boulder-Greider Bridges	16.4	14.1	9.2	7.0	3.8	4.7	1.0	56.2
4	Tiger Mountain State Forest View Shelter and Trail Connections	16.8	11.4	8.2	8.8	4.2	4.9	1.0	55.3
5	Green Mountain State Forest Phase 1 Trail System Expansion	15.6	13.2	8.0	8.8	3.9	4.5	1.0	55.0
6	Morning Star Sustainable Backcountry Toilets	16.4	13.5	9.0	6.2	3.9	4.4	1.0	54.4
7	Ebey Island Recreation Access Development	18.4	11.7	7.4	8.4	3.4	3.6	1.0	53.9
8	Nisqually River Water Access Redevelopment	17.6	11.7	7.4	7.8	4.1	3.8	1.0	53.4
9	Lake Tahuya Public Access Development	16.8	11.4	7.0	8.0	4.2	3.9	1.0	52.3
10	Shumaker Grade and Snyder Bar Access Improvements	16.0	12.0	8.4	8.4	3.6	3.8	0.0	52.2
11	Blue Lake (Wannacut) Access Development	15.2	12.9	7.6	8.4	4.0	3.8	0.0	51.9
12	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve	15.2	12.3	9.0	6.6	3.7	3.0	0.0	49.8
13	Roses Lake Access Redevelopment Phase 2	14.8	12.0	8.0	7.2	3.6	4.0	0.0	49.6
14	Liberty Lake Public Access Renovation	15.6	11.4	6.6	6.6	3.1	2.7	1.0	47.0
15	Little Spokane River Access Development	14.4	11.4	6.8	6.4	3.3	3.2	1.0	46.5
16	Buzzard Lake Access Development	13.6	11.7	6.6	7.4	3.8	3.1	0.0	46.2
17	Beebe Springs Facilities Development	14.0	12.0	7.2	6.8	3.1	2.9	0.0	46.0
18	Pond 1, 2, 3, and 6 Toilet Replacement	14.4	11.1	7.2	6.2	3.0	2.6	0.0	44.5
19	Oak Creek Elk Viewing Improvements	12.8	11.1	6.4	6.4	3.6	3.1	0.0	43.4
20	Pond 4 and 5 Fishing Access Improvements	14.4	9.9	6.4	6.0	3.1	2.8	0.0	42.6

Evaluators score Questions 1-6; RCO staff scores Question 7.

State Lands Development and Renovation Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-2021

Washington Department of Natural Resources Building Trails in Raging River State Forest

Grant Requested: \$320,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 10 miles of trail in Raging River State Forest, about 20 miles east of Seattle, expanding the opportunities for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. The new trails will give visitors a safer alternative to using service roads, further develop a Mountains to Sound Greenway trail system, add under-served downhill mountain biking trails, and provide access to an area without trails, predominantly for people riding horses. This is the third of four phases. This project is supported by the *Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan*, a public planning process completed in 2015 with widespread support from user groups, recreation nonprofit organizations, public advisory committees, and nearby communities. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$320,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, materials, potentially a grant from the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities program, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1446)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Improving the Margaret McKenny Campground and Trailhead

Grant Requested: \$146,300

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve and further develop the Margaret McKenny Campground and Trailhead in Capitol State Forest, near Olympia. The department will build four new campsites, repave roads, enlarge trailhead parking, and install a septic system at the campground host site. The work will reduce routine maintenance costs, improve the experience for visitors, and help meet the increasing demand for parking and overnight camping. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$8,500 in staff labor and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1949)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Installing Bridges in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Requested: \$286,315

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to install three bridges in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, in east Snohomish County. The bridges will be on the Boulder-Greider trail system, which accesses campgrounds at Little Greider Lake, Big Greider Lake, and Boulder Lake. The Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area provides backcountry hiking and primitive camping opportunities for recreation users from all over Washington and beyond. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$25,150 in a state appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1860)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Building Trails and a View Shelter in Tiger Mountain State Forest

Grant Requested: \$325,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop a shelter with sweeping views of Mount Rainier and to build 6 miles of trail in east Tiger Mountain State Forest, about 25 miles east of Seattle. The new trails will fill gaps in the trail system and link to other equestrian, hiking, and mountain biking trails. The new trails will give users an improved experience and safer alternative than using service roads. The viewpoint shelter will provide weather protection, a resting location, and event space. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$206,500 in a state appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1733)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Building Trails in Green Mountain State Forest

Grant Requested: \$320,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop 14 miles of trail in Green Mountain State Forest, about 18 miles southwest of the Silverdale-Bremerton area. The new trails will expand opportunities for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians and give visitors a safer and less congested experience on the mountain. The department will renovate and re-route 4 miles of trail and develop 10 miles of new trail, effectively doubling the miles of existing trail. The renovated and re-routed trails will disperse users out of busy trailheads and protect a sensitive stream and wetland. The new trails will improve trail connections and provide access into remote areas of the state forest. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$140,000 in a state appropriation, staff labor, materials, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1447)

Washington Department of Natural Resources
Adding Backcountry Toilets in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Requested: \$216,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to add backcountry toilets in the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area, in east Snohomish County. The department will add the toilets at five campgrounds: Beaver Plant Lake, Upper Ashland Lake, Lower Ashland Lake, Little Greider Lake, and Big Greider Lake campgrounds. The Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area provides backcountry hiking and primitive camping opportunities for recreation users from all over Washington and beyond. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$20,150 in a state appropriation and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1614)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Developing Ebey Island Recreation Area

Grant Requested: \$232,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Ebey Island Unit in the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area in Snohomish County. The department will build a hand-carry boat launch and landing, develop a gravel parking lot, and install fences and gates. The area is used for hunting, non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, and photography. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1951)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Renovating the Nisqually River Water Access Site**

Grant Requested: \$290,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop the water access site known as the Nisqually Handicap Water Access Site on the Nisqually River in Thurston County. The department will install a new toilet, renovate the pathways, repair the fishing rail and rod holders, replace the fishing shelter, place riprap or sheet pile edging on the river, renovate the parking area, place barrier rocks, and install fences and wheel stops. The site is used for fishing from the bank, wildlife viewing, and photography. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1457)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Creating Access to Lake Tahuya**

Grant Requested: \$310,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife use will this grant to develop a water access site, where no public access exists, on Lake Tahuya, the third largest lake in Kitsap County. The department will develop a launch for small boats and build a parking lot. The department also will install a kiosk, fences, signs, an entry gate, and a toilet. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1610)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving Shumaker Grade and Snyder Bar Water Access Sites**

Grant Requested: \$260,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate two water access sites in the Chief Joseph Wildlife Area along the Grande Ronde River in Asotin County. Work will be done in the Snyder Bar and Shumaker Grade Access sites. The department will install toilets, formalize primitive campsites, improve hand-launch sites, renovate parking areas, and improve trail surfacing. The sites are used for rafting, kayaking, fishing, hunting, camping, sightseeing, and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1181)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Renovating the Blue Lake Access Site**

Grant Requested: \$223,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Blue Lake water access site about 5 miles southwest of Oroville. The department will renovate the hand-launch area and parking, build pathways, and install a fishing platform, toilet, signs, barrier rocks, and wood fences. The site is used for boating, wildlife viewing, and fishing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1724)

**Washington Department of Natural Resources
Developing an Interpretive Trail in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve**

Grant Requested: \$62,760

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a short trail in Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve, in Chelan County. The department will build a trail, less than 1 mile long, and install an informational kiosk and five interpretive signs. The self-guided educational trail

will give visitors a chance to see rare plants and wildlife. Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve contains the largest known populations of Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow, which are listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, and Wenatchee larkspur, which is a federal species of concern and listed as threatened with extinction by the State. In addition to these two species, the proposed trail will provide an opportunity to see 220 native plant species and more than 120 species of native birds. There is no formal public access at this preserve, and this trail will give visitors a self-guided opportunity to learn about Washington's unique natural heritage in a beautiful setting. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1603)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping the Roses Lake Access Site**

Grant Requested: \$325,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a new fishing dock, renovate pathways to shoreline fishing spots, and upgrade two fishing spots for people with disabilities at the Roses Lake public access site, just north of Lake Chelan and the town of Manson. This is the second phase of the site's redevelopment. The site is used for fishing from the shore and dock. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1965)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Renovating the Liberty Lake Public Access Site**

Grant Requested: \$89,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Liberty Lake access site, east of Spokane. The department will replace the decking, benches, and railing of the heavily used shore fishing platform to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The department also will seal and stripe the parking area. The site is used for fishing and water viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2058)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Redeveloping a Trail to the Little Spokane River**

Grant Requested: \$178,000

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to redevelop a walking trail system that runs to the Little Spokane River from north of downtown Spokane in the Fairwood neighborhood. Working on land known as Waikiki Springs, the department will renovate the trailhead and parking area, upgrade the trail system routes, install an informational kiosk and a split rail fence, lay woody materials to protect sensitive areas, and restore part of the eroded hillside. The site is used for hiking and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2045)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Renovating the Buzzard Lake Access Site**

Grant Requested: \$183,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Buzzard Lake water access site in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, northwest of Okanogan. The department will install a toilet, renovate the parking area, improve paths, and renovate the hand-launch boat area on the

lake. The site is used for boating, wildlife viewing, and fishing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1727)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Adding a Toilet to the Beebe Springs Area

Grant Requested: \$200,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a new toilet in the Beebe Springs Unit of the Chelan Wildlife Area, 2 miles southeast of Chelan. The department will move one toilet away from the highway and install a second toilet on the north end of the unit. The site is used for hiking, wildlife viewing, and fishing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1712)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Replacing Toilets in Yakima County

Grant Requested: \$251,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace toilets at Ponds 1, 2, 3, and 6 in the Sunnyside Wildlife Area in lower Yakima County. Located near the population centers of Yakima County along Interstate 82, these public access sites are popular for many anglers, wildlife viewers, and boaters. The restrooms do not accommodate people with disabilities, are a safety risk, and are well past their life spans. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2224)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving Oak Creek's Elk Viewing Area

Grant Requested: \$196,490

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Oak Creek Wildlife Area visitor's center off U.S. Route 12, east of Naches in Yakima County. The department will renovate the restrooms on the outside of the visitor center, replace an additional two toilets, pave the area, and replace safety fencing. The department also will renovate the feed truck loading area so people with disabilities can ride the trucks used to feed hay to the elk during the winter. The site is used to view wintering elk. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2048)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Improving the Fishing Access Site at Ponds 4 and 5

Grant Requested: \$320,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Pond 4 and 5 public access site in the Sunnyside Wildlife Area, in lower Yakima County. The department will upgrade the toilets to be accessible to people with disabilities and pave the hand-launch area and fishing dock. The existing dock has surpassed its useful life and the site does not have a place to launch kayaks and canoes by hand. Boaters drag their boats down a steep bank to the water's edge. To providing the hand-launch site, the department will slope the banks and provide more bank fishing. Pond 4 and 5 is open all year. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1831)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Outdoor Recreation Account
State Parks Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Karl Jacobs, Senior Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Eighteen project proposals in the State Parks category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, review and evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-23

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The State Parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funds for acquiring and developing active and passive outdoor recreation areas. Facilities may include campgrounds, fishing sites, picnic areas, swim beaches, trails, and support amenities including administrative and maintenance structures.

The State Parks category receives thirty percent of the funds in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Outdoor Recreation Account. Fifty percent of the funds allocated in this category must be used for acquisition.¹ Meeting this statutory requirement may require skipping higher-ranked development projects in favor of acquisition projects.

Program Summary

There were changes to the State Parks category that went into effect this year. The changes involved adding the conferral requirement for acquisition projects to ensure transparency with local jurisdictions, updating the public access policy by incorporating appropriate exceptions, allocating of up to 50 percent of the funds for acquisitions, and modifying the control and tenure policy for aquatic lands.

¹ [Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.050\(2\)\(a\)](#) and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-52

A summary of this WWRP category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicant	State Parks and Recreation Commission only
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development • Combination projects (acquisition and development) • Renovation is not eligible
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limits
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required
Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Property acquired or developed must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Eighteen State Parks category projects, requesting over \$22.7 million, were evaluated by members of the WWRP State Parks Advisory Committee in Olympia. As shown in the following table, the advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, included five State Parks staff, three individuals representing local government, and two citizen volunteers. The members have expertise and experience in planning, land use issues, parks and recreation resource management, engineering, and design.

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Mike Poier, Olympia	Citizen
Cecilia Vogt, Yakima	Citizen
Rocklynn Culp, Town of Winthrop	Local Agency
Mary Dodsworth, City of Lakewood	Local Agency
Ken Wilkinson, City of Yakima	Local Agency
Tim Bell, Olympia	State Parks
Ken Graham, Olympia	State Parks
Bob Gratias, Olympia	State Parks
Janet Shonk, Lakebay	State Parks
Sam Wotipka, Olympia	State Parks

Advisory committee members reviewed the project proposals in an open public meeting and scored the projects using board-adopted evaluation criteria on August 9-10, 2018. At the July 11-12 State Parks Commission meeting in Vancouver, the Commission scored the board-adopted evaluation criterion that addresses how well a project implements the Commission's priorities. The Commission's score was combined with the advisory committee's scores to create a ranked list for board consideration. The results are shown in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

As indicated by the footnote in Table 1, State Parks has withdrawn the last ranked project because there is no longer a willing seller. The WWRP statute defines acquisition as “the purchase on a willing seller basis of fee or less than fee interests in real property.”²

Review of the Evaluation Process and Criteria

During the post evaluation meeting on August 30, State Parks Advisory Committee members provided feedback on the review and evaluation process. They were satisfied with the results. They noted the overall ranking of trail projects in this category continues to reflect the need for providing recreation facilities that serve recreationists of all ages and abilities. Advisors spoke about the value of technical review and expressed their appreciation to State Parks staff for using the review meeting feedback to improve their project proposals.

While the evaluation criteria works well, there were suggestions for making changes. For example, advisors think the *Public Need and Need Satisfaction* criterion needs expanding to include safety or addressing a significant safety issue. They were intrigued by some of the demographic measures in the state plan and suggested it might be helpful to add “underserved populations” to the *Need* criterion. They thought the *Partnerships or Match* criterion overlaps too much with *Project Support* and questioned whether, 1) the partners need to make a financial contribution to the project, and 2) if the match portion of the criterion needs to become an RCO staff scored question. Evaluators had some additional thoughts about the *Sustainability* criterion. They were fairly comfortable with considering financial or economic sustainability, which seemed to be easier to score, than some of the more complex environmental considerations.

Overall, the advisory committee was satisfied with the process and with the results. They encouraged staff to set the schedule early so they can get the review and evaluation meeting dates on their calendars. And, suggested staff provide an electronic (.pdf) version of the application in advance of the evaluation meeting.

Public Comment

There are letters of support or concern for State Parks category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board’s strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board’s strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board’s goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-23.

²Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.010(1)

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will make final approval and funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-23, including Table 1 – WWRP – State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21
- B. State Map for State Parks Category Projects
- C. State Parks Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. State Parks Category Projects, Evaluation Summary, 2019-21
- E. State Parks Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-23
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, seventeen State Parks category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all seventeen State Parks category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these State Parks category projects were evaluated by a team comprised of State Parks staff, local agency representatives, and a citizen volunteer using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve acquisition and development of properties for public outdoor recreation, thereby supporting priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor this ranked list of State Parks category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: State Parks Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-23

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	76.40	18-1839A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	75.43	18-1480A	Moran State Park Wilcox Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,226,800	\$409,600	\$1,636,400	\$2,226,800
3	74.17	18-1510D	Dosewallips River Campsite Relocation	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,513,892	\$225,000	\$1,738,892	\$3,740,692
4	73.03	18-1840D	Palouse to Cascades Connection Malden and Rosalia	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,741,699	\$80,000	\$1,821,699	\$5,482,391
5	72.17	18-1844D	Kopachuck Beach Area Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,236,000		\$1,236,000	\$6,718,391
6	72.03	18-1843D	Palouse to Cascade Tekoa Trestle Deck and Rails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,633,119	\$83,775	\$1,716,894	\$8,351,510
7	71.00	18-1760D	Willapa Hills Trail Development 6 Miles Raymond to Menlo	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,994,000		\$1,994,000	\$10,345,510
8	68.17	18-1845D	North Head Lighthouse Access Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$429,440	\$10,600	\$440,040	\$10,774,950
9	65.40	18-1703A	Spring Bay Property Obstruction Pass State Park	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,899,475	\$500	\$1,899,975	\$12,674,425
10	59.53	18-1942A	Mount Spokane Day Mountain Inholding	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$698,705		\$698,705	\$13,373,130
11	59.07	18-1890A	Flaming Geyser Nelson Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$914,000		\$914,000	\$14,287,130
12	59.00	18-1891A	Green River Gorge Butt Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$873,000		\$873,000	\$15,160,130

13	58.50	18-1842A	Miller Peninsula Jones Trust Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,041,898	\$1,000	\$1,042,898	\$16,202,028
14	58.40	18-1704A	Youngren Property Moran State Park	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$474,000	\$500	\$474,500	\$16,676,028
15	57.47	18-2038D	Lake Wenatchee Pedestrian Bridge	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$3,092,000		\$3,092,000	\$19,768,028
16	56.43	18-1892C	Haley Property Initial Park Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,517,055		\$1,517,055	\$21,285,083
17	54.73	18-1841A	Willapa Hills Trail Marwood Farms	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$744,102		\$744,102	\$22,029,185
18	53.50	18-2037A	Joemma Beach Camp Taylor Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$710,000		\$710,000	\$22,739,185
					\$22,739,185	\$810,975	\$23,550,160	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination D=development

State Map for State Parks Category Projects



State Parks Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

This project category is reserved for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for acquisition and/or development of state parks.³

State Parks Criteria Summary					
Score		Question	Project Type	Maximum Points Possible	Focus*
Advisory Committee	1	Public Need and Need Satisfaction	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	2	Project Significance	All	15	Agency
Advisory Committee	3	Threat and Impact	Acquisition	10	State
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development	10	Technical
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	5	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	6	Expansion/Phased Project	All	15	State
Advisory Committee	7	Project Support	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	8	Partnership or Match	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	9	Readiness to Proceed	All	10	Agency
State Parks Commission	10	Commission Priorities	All	6	Agency
RCO Staff	11	Proximity to Human Populations	All	3	State
Total Points Possible=89					

*Focus—Criteria orientation in accordance with the following priorities:

- State—those that meet general statewide needs (often called for in Revised Codes of Washington or the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP))
- Agency—those that meet agency needs (usually an item of narrower purview, often called for in the State Parks and Recreation Commission's plans)
- Technical—those that meet technical considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy).

³ Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.050

Scoring Criteria, State Parks Category

Team Scored

1. **Public Need and Need Satisfaction** *Resolution 2016-20*
What is the need for the proposed project? To what extent will the project satisfy the need?
2. **Project Significance**
Describe how this project supports State Parks' strategic goals.
3. **Threat and Impacts**
Describe why it is important to acquire the property now. (Acquisition/Combination only)
4. **Project Design**
Is the project well designed? (Development/Combination only)
5. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship** *Resolution 2016-20*
What techniques or resources are proposed to ensure the project will result in a quality, sustainable, recreational, heritage preservation, or educational opportunity, while protecting the integrity of the environment?
6. **Expansion/Phased Project** *Resolution 2016-20*
Does this project implement an important phase of a previous project, represent an important first phase, or expand or improve an existing site?
7. **Project Support** *Resolution 2016-20*
What is the extent to which the public (statewide, community, or user groups) has been provided with an adequate opportunity to become informed, or support for the project seems apparent?
8. **Partnerships or Match**
Describe how this project supports strategic partnerships or leverages matching funds.
9. **Readiness to Proceed** *Resolution 2016-20*
Describe the project's timeline. Is the project ready to proceed?

Scored by Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

10. **Commission's Priority** *Resolution 2016-20*
How well does this project implement the commission's priorities?

Scored by RCO Staff

11. **Population Proximity** *RCW 79A.25.250*
Where is this project located with respect to urban growth areas, cities and towns, and county density?

Evaluation Scores
State Parks Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
		Public Need and Need Satisfaction	Project Significance	Threat and Impact ¹		Project Design ¹		Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Expansion/ Phased Project	Project Support	Partnership or Match	Readiness to Proceed	Commission Priorities	Population Proximity	
1	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	4.50	13.20	9.20				9.00	12.60	8.20	3.20	9.00	6.00	1.50	76.40
2	Moran State Park Wilcox Property	4.60	14.10	8.00				7.00	14.40	9.00	5.00	8.00	5.33	0.00	75.43
3	Dosewallips River Campsite Relocation	4.30	12.90			8.80		9.20	14.10	8.00	4.20	8.00	4.67	0.00	74.17
4	Palouse to Cascades Connection Malden and Rosalia	4.60	13.50			9.20		7.20	12.90	9.00	4.50	7.80	4.33	0.00	73.03
5	Kopachuck Beach Area Improvements	4.60	13.20			8.60		7.60	12.60	8.20	3.60	6.60	5.67	1.50	72.17
6	Palouse to Cascade Tekoa Trestle Deck and Rails	4.70	14.40			8.40		7.60	13.20	9.00	4.40	7.00	3.33	0.00	72.03
7	Willapa Hills Trail Development 6 Miles Raymond to Menlo	4.40	12.90			8.00		7.60	13.20	9.20	3.90	6.80	5.00	0.00	71.00
8	North Head Lighthouse Access Improvements	4.70	13.50			8.40		8.00	13.20	8.60	3.70	7.40	0.67	0.00	68.17
9	Spring Bay Property Obstruction Pass State Park	4.30	12.60	7.20				7.00	12.30	7.80	3.40	6.80	4.00	0.00	65.40
10	Mount Spokane Day Mountain Inholding	3.60	10.50	6.40				7.40	11.70	7.80	2.90	7.40	0.33	1.50	59.53
11	Flaming Geyser Nelson Property	3.70	10.80	6.00				6.80	12.60	6.60	2.00	5.40	3.67	1.50	59.07
12	Green River Gorge Butt Property	3.10	10.80	7.60				7.20	11.70	6.20	2.10	5.80	3.00	1.50	59.00
13	Miller Peninsula Jones Trust Acquisition	3.70	11.10	6.40				8.00	8.70	8.40	3.60	6.60	2.00	0.00	58.50
14	Youngren Property Moran State Park	3.50	10.50	6.00				6.80	10.80	8.40	3.60	6.80	2.00	0.00	58.40
15	Lake Wenatchee Pedestrian Bridge	4.70	13.20			7.20		7.20	8.40	6.40	2.50	5.20	2.67	0.00	57.47
16	Haley Property Initial Park Development	4.00	11.10	3.90		3.40		6.20	11.40	6.60	1.00	6.00	1.33	1.50	56.43
17	Willapa Hills Trail Marwood Farms	3.70	10.50	5.60				6.60	9.60	7.80	2.20	6.40	2.33	0.00	54.73
18	Joemma Beach Camp Taylor Property	4.20	12.30	6.40				5.80	9.60	6.40	1.10	5.20	1.00	1.50	53.50

Evaluators score Questions 1-9; State Parks Commission scores Question 10; RCO staff scores Question 11.

¹Acq=acquisition, Combo=combination, Dev=development

State Parks Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Buying Inholdings and Land Next to State Parks

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy high-priority land within or next to state parks. This grant is intended to be a flexible source of funding for smaller, lower-cost, priority purchases that present themselves throughout the biennium. It will allow State Parks to act quickly and opportunistically to purchase land as it comes on the market, and to buy smaller but important land that might not score well as individual competitive grants, but is nonetheless essential to park operations. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1839)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Expanding Moran State Park

Grant Requested: \$1,226,800

State Parks will use this grant to buy 55 acres on the Strait of Georgia next to Moran State Park on Orcas Island. Most of the shoreline along the strait is high-bank and buying this land will allow State Parks to extend the park's trail system and give visitors access to the water, which isn't possible in the park's current boundaries. In addition, visitors will be able to get to this land from the water. Moran State Park is one of Washington's iconic state parks in the San Juan Islands. It is 5,252 acres and offers abundant camping, five freshwater lakes for swimming and non-motorized boating, and more than 30 miles of hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, and equestrian trails. State Parks will contribute \$409,600 in donations of cash and land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1480)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Moving Campsites in Dosewallips State Park

Grant Requested: \$1,513,892

State Parks will use this grant to convert 29 campsites in an underused group camping area to 14 utility campsites and a new restroom in Dosewallips State Park. The group camp is downstream of the U.S. Route 101 bridge and floods regularly, making the campsites unusable in certain seasons and requiring extensive staff time for clean-up. The group camp would be moved to another area of the park. The new utility sites will be designed for year-round use and to accommodate longer recreational vehicles that may be pulling a vehicle or boat. The new restroom will have eight toilets and four showers. Removing the group campsites will allow the Dosewallips River to meander more naturally, providing improved habitat for three federally listed salmon runs. This proposal is part of an extensive, multi-year, multi-phased habitat restoration project that is being conducted in partnership with the Wild Fish Conservancy. State Parks will contribute \$225,000 in a grant from the state salmon recovery program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1510)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Malden and Rosalia via the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail

Grant Requested: \$1,741,699

State Parks will use this grant to grade three trail and road intersections, lay crushed rock on 9 miles of trail, and develop a trailhead in Malden, as part of the Palouse to Cascades State Park

Trail, formerly known as the Iron Horse/John Wayne Pioneer Trail. The work will create a trail for hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders in the east-central Washington and connect the communities of Malden and Rosalia. The existing trail corridor remains in the same condition as when the railroad surplused the land before 1990. The new trail's location near U.S. Route 195 provides easy access for visitors from both Spokane and Pullman. State Parks will contribute \$80,000 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1840)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Improving Kopachuck State Park's Beach

Grant Requested: \$1,236,000

State Parks will use this grant to design and build beach access in Kopachuck State Park, a 114-acre park on Puget Sound's Henderson Bay, southwest of Gig Harbor. State Parks will build a restroom, walkways, scenic viewpoints, a picnic plaza, a pocket beach, and marine campsites. These new day-use facilities are expect to attract thousands of visitors annually to Kopachuck. This is the second phase in the redevelopment of this park. Currently, access to the beach is challenging if not impossible because of steep hillsides and trail conditions. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1844)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Renovating a Trestle on the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail

Grant Requested: \$1,633,119

State Parks will use this grant to renovate a 975-foot-long historic trestle that connects two portions of the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail separated by a large valley, State Route 270, Hangman Creek, and the town of Tekoa. State Parks will remove the ties, install a concrete deck and safety railings, perform minor structural repairs, smooth out the trail approaches to the trestle, and install interpretive and directional signs. Completing this work will fill a missing link and connect about 5.5 miles of trail east of the trestle with 28.5 miles of trail west of the trestle resulting in a contiguous 34-mile trail experience stretching from Malden to the Idaho border. State Parks will contribute \$83,775 in equipment use and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1843)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Improving the Willapa Hills Trail Between Raymond and Menlo

Grant Requested: \$1,994,000

State Parks will use this grant to improve 6 miles of the Willapa Hills Trail between Raymond and Menlo. State Parks will lay compacted gravel, move a section of the trail away from the Willapa River shoreline and closer to Bridge 48, repair some of the bridge, add signs, and install an improved trailhead with a kiosk and toilet at Menlo. The Willapa Hills Trail runs 56.5 miles on an abandoned rail line from Chehalis to South Bend. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1760)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Making the North Head Lighthouse Route Accessible to People with Disabilities

Grant Requested: \$429,440

State Parks will use this grant to design and construct a route and viewpoint that are accessible to people with disabilities to the North Head Lighthouse in Cape Disappointment State Park, in

Pacific County. State Parks also will create a seating area, install signs, replant unofficial trails, and improve the storm water collection system. North Head Lighthouse is one of the most photographed sites in Washington. Sitting on a cliff above the Pacific Ocean with views to the mouth of the Columbia River, it is a premier destination with more than a half-million visitors annually. Currently there is no route or viewpoint for people with disabilities to experience the lighthouse and its stunning views. State Parks will contribute \$10,600 in donations of cash from the Friends of the Columbia River Gateway and Keepers of the North Head Lighthouse. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1845)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Expanding Obstruction Pass State Park

Grant Requested: \$1,899,475

State Parks will use this grant to buy 55.5 acres next to Obstruction Pass State Park on Orcas Island in San Juan County. Nearly doubling the size of the park, the land will allow for trail connections and will extend the public shoreline to Spring Bay. All of the shoreline in Obstruction State Park is high-bank and buying this land will enable State Parks to provide access for visitors to walk to the water. Obstruction Pass State Park is an 80-acre park with parking, about 3.5 miles of trails, nine primitive campsites, one Cascade Marine Trail campsite, three restrooms, mooring buoys, and more than 1 mile of publicly owned saltwater shoreline. State Parks will contribute \$500 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1703)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Buying Land within Mount Spokane State Park

Grant Requested: \$698,705

State Parks will use this grant to buy 160 acres inside Mount Spokane State Park. The land is surrounded by State Park property and contains a road, several recreation trails, and quality wildlife habitat. The land previously was logged and is the site of a 1962 plane crash. At 14,000 acres, Mount Spokane is the largest state park in Washington. It hosts a variety of winter and summer activities including hiking, cycling, horseback riding, Nordic skiing, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1942)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Expanding Flaming Geyser State Park

Grant Requested: \$914,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy 37 acres next to Flaming Geyser State Park, in the Green River Gorge. In addition to protecting views of the gorge, purchase of the land will ensure continued use of a park trail that runs through it and will provide opportunities to improve the park's administrative facilities. The land's well also may be used to provide a much-needed water system for the park. The park does not have potable water, and State Parks has been bringing water in by truck for several years. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1890)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Buying Land in the Green River Gorge

Grant Requested: \$873,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy 34 acres next to the Green River Gorge Conservation Area for a north rim trail between Kanaskat-Palmer State Park and other state park land. State Parks has been buying land along the Green River Gorge since the 1960s, both to protect the views from the river and to provide recreational opportunities. State Parks would like to build a trail along the north rim but the land it owns there is too steep. Much of the nearby land already is developed, so this purchase may be the only way to ensure a north rim trail. Additionally, the land provides access to two other State Park properties and is used for rescue operations on the Green River. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1891)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Expanding Miller Peninsula State Park

Grant Requested: \$1,041,898

State Parks will use this grant to buy 21 acres next to Miller Peninsula State Park, near Sequim. The land is next to the northwest corner of the park and contains a forest, a quarter-mile of shoreline, and a small stream in a ravine. This would be one of the few places along the north side of park where it might be possible to build access to the beach because much of the existing state park has very high banks. Miller Peninsula State Park encompasses about 2,800 acres of the north Olympic Peninsula and includes an extensive trail system popular with hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and wildlife viewers. State Parks will contribute \$1,000 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1842)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Expanding Moran State Park on the West

Grant Requested: \$474,000

State Parks will use this grant to buy 80 acres next to the western boundary of Moran State Park on Orcas Island in San Juan County. Purchasing the land will allow State Parks to protect the views and increase the trail network on the west side of the park. In the future, State Parks plans to build a trailhead there to relieve congestion during peak periods. Moran State Park is one of Washington's iconic state parks in the San Juan Islands. It is 5,252 acres and offers abundant camping, five freshwater lakes for swimming and non-motorized boating, and more than 30 miles of hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, and horseback riding trails. State Parks will contribute \$500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1704)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Building a Pedestrian Bridge in Lake Wenatchee State Park

Grant Requested: \$3,092,000

State Parks will use this grant to design and build a bridge over the Wenatchee River in Lake Wenatchee State Park. The bridge will allow visitors to move freely between the more developed southern portion and the more natural northern portion of the park, without having to walk along a 1-mile stretch of the dangerous State Route 207. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2038)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Beginning Development of the Haley Property****Grant Requested: \$1,517,055**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 50 acres next to the undeveloped Haley property and develop a trailhead and a trail to the beach. The Haley property was acquired in the late 1970s and early 1980s, but has not yet been developed for public access. This project will provide the first developed facilities in the park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1892)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Expanding the Willapa Hills Trail Near Rainbow Falls State Park****Grant Requested: \$744,102**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 178 acres along the Chehalis River near Ceres Hill Road for the Willapa Hills Trail. Located about 6.5 miles east of Rainbow Falls State Park, the land will give trail users and visitors a place to camp, use a restroom, picnic, and get to the Chehalis River. The Willapa Hills Trail runs 56.5 miles from Chehalis to South Bend. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1841)

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Expanding Joemma Beach State Park****Grant Requested: \$710,000**

State Parks will use this grant to buy a 20-acre former youth camp next to Joemma Beach State Park. The park has a small campground with primitive campsites and inadequate parking. Buying the land will allow State Parks to move the campground further east to accommodate recreational vehicle camping and remake the current campground into better parking and facilities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2037)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM**Meeting Date:** October 17-18, 2018**Title:** Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Outdoor Recreation Account:
Trails Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21**Prepared By:** Brian Carpenter, Outdoor Grants Manager**Summary**

Thirty-four project proposals in the Trails category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, review and evaluation process, and the ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list that becomes the basis for grant funding after legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item is a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-24**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.**Background**

The Trails category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funds for community and regional pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian or cross-country ski trails. The intent of this funding source is to construct, renovate, and secure right-of-way for statewide, regional, and community-oriented recreational trails that provide linkages between communities or other trails.

Trails in this category must be for non-motorized recreational use and cannot be part of a city, street, or county road ("roadway") such as a sidewalk, unprotected road shoulder, or any other area on the roadway such as a designated bike or combination bike and pedestrian lane. Trails located adjacent to a roadway must be separated by space and potentially physical barriers to ensure a quality recreational experience¹.

Grant funds also may be used to construct necessary support infrastructure such as trailheads, restrooms, picnic areas, or viewing areas that are directly related to an existing or proposed public trail. Trails in this category may have either hard or natural surfacing.

The Trails category receives twenty percent of the funds from the Outdoor Recreation Account.

¹When the space is less than 10', there must be a physical barrier.

Program Summary

Since the last grant round, the board approved a number of modifications to the WWRP Trails category for this grant cycle. The modifications were made in response to requests from staff, advisory committee members, and stakeholders.

To promote transparency, reduce potential conflicts, and help ensure funded projects can be implemented as proposed, the legislature incorporated a statutory requirement that sponsors must confer with each site's local jurisdiction when purchasing property rights. In addition, the board modified the control and tenure policy for aquatic lands, adopted exceptions to the public access policy to clarify and articulate the board's expectations for grant-funded recreation sites, and adopted a new match reduction policy. A summary of this WWRP category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Local and state ² agencies, federally recognized Native American tribes, park districts, and special purpose districts.
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquisition• Development or renovation of existing recreational trails and trailheads• Combination projects involving both acquisition and development/renovation
Funding Limits	No limits
Match Requirements	50 percent match required with the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Match may be reduced for communities in need, underserved populations, counties in need, or communities providing facilities in federal disaster areas.◦ There is no match requirement for state agencies.
Public Access	Required
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must establish planning eligibility.• Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.• Trails must be for nonmotorized use only.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Thirty-four Trails category projects, totaling \$30 million in requested grant funding, were evaluated in-person by twelve members of the WWRP Trails Advisory Committee from August 13-15, 2018, in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, are recognized for their expertise, experience, and technical knowledge related to public recreational trails. The team included the following:

Evaluator	Representing
Dave Bryant, Richland	Citizen
Tom Eksten, Bothell	Citizen
Angie Feser, City of Sammamish	Citizen

² State agencies eligible are Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and Washington State Departments of Enterprise Services, Fish and Wildlife, and Natural Resources.

Greg Fowler, Winthrop	Citizen
Jim Harris, East Wenatchee	Citizen
Roger Giebelhaus, Thurston County Public Works	Local agency
Jillian Marshall, Colville Parks and Recreation Department	Local agency
Lori Moholt-Phillips, Lacey	Local agency
Steve Brand, State Parks and Recreation Commission	State agency
Sam Jarrett, Department of Natural Resources	State agency
Melinda Posner Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	State agency
Ed Spilker, Washington State Department of Transportation	State agency

The Trails Advisory Committee reviewed the project proposals in open public meetings and scored the proposals using evaluation criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 – WWRP, Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

Immediately following the evaluation meeting on August 15 and during the post evaluation meeting on August 30, staff met with the Trails Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results.

The initial discussion focused on evaluation criteria changes made in 2017. The more general *SCORP Priorities* criterion was removed. Underserved population demographics (median income, people of color, people with disabilities, body mass of teens, and the mortality rate) were added as considerations in the first criterion, *Need*. The question now asks more specifically "...how will this project address the priorities for underserved populations and health in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*?" Modification of this criterion made by the board incorporated previous advisory committee feedback suggesting the board reward projects that support health initiatives. There were some challenges with scoring because of inconsistencies in the applicants' use of census tract data, though feedback was generally positive.

This was the second round for using the updated *Scenic Values*, *Water Access*, and *Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat* criteria. Although the separate criteria has helped, some evaluators feel there is still redundancy between the *Scenic Values* criterion and the *Water Access and Views* criterion. A broad range of subjectivity was noted in evaluating *Scenic Values*. The *Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat* criterion is challenging for both applicants and evaluators. As with most grant programs or categories, evaluators feel that sustainability is now a normal permitting requirement and suggested merging the *Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship* criterion with design and only reward applicants who go above and beyond basic requirements.

In summary, the advisory committee felt the process was well-organized, enjoyable, and fair. They were confident in the resulting ranked list and felt that the use of such a diverse team of evaluators seems to compensate for any individual biases for or against specific project proposals. The committee appreciated the in-person technical review, which gave the advisory committee the opportunity to dialogue with the applicants while proposals were still under development, and noted that the quality – and score – were often improved for applicants who took part.

Match Reduction

Implementing match reduction was a major change for this grant round. The policy allows applicants to reduce the required match to as little as 10 percent of the total cost. There were 17 projects that qualified for reduced match in the Trails category. Applicants for 30 percent of the projects used the match reduction policy. Applicants who were eligible for the reduced match, but who provided excess match, did not benefit from the match reduction policy.

Trails Category	Number of Grant Proposals	Applications Qualified for Reduced Match	Applications Using Reduced Match	Total Match Reduction
Acquisition/Combination	5	1	1	\$89,500
Development	29	16	8	\$1,293,149
Total	34	17	9	\$1,382,649

Four of the top five projects were eligible for match reduction. Most notably the top ranked project, which came from one of the most eligible counties in the state, qualifies for the smallest amount of match – 10 percent. This indicates that while match reduction eligibility helps individual sponsors, it does not seem to sway the evaluation results. The sponsors using match reduction collectively benefitted from \$1.38M in match reduction.

Public Comment

There are letters of support or concern for Trails category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities. Projects considered for funding in the Trails category directly support board adopted priorities in *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-24.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the

capital budget. The board will approval the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-24, including Table 1 – *WWRP, Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*
- B. State Map for Trails Category Projects
- C. Trails Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Trails Category Projects, Evaluation Summary, 2019-21
- E. Trails Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-24
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2021 biennium, thirty-four Trails category project proposals are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all thirty-four Trails category project proposals meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Trails category project proposals were evaluated by an independent team of evaluators representing state and local agency agencies and citizens-at-large using evaluation criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire, construct or renovate non-motorized recreational trails, thereby supporting priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*, and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Trails category projects for funding consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: Trails Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

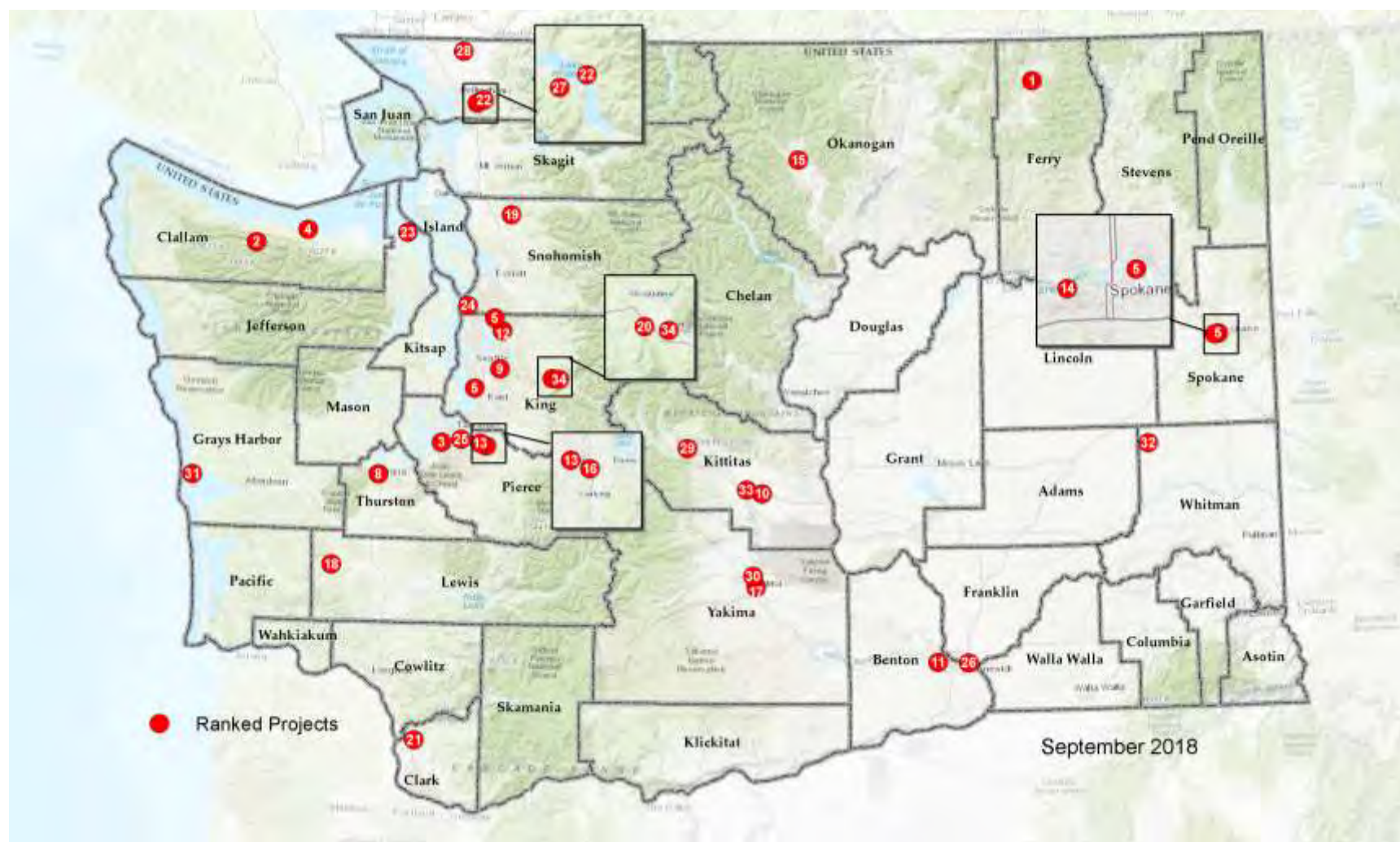
Resolution: 2018-24

Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	72.46	18-1959D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 5	Ferry County	\$376,000	\$45,000	\$421,000	\$376,000
2	71.63	18-1558D	Spruce Railroad Trail Final Phase	Clallam County	\$1,999,950	\$2,185,050	\$4,185,000	\$2,375,950
3	65.79	18-1267D	Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Development	Pierce County	\$709,000	\$709,000	\$1,418,000	\$3,084,950
4	64.83	18-1319D	Olympic Discovery Trail Hill Street Segment	Port Angeles	\$1,421,700	\$609,300	\$2,031,000	\$4,506,650
5	63.04	18-1355D	Non-motorized Bridge at the Park at Bothell Landing	Bothell	\$1,080,300	\$1,278,000	\$2,358,300	\$5,586,950
5	63.04	18-1960D	Don Kardong Bridge Rehabilitation	Spokane	\$726,000	\$726,000	\$1,452,000	\$6,312,950
5	63.04	18-1691D	Lake to Sound Trail Segment C Gap Development	King County	\$600,000	\$1,062,901	\$1,662,901	\$6,912,950
8	62.04	18-1243D	Grass Lake Nature Park Trail Construction	Olympia	\$1,190,000	\$1,645,000	\$2,835,000	\$8,102,950
9	61.88	18-1749D	CrossTown Trail in Lake Boren Park	Newcastle	\$480,775	\$480,775	\$961,550	\$8,583,725
10	61.04	18-2059D	Palouse to Cascade Ellensburg to Renslow Surfacing	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,609,680	\$150,000	\$1,759,680	\$10,193,405
11	59.79	18-1304A	Little Badger Mountain Missing Link Public Ridge Trail	Richland	\$2,350,000	\$2,423,300	\$4,773,300	\$12,543,405
12	59.42	18-1475D	Redmond Central Connector Phase 3	Redmond	\$700,000	\$3,914,000	\$4,614,000	\$13,243,405
13	59.17	18-1699A	Riverwalk Trail Phase 5 Acquisition	Puyallup	\$223,020	\$223,020	\$446,040	\$13,466,425
14	59.13	18-1305D	Glover Park Trail	Spokane	\$1,328,446	\$1,328,446	\$2,656,892	\$14,794,871
15	58.88	18-1667C	Winthrop RiverWalk Phase 2	Winthrop	\$545,000	\$366,000	\$911,000	\$15,339,871
16	58.63	18-1261D	Foothills National Recreation Trail Trailheads Development	Pierce County	\$1,161,428	\$1,161,429	\$2,322,857	\$16,501,299
17	58.58	18-1846D	Yakima River Greenway Trail Expansion	Yakima County	\$698,000	\$315,000	\$1,013,000	\$17,199,299
18	58.13	18-2036D	Willapa Hills Trails Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$635,120	\$10,000	\$645,120	\$17,834,419
19	58.04	18-1946D	Whitehorse Trail Repair and Resurface	Snohomish County	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000	\$18,884,419
20	57.63	18-1604D	Evergreenway Route North Bend Community Connection	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,985,700	\$850,000	\$2,835,700	\$20,870,119
21	56.63	18-1989C	Brezee Creek Trail Extensions	La Center	\$310,314	\$322,325	\$632,639	\$21,180,433
22	56.17	18-2035D	Lake Whatcom Park Trailhead and Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$500,000	\$741,243	\$1,241,243	\$21,680,433

23	55.29	18-1626D	Port Townsend Loop Trail Construction	Port Townsend	\$131,182	\$56,221	\$187,403	\$21,811,615
24	54.71	18-1594D	Edmonds Waterfront Trail	Edmonds	\$750,000	\$844,543	\$1,594,543	\$22,561,615
25	53.46	18-1915D	Pipeline Trail Connections	Metropolitan Parks District of Tacoma	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$23,561,615
26	52.96	18-1362D	Sacajawea Heritage Trail Safety Upgrades	Pasco	\$203,500	\$250,000	\$453,500	\$23,765,115
27	52.79	18-2034D	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$138,693	\$143,841	\$282,534	\$23,903,808
28	52.50	18-1435D	Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail Missing Link	Lynden	\$853,548	\$569,032	\$1,422,580	\$24,757,356
29	52.13	18-1930D	Cle Elum Hanson Ponds Trail	Cle Elum	\$304,500	\$130,500	\$435,000	\$25,061,856
30	51.88	18-1302D	Yakima Greenway Extension Yakima River Pedestrian Bridge	Yakima County	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$4,600,000	\$27,361,856
31	51.00	18-1812D	Ocean Shores High Dune Trail	Ocean Shores	\$868,736	\$372,316	\$1,241,052	\$28,230,592
32	49.38	18-1928D	Columbia Plateau Trail Martin Road to Lamont	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,133,000	\$80,000	\$1,213,000	\$29,363,592
33	45.63	18-1613D	Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Reconnection	Ellensburg	\$300,000	\$270,000	\$570,000	\$29,663,592
34	43.33	18-2029C	North Bend Tanner Trail Rails to Trails	North Bend	\$372,644	\$399,097	\$771,741	\$30,036,236
					\$30,036,236	\$28,011,339	\$58,047,575	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination, D=development

State Map for Trails Category Projects



Trails Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

"Trails means public ways constructed for and open to pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists, or any combination thereof, other than a sidewalk constructed as a part of a city street or county road for exclusive use of pedestrians".³

Trails Criteria Summary					
Score	#	Question	Project Type	Maximum Points Possible	Focus*
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15	Local
Advisory Committee	2	Linkages Between Trails	All	7.5	State, Local
Advisory Committee	3	Linkages Between Communities	All	7.5	State, Local
Advisory Committee	4	Immediacy of Threat	Acquisition	15	Local
			Combination	7.5	
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design	Development	15	Technical
			Combination	7.5	
Advisory Committee	6	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	7	Water Access or Views	All	3	State
Advisory Committee	8	Scenic Values	All	7	State
Advisory Committee	9	Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	10	Project Support	All	10	State, Local
Advisory Committee	11	Cost Efficiencies	All	5	State, Local
RCO Staff	12	Growth Management Act Preference	All	0	State
RCO Staff	13	Population Proximity	All	3	State
Total Points Possible: 88					

*Focus: Criteria orientation in accordance with the following priorities:

- State – those that meet general statewide needs (often called for in Revised Codes of Washington or the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP))
- Local – those that meet local needs (usually an item of narrower purview, often called for in local plans)
- Technical – those that meet technical considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy)

³ Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.010

Scoring Criteria, Trails Category

Advisory Committee Scored Criteria

1. **Need** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(v-vi)
Is the project needed?
2. **Linkage Between Trails** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(iv)
Does the project connect existing trails?
3. **Linkage Between Communities** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(iii)
Does the trail project connect communities?
4. **Immediacy of Threat** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(ii)
Does a threat to the public availability of a part of the trail exist?
(Acquisition/Combination projects only)
5. **Project Design** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(v)
Is the proposal appropriately designed for the intended use(s)?
(Development/Combination projects only)
6. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship** Resolution 2016-08
Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
7. **Water Access or Views** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(vii)
Does the project provide direct access to water (physical access by person or boat) or views?
8. **Scenic Values** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(ix)
Does the project provide scenic values?
9. **Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(viii)
How will this proposal enhance wildlife habitat beyond what may be required by a development or land use authority such as statute, ordinance, permit, rule and regulation, mitigation requirement, etc.?
10. **Project Support** RCW 79A.15.070(6)(a)(i)
The extent that the public (statewide, community, or user groups) has been provided with an adequate *opportunity to become informed*, and/or *support* for the project seems apparent.
11. **Cost Efficiencies** Board Resolution 2016-08
To what extent does this project demonstrates efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources?

Scored by RCO Staff

12. **Growth Management Act Preference** RCW 43.17.250 (GMA-preference required)
Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?
13. **Population Proximity** RCW 79A.25.250
Is the project in a populated area?
 - a. The project is within the urban growth area boundary of a city or town with a population of 5,000 or more AND
 - b. The project is within a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile.

Evaluation Scores
Trail Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4		5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
	Project Name	Need	Trail Linkages	Linkages Between Communities	Acq	Immediacy of Threat ¹ Combo	Dev	Project Design ¹ Combo	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Water Access or Views	Scenic Values	Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	Growth Management Act Compliance	Population Proximity	
1	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 5	13.50	6.50	6.38			14.00		7.17	2.67	5.58	2.50	9.50	4.67	0.00	0.00	72.46
2	Spruce Railroad Trail Final Phase	13.50	6.75	5.63			12.50		8.17	3.00	6.42	3.08	9.00	3.58	0.00	0.00	71.63
3	Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Development	12.00	5.25	5.63			11.25		7.33	2.92	4.58	2.17	8.17	3.50	0.00	3.00	65.79
4	Olympic Discovery Trail Hill Street Segment	12.75	6.00	5.00			12.75		7.00	2.50	4.75	2.67	8.17	2.75	-1.00	1.50	64.83
5	Non-motorized Bridge at the Park at Bothell Landing	12.50	4.50	5.63			12.00		6.17	2.83	3.92	2.33	7.67	2.50	0.00	3.00	63.04
5	Don Kardong Bridge Rehabilitation	11.25	5.63	5.50			12.75		6.00	2.92	4.00	1.00	7.67	3.33	0.00	3.00	63.04
5	Lake to Sound Trail Segment C Gap Development	11.75	5.88	6.25			12.75		6.83	0.92	2.33	2.17	8.00	3.17	0.00	3.00	63.04
8	Grass Lake Nature Park Trail Construction	10.75	4.75	4.63			11.50		7.67	2.25	3.67	2.83	8.67	2.33	0.00	3.00	62.04
9	CrossTown Trail in Lake Boren Park	10.00	4.88	4.50			12.25		6.50	3.00	3.67	2.92	8.17	3.00	0.00	3.00	61.88
10	Palouse to Cascade Ellensburg to Renslow Surfacing	12.50	5.63	5.25			12.50		6.00	0.42	5.17	2.00	6.83	3.25	0.00	1.50	61.04
11	Little Badger Mountain Missing Link Public Ridge Trail	10.75	5.63	4.75	11.75				6.33	1.25	5.00	2.58	8.17	3.08	-1.00	1.50	59.79
12	Redmond Central Connector Phase 3	9.50	6.00	5.00			12.00		5.33	1.17	3.25	2.75	7.67	3.75	0.00	3.00	59.42
13	Riverwalk Trail Phase 5 Acquisition	10.75	5.63	5.38	11.00				5.50	2.75	3.42	1.83	6.67	3.25	0.00	3.00	59.17
14	Glover Park Trail	10.50	6.13	4.75			10.75		5.50	2.42	4.92	1.08	7.50	2.58	0.00	3.00	59.13

Evaluation Scores
Trail Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4		5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
	Project Name	Need	Trail Linkages	Linkages Between Communities	Acq	Combo	Dev	Combo	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Water Access or Views	Scenic Values	Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	Growth Management Act Compliance	Population Proximity	
15	Winthrop RiverWalk Phase 2	10.25	5.25	4.88		6.00		4.25	5.83	2.75	5.17	2.08	8.67	3.75	0.00	0.00	58.88
16	Foothills National Recreation Trail Trailheads Development	13.25	3.75	4.13				11.75	4.83	0.92	3.00	2.00	8.67	3.33	0.00	3.00	58.63
17	Yakima River Greenway Trail Expansion	11.25	4.63	4.63				10.25	6.67	2.50	4.50	2.42	7.33	2.92	0.00	1.50	58.58
18	Willapa Hills Trails Improvements	11.00	4.25	5.38				11.50	6.33	2.67	4.83	2.17	7.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	58.13
19	Whitehorse Trail Repair and Resurface	12.00	5.13	5.00				9.75	6.33	2.42	4.33	2.08	7.50	3.00	-1.00	1.50	58.04
20	Evergreenway Route North Bend Community Connection	9.25	5.88	4.75				9.00	7.17	1.92	4.58	3.00	7.50	3.08	0.00	1.50	57.63
21	Breeze Creek Trail Extensions	10.50	4.38	4.75		5.00		4.75	7.00	2.42	3.83	2.25	7.67	3.58	-1.00	1.50	56.63
22	Lake Whatcom Park Trailhead and Trail Development	11.25	4.50	3.25				10.75	7.33	2.50	4.25	2.00	8.00	3.33	-1.00	0.00	56.17
23	Port Townsend Loop Trail Construction	10.50	5.50	5.13				9.00	6.17	1.08	3.58	2.08	8.00	2.75	0.00	1.50	55.29
24	Edmonds Waterfront Trail	10.25	4.50	3.88				6.50	5.67	3.00	5.50	2.83	6.83	2.75	0.00	3.00	54.71
25	Pipeline Trail Connections	11.25	4.88	5.00				8.50	5.00	2.00	2.67	2.08	6.83	2.25	0.00	3.00	53.46
26	Sacajawea Heritage Trail Safety Upgrades	12.00	5.38	5.00				9.50	3.50	2.33	3.17	0.83	6.67	3.08	0.00	1.50	52.96
27	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve Trail Development	9.75	4.38	3.25				10.25	7.17	1.75	4.08	2.08	7.67	3.42	-1.00	0.00	52.79

Evaluation Scores
Trail Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4		5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
	Project Name	Need	Trail Linkages	Linkages Between Communities	Acq	Combo	Dev	Design ¹	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Water Access or Views	Scenic Values	Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	Growth Management Act Compliance	Population Proximity	
28	Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail Missing Link	9.75	4.88	5.13			10.00		5.33	2.25	2.92	2.42	7.17	2.17	-1.00	1.50	52.50
29	Cle Elum Hanson Ponds Trail	9.00	3.75	3.13			9.00		5.67	3.00	4.67	2.33	8.33	3.25	0.00	0.00	52.13
30	Yakima Greenway Extension Yakima River Pedestrian Bridge	8.75	4.25	5.13			10.50		4.83	2.42	3.92	0.83	7.33	2.42	0.00	1.50	51.88
31	Ocean Shores High Dune Trail	9.75	3.50	3.25			8.00		5.83	2.75	4.67	1.83	7.00	2.92	0.00	1.50	51.00
32	Columbia Plateau Trail Martin Road to Lamont	10.50	5.25	4.88			9.50		4.67	1.25	4.08	1.42	6.17	1.67	0.00	0.00	49.38
33	Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Reconnection	10.50	5.13	4.50		0.50	8.25		3.00	0.92	2.33	0.42	6.17	2.42	0.00	1.50	45.63
34	North Bend Tanner Trail Rails to Trails	7.50	3.63	4.00		4.63		4.00	4.67	0.25	3.42	1.17	5.50	2.58	-1.00	3.00	43.33

Evaluators score Questions 1-11; RCO staff scores Questions 12-13.

Trails Category Project Descriptions (In Rank Order) 2019-21

Ferry County

Grant Requested: \$376,000

Completing Surfacing of the Ferry County Rail Trail

Ferry County will use this grant to complete surfacing of the 25-mile Ferry County Rail Trail. The County will surface 8.94 miles from the Kiwanis Trailhead northeast of Curlew Lake to Lundimo Meadows Road south of the town of Curlew. Improvements include installation of a toilet, kiosk, and signs. Ferry County will contribute \$45,000 in donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1959)

Clallam County

Grant Requested: \$1,999,950

Completing the Spruce Railroad Trail

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to build the last 2 miles of the historic 1918 Spruce Railroad grade between the McFee Tunnel and Daley-Rankin Tunnel. The entire 4 miles of the Spruce Railroad Trail in Olympic National Park will receive a refreshed gravel surface and paving. The County also will extend the trail an additional .2 mile north down the Lyre River ravine on the historic Spruce Railroad grade. This project will provide a safe, 10-mile trail for all non-motorized visitors, bypassing U.S. Route 101 around Lake Crescent. The federal highway has no safe shoulders for bicyclists, equestrians, or visitors in wheelchairs. The restored trail includes measures to enhance rock fall safety and a new bridge near the Daley-Rankin Tunnel. Clallam County will contribute more than \$2.1 million in a federal appropriation, cash, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1558)

Pierce County

Grant Requested: \$709,000

Developing Chambers Creek Canyon Trail

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to develop a 2.5-mile trail from Kobayashi Park near the confluence of Chambers, Leach, and Flett Creeks west to Chambers Creek estuary. The trail will give visitors a unique backcountry experience in the middle of a dense urban setting. Pierce County will build 1.2 miles of the proposed trail, including a 140-foot pedestrian bridge, a small footbridge across Peach Creek, a one-third mile long boardwalk, and a trailhead on the Lakewood side of the canyon. These enhancements will connect and improve existing trail segments on either side of the canyon. Lack of formal trails within the canyon has resulted in numerous volunteer paths, which threaten the integrity and stability of the steep canyon slopes and the health of wildlife habitat. Lack of a bridge causes damage to the salmon spawning gravel in Chambers Creek. A clearly defined trail will provide access for users while protecting and preserving the canyon's sensitive areas. Pierce County will contribute \$709,000 in cash, park impact fees, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1267)

Port Angeles
Filling a Missing Gap in the Olympic Discovery Trail

Grant Requested: \$1,421,700

The City of Port Angeles will use this grant to build a missing gap of the Olympic Discovery Trail, completing a local vision 35 years in the making to develop a continuous 11.5-mile trail corridor for local, regional, and international use. This proposed trail segment will replace a poorly signed, steep, and dangerous roadside shoulder with a trail that's accessible to people with disabilities and travels along a forested marine bluff. At the top of the bluff in Crown Park, visitors will enjoy views across Ediz Hook and the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Vancouver Island and beyond. Port Angeles will contribute \$609,300 in cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1319)

Bothell
Replacing a Bridge at Bothell Landing

Grant Requested: \$1,080,300

The City of Bothell will use this grant to replace the trail bridge that crosses Sammamish River at the Park at Bothell Landing. The City will build a wider bridge and less steep grades to better accommodate commuters, bicyclists, and pedestrians. This project will strengthen and enhance Bothell's network of bike and pedestrian facilities while updating an important non-motorized connection in the downtown. The existing pedestrian bridge is in the 14-acre park and is downtown's trailhead to the regional bicycle system via the Burke Gilman/Sammamish River Trail and the North Creek Trail. Bothell will contribute more than \$1.2 million in federal and local grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1355)

Spokane
Rehabilitating Don Kardong Bridge

Grant Requested: \$726,000

The City of Spokane will use this grant to renovate the Don Kardong Pedestrian Bridge on the Spokane River Centennial Trail. The City will install bridge decking and timber framing, lighting, guardrails, and scenic overlooks. The project remedies safety hazards, improves user experience, and extends the life of this critical trail link for another 40 years. Spokane will contribute \$726,000 in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1960)

King County
Developing Part of the Lake to Sound Trail

Grant Requested: \$600,000

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to build about one-third mile of the Lake to Sound Trail, which runs along Des Moines Memorial Drive. The new segment will be a 12-foot-wide, paved, path with 2-foot-wide gravel shoulders for non-motorized use. The County will install curbs, gutters, and retaining walls, as well as pedestrian and traffic signal improvements and pavement markings at two road crossings. The trail segment is a missing link and will connect a previously constructed segment to the existing Des Moines Creek Trail, which is the western end of the Lake to Sound Trail corridor. Once complete, the Lake to Sound Trail will run 16 miles from the south end of Lake Washington to Puget Sound, linking the cities of Renton, Tukwila, SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines and connecting to four regional trails. King County will contribute more than \$1 million in a voter-approved levy

and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1691)

Olympia
Building Grass Lake Nature Park Trail

Grant Requested: \$1,190,000

The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a 1.06-mile trail in northwest Olympia, from Harrison Avenue to Kaiser Road through Grass Lake Nature Park. Development also will include a 400-foot boardwalk, trailhead, two kiosks, interpretive signs, and habitat enhancement. As part of this project, the City will build the first of Olympia's premier open space parks that is accessible to people with disabilities. Development includes building a Capitol-to-Capitol Trail segment and building a wetland boardwalk to provide access to 107 acres currently inaccessible from the trail network. Other improvements include creating a connection from Grass Lake Nature Park to Yauger Community Park, restoring habitat, and connecting nearby neighborhoods to the trail system. Olympia will contribute more than \$1.6 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1243)

Newcastle
Developing a Missing Link in the CrossTown Trail in Lake Boren Park

Grant Requested: \$480,775

The City of Newcastle will use this grant to develop the missing link of the 3.1-mile CrossTown Trail. This proposed segment will cross near the south end of Lake Boren in Lake Boren Park, the city's largest, most visited and centrally located park. It also will complete the 1-mile Lake Boren Loop. The goal is to complete these routes and provide recreational opportunities that do not exist in the park, such as birdwatching and experiencing natural areas. The City also will build an elevated boardwalk and viewpoint with views of Lake Boren, Boren Creek, and wetlands. The City will define a shoreline viewing area, which will create an inviting area for people to enjoy the lake. This project expands the park by using newly acquired land and connecting two disparate areas. Newcastle will contribute \$480,775. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1749)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Providing New Trail Surfaces

Grant Requested: \$1,609,680

State Parks will use this grant to install surfacing on 11 miles of the Palouse to Cascade Trail between Ellensburg and the Renslow trestle and trailheads in Kittitas. Other improvements include resurfacing the trailhead near the trestle at the Yakima Training Center and connecting the center to the trestle. This project will enhance access to another 11 miles of the Palouse to Cascade Trail and two parking areas for people with disabilities. State Parks will contribute \$150,000 in donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2059)

Richland
Completing the Missing Link in the Ridges to Rivers Trail

Grant Requested: \$2,350,000

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy nearly 76 acres to complete the missing link of the Mid-Columbia Ridges to Rivers Trail. The completed trail will

connect Candy Mountain Preserve to Badger Mountain, to Little Badger Mountain, and to Richland's Amon Preserve and Claybell Park. By buying this land, the City will secure the ability to build a public ridge trail in an area that is experiencing high housing development. Richland will contribute more than \$2.4 million in cash, park impact fees, and donations of cash and land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1304)

Redmond
Building the Redmond Central Connector

Grant Requested: \$700,000

The City of Redmond will use this grant to build 1 mile of trail, extending the 2.6-mile Redmond Central Connector farther along the city's section of the eastside rail corridor. This project will develop a regional trail to King County. Trail features include intersection ramps and road and driveway crossings accessible to people with disabilities. Redmond also will improve water drainage and landscaping and install signs and public art. The project will create walkway connections between 20 commercial businesses, a golf course, downtown services, a future light rail station, and other trails. Redmond will contribute more than \$3.9 million in a state appropriation, cash, a state grant, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1475)

Puyallup
Buying Land for the Riverwalk Trail

Grant Requested: \$223,020

The Puyallup Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 1.5 acres for the final segment of the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail. The City will buy a 20-foot-wide strip of mostly riverbank to build a half-mile of paved trail for walkers, cyclists, and skaters. The Riverwalk Trail follows the south bank of the Puyallup River from the western city limit to the eastern city limit. The new section of trail is a critical link for of 31 miles of the Riverwalk Trail, Sumner Link Trail, and Foothills Trail, providing a key cog in the Sound to Foothills Trail vision for Pierce County. Once developed, this segment of trail will eliminate the need for visitors to leave the trail and travel on city streets and sidewalks, which currently are serving as the link between Veterans Park and State Route 512 trailheads. Puyallup will contribute \$223,020 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1699)

Spokane
Building the Glover Park Trail

Grant Requested: \$1,328,446

The City of Spokane will use this grant to develop the 700-foot Glover Park Trail in the northwest corner of Spokane's downtown near the Spokane River gorge. With views of the Spokane River, the trail will complete a loop that connects surrounding neighborhoods and parks. Spokane will contribute more than \$1.3 million in a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1305)

Winthrop
Continuing Development of the Winthrop RiverWalk

Grant Requested: \$545,000

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to buy trail easements across nine parcels along the riverbank, widen the trail, buy a quarter-acre park at the confluence of the Chewuch and

Methow Rivers, and restore the shoreline. The purchases will improve access between the downtown boardwalk and RiverWalk for people with disabilities. The trail corridor is mostly at the top of the riverbank and travels through shoreline habitat. Winthrop will contribute \$366,000 in cash and donations of labor, land, and property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1667)

Pierce County

Grant Requested: \$1,161,428

Developing Trailheads on the Foothills Nation Recreational Trail

Pierce County will use this grant to build a new trailhead and expand a trailhead along the 21-mile Foothills Nation Recreational Trail. Pierce County is working with the City of Buckley to build a new trailhead within the city at the intersection of State Route 410 and Jefferson Avenue. The Buckley trailhead will have 40 parking stalls and a public restroom. Pierce County also will expand the existing trailhead in east Puyallup to 72 parking stalls, up from 28 stalls. The trailhead improvements will help ease overcrowding. Pierce County will contribute more than \$1.1 million in cash, park impact fees, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1261)

Yakima County

Grant Requested: \$698,000

Expanding the Yakima River Greenway Trail

Yakima County will use this grant to reconnect the Greenway Trail between Yakima and Union Gap. The project will provide long-term access to land, including shorelines, cultural features, scenic vistas, and trails for underserved populations. The County will reroute three-quarter mile of trail, build a 500-foot bridge across a wetland, and connect the trail to the Valley Mall Boulevard Trailhead. The County also will build a trail connecting to the Greenway Trail along Interstate 82 at the confluence of the Yakima and Naches Rivers. This provides access to the peninsula, the Naches and Yakima shorelines, and the William O. Douglas Trail Foundation property on Selah Ridge. Yakima County will contribute \$315,000 in federal, private, and state grants and donations of labor and land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1846)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Improving the Willapa Hills Trail**

Grant Requested: \$635,120

State Parks will use this grant to improve the Willapa Hills Trail by adding a restroom, picnic shelter, scenic viewpoints, rest areas, kiosks, hitching posts, bike racks, bike repair stations, interpretive signs, wayfinding signs, and parking and trail connections accessible to people with disabilities. State Parks will contribute \$10,000 in donations from Lewis County Community Trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2036)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$1,050,000

Repairing the Whitehorse Trail

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to repair damage from two landslides and a bank wash-out in the Arlington to Trafton section of the Whitehorse Regional Trail. The work will include engineering, design, permitting, and repair of the 2.6-mile segment of the trail between its junction with the Centennial Trail in Arlington and the Tin

Bridge, just west of the Trafton Trailhead. The Whitehorse Trail is a 28-mile regional, multi-use trail that winds through the North Fork Stillaguamish Valley along the rail-banked Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and federal and state grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1946)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Grant Requested: \$1,985,700

Developing a Trail Connecting the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and North Bend

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to design and build a 7-mile trail, 14 trail bridges, and a paved trail segment through North Bend, creating a trail connection linking the Snoqualmie Valley Trail to downtown North Bend, Tennant Trailhead Park, and the Raging River State Forest trails. The route connects several communities and improves access to eight trail systems with more than 140 miles of trail combined. The project also provides a trail for mountain biking and pedestrians and helps link a future 70-mile Evergreenway Route, which is a regional path along the Snoqualmie corridor. This proposal's western end, 18 miles east of Seattle, also will link to Issaquah and Preston, reducing trailhead congestion by improving community connectivity. This proposal's downtown paved path will make it easier to bike or walk in-town and between neighborhoods. The department will contribute \$850,000 in a state appropriation, cash, voter-approved bonds, staff labor, materials, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1604)

La Center

Grant Requested: \$310,314

Extending the Brezee Creek Trail

The City of La Center will use this grant to add trail connections to its Brezee Creek Trail. The City will add educational signs about Brezee Creek habitat and the surrounding environment. La Center will contribute \$322,325 in staff labor, a local grant, park impact fees, and donations of land and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1989)

Whatcom County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing the Lake Whatcom Park Trailhead and Trail

The Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate and expand the trailhead and build 12 miles of hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking trails at Lake Whatcom Park. Whatcom County will contribute \$741,243 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2035)

Port Townsend

Grant Requested: \$131,182

Building the Port Townsend Loop Trail

The City of Port Townsend will use this grant to develop missing trail segments in the Port Townsend Loop Trail and nearby trail network. The City will build some trail, re-route trail segments from private and onto public land, and protect wetlands and habitat. The project is in the northwest area of the city, which has the fewest recreational facilities. The finalized loop will connect neighborhoods, schools, and parks into the existing 31-plus miles of trails in the city.

Port Townsend will contribute \$56,221 in cash, equipment, and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1626)

Edmonds

Grant Requested: \$750,000

Completing the Edmonds Waterfront Trail

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to complete the Waterfront Trail along the Edmonds' waterfront. The new trail segment will complete 2 miles of continuous trail connecting Marina Beach to the south and Brackett's Landing to the north. Development will include a 10-foot-wide, 154-foot-long trail elevated on seven steel piles. Edmonds will contribute \$844,543 in cash and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1594)

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma **Developing Pipeline Trail Connections**

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to build a bridge into Swan Creek Park for nearby middle school and the low-income housing community and install lights along the trail next to the middle school. The work will develop .5-mile of trail that will connect to the future 62.5-mile, regional Pipeline Trail. The park district will contribute \$1 million in voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1915)

Pasco

Grant Requested: \$203,500

Improving Safety on the Sacajawea Heritage Trail

The City of Pasco will use this grant to enhance trail safety and connectivity along the Sacajawea Heritage Trail in Pasco. The City will build a tunnel under the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway bridge. It incorporates 7.08 miles of trail through Schlagel Park and the Pasco Marina, connecting with the Port of Pasco Osprey Pointe riverfront bike path. The project will divert trail users from roads and away from traffic. Pasco will contribute \$250,000 in cash and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1362)

Whatcom County

Grant Requested: \$138,693

Developing the Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve Trail

The Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build 12 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails in Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve. Whatcom County will contribute \$143,841 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2034)

Lynden

Grant Requested: \$853,548

Filling the Missing Link in the Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail

The City of Lynden will use this grant to fill a nearly half-mile gap in the Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail along Fishtrap Creek.. The City will build a 14-foot-wide trail between Depot Road and North 8th Street. This will include one bridge across Fishtrap Creek. The project will connect the trail to the city's Safe Route to School Trail at Fisher Elementary School, next to Main Street, and will

provide a safe trail, accessible to people with disabilities, to serve Lynden and northern Whatcom County citizens as well as the local schools. Lynden will contribute \$569,032. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1435)

Cle Elum

Grant Requested: \$304,500

Replacing the Hanson Ponds Trail Bridge

The Town of Cle Elum will use this grant to replace a pedestrian bridge connecting to the Hanson Ponds Trail and improve the trailhead including the parking area, restroom, seating and picnic areas, and signs. The work will reconnect the Hanson Ponds Trail and restore the area's recreational opportunities and scenery. In 2009, flooding destabilized the pedestrian bridge leading to the trail and it was later removed due to safety concerns. Without the trail, much of the waterfront along the Yakima River is inaccessible and there is no access to the third pond. This trail was in high demand before the flooding, and the area served as a key river and waterfront access point for numerous outdoor recreational activities including fishing, hiking, bird watching, and horseback riding. Hanson Ponds Trail also is part of the greater trail network, which includes connecting to the River Trail, and ultimately to Progress Path, the Coal Mines Trail, and the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. Cle Elum will contribute \$130,500 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1930)

Yakima County

Grant Requested: \$2,300,000

Building a Pedestrian Bridge over the Yakima River

Yakima County Public Services will use this grant to build an east-west corridor between Yakima and Terrace Heights. The County will install a concrete pedestrian bridge over the Yakima River to the north of the new east-west corridor alignment. The bridge will connect the trail system to the city's and county's pedestrian facilities, creating a new multiuse trail loop. It also will provide new recreational access to the Yakima River. Yakima County will contribute \$2.3 million in a state appropriation and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1302)

Ocean Shores

Grant Requested: \$868,736

Enhancing Ocean Shores' High Dune Trail

The City of Ocean Shores will use this grant to develop the first paved trail in the high dunes between Damon Road and Pacific Avenue. The City will pave a 1.7-mile trail, build a trailhead, install signs and kiosk, remove non-native vegetation, and restore dunes. To enhance fire protection, the City will install bags of water along the trail, should a fire break out. The trail will offer a variety of educational kiosks, signs, sculptures, benches, and picnic areas. Working with the Washington Department of Ecology, the City will remove invasive species and reintroduce native plants to the dunes. Ocean Shores will contribute \$372,316 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1812)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Adding a Surface to the Columbia Plateau Trail

Grant Requested: \$1,133,000

State Parks will use to grant to add a surface to 7 miles of the Columbia Plateau Trail between the Martin Road trailhead and the Town of Lamont. The new surface will create 30 continuous miles of surfaced trail from the Fish Lake Trailhead south of Cheney through a unique scablands landscape and the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. Improvements will support the trail's increased popularity beginning at the Fish Lake Trailhead. Hikers, bikers, and equestrians need a surface free of the heavy and loose rock left by the railroad when this rail line was abandoned. State Parks will contribute \$80,000 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1928)

Ellensburg
Developing the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Reconnection

Grant Requested: \$300,000

The Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop .36 mile of the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Reconnection Route, a 4.5-mile trail in Ellensburg. This reconnection route would complete one of the critical missing links in the cross-state Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. The trail also will serve as an important local recreational option, connecting residents to schools, neighborhoods, and businesses. Unlike the larger cross-state trail, the route is a gravel and paved trail with trailside landscaping. Ellensburg will contribute \$270,000 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, and a donation of land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1613).

North Bend
Developing Tanner Trail

Grant Requested: \$372,644

The City of North Bend will use this grant to buy 3.5 acres and develop about .5 mile of Tanner Trail, which connects downtown North Bend and multiple neighborhoods with some of North Bend's highest frequented parks and recreational facilities such as: Snoqualmie Valley Trail; Torguson Park; William H. Taylor Park (Train Depot); Si View Community Park, and the future City Hall Park. The local parks district, Si View Metropolitan Parks District supports this project and has identified it as a priority project. North Bend will contribute \$399,097 in cash and voter-approved bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2029)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Outdoor Recreation Account:
Water Access Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Rory Calhoun, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Sixteen project proposals in the Water Access category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, review and evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-25

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The Water Access category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funds for projects that provide physical access to shorelines for non-motorized, water-related recreation activities. These include boating, fishing, swimming, and beachcombing.

Grants may be used to acquire land or develop facilities that support, water-dependent recreation such as fishing piers and platforms, boat access facilities, beaches, and water trails for canoes and kayaks.

The Water Access category receives ten percent of the WWRP funds in the Outdoor Recreation Account. Seventy-five percent of the funds allocated in this category must be used for acquisition costs. Meeting this statutory requirement may require skipping higher-ranked development projects in favor of acquisition projects.

Program Summary

There were several changes, which went into effect this year, to the Water Access category. The most significant changes involved implementing the board's new match reduction policy, adding the conferral requirement for acquisition projects, updating the public access policy, and modifying the evaluation criteria for Public Need to incorporate priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan*

2018-2022 for underserved populations and health. A summary of this WWRP category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Local agencies (cities/towns, counties, federally recognized Native American tribes, and park, port, school, and special purpose districts) and state ¹ agencies
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition • Development or renovation of water access sites or facilities • Combination projects involving both acquisition and development/renovation
Funding Limits	No limits
Match Requirements	50 percent match required with the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Match may be reduced for communities in need, underserved populations, counties in need, or communities providing facilities in federal disaster areas. ◦ There is no match requirement for state agencies.
Public Access	Required
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must establish planning eligibility. • Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. • Multi-site water access trails are eligible.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Sixteen Water Access category projects requesting just over \$10 million were evaluated by members of the WWRP Water Access Advisory Committee on August 21, 2018, in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include local agency representatives and citizens who are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge in local land use issues and water related recreation. The following members participated this year:

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Reed Waite, Seattle	Citizen
Hanna Waterstrat, Olympia	Citizen
Brad Case, Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Department	Local Agency
Sarah Olson, Lynwood Parks and Recreation Department	Local Agency
Camron Parker, Bellevue Parks and Community Services	Local Agency
Laura Moxham, State Parks and Recreation Commission	State Agency
Kyle Murphy, Department of Natural Resources	State Agency
David Pater, Department of Ecology	State Agency
Steve Thiesfeld, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency

¹State agencies mean the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of General Administration, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The advisory committee members reviewed the project proposals in an open public meeting and scored the projects using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 – WWRP, Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

At the end of the evaluation meeting on August 21 and during the post-evaluation meeting on September 5, staff met with the WWRP Water Access Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results. Overall, advisory committee members were comfortable with the process, satisfied with the materials provided, and pleased with the resulting ranked list.

The *Public Need* criterion, which was expanded to incorporate the priorities for underserved populations and health in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*, presented a few challenges during evaluation. Some applicants used the demographic measures provided by RCO through the [Grant Application Data Tool](#), others sought out additional information to support the needs identified in their service area. While evaluators were fairly comfortable with the data provided, they were somewhat frustrated applicants did not offer sufficient information about how their project proposals would specifically address the needs of underserved populations.

Match Reduction

The match reduction policy allows applicants to reduce the required match to as little as 10 percent of the total cost. Eight projects qualified for reduced match in the Water Access category. Applicants of five projects used the match reduction policy for a total reduction of \$505,133 in match. Eligible applicants who provided excess match did not benefit from the match reduction policy.

Water Access Category	Number of Grant Proposals	Applications Qualified for Reduced Match	Applications Using Reduced Match	Total Match Reduction
Acquisition/Combination	7	4	2	\$340,939
Development	6	4	3	\$164,194
Total	16	8	5	\$505,133

Public Comment

There are letters of support or concern for Water Access category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities. Projects considered for funding in the Water Access category also support board priorities in *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-25.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-25, including Table 1 – WWRP, Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21
- B. State Map for Water Access Category Projects
- C. Water Access Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Water Access Category Projects, Evaluation Scores, 2019-21
- E. Water Access Category Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-25
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2021 biennium, sixteen Water Access category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all sixteen Water Access category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Water Access category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and state and local agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for recreational access to water, thereby supporting priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Water Access category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

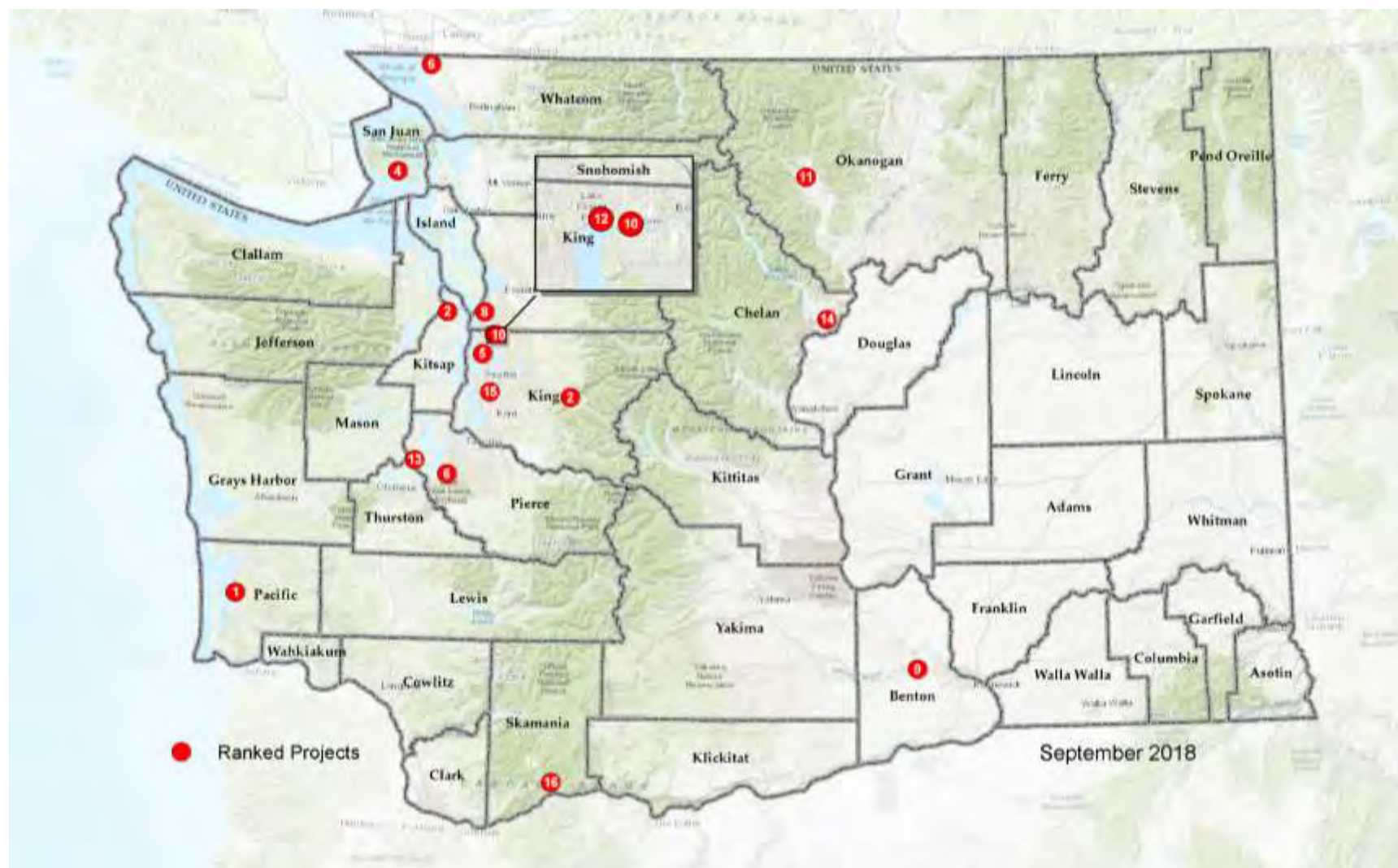
Table 1: Water Access Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-25

Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	59.22	18-1344A	Nemah Tidelands Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	57.61	18-1456D	Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Access Development Phase 1	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$634,460	\$1,070,800	\$1,705,260	\$1,634,460
2	57.61	18-1619A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Properties Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$2,988,286	\$3,988,286	\$2,634,460
4	56.22	18-1935A	Lopez Channel	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806	\$3,044,460
5	56.00	18-1272D	Green Lake Dock Replacement and Restrooms	Seattle	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,564,460
6	55.78	18-1947C	California Creek Estuary Park Acquisition	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000	\$4,022,460
6	55.78	18-1759D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$626,718	\$650,000	\$1,276,718	\$4,649,178
8	54.33	18-1507D	Meadowdale Beach Park Access Development	Snohomish County	\$1,000,000	\$8,148,207	\$9,148,207	\$5,649,178
9	54.00	18-1278A	Benton City Riverfront Park Acquisition	Benton City	\$81,650	\$20,413	\$102,063	\$5,730,828
10	53.44	18-1536D	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Natural Area Access	Kenmore	\$1,700,000	\$1,714,891	\$3,414,891	\$7,430,828
11	52.33	18-1854D	Mack Lloyd Park Water Access	Winthrop	\$176,000	\$118,000	\$294,000	\$7,606,828
12	51.00	18-1442D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Viewing	Kenmore	\$665,916	\$665,917	\$1,331,833	\$8,272,744
13	50.94	18-1283A	Taylor Bay Acquisition Phase 2	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$204,500	\$204,500	\$409,000	\$8,477,244
14	49.22	18-1653D	Lakeside Park Renovations	Chelan	\$666,158	\$444,106	\$1,110,264	\$9,143,402
15	48.17	18-1908C	South 116th Street at Green-Duwamish River	Tukwila	\$827,520	\$206,880	\$1,034,400	\$9,970,922
16	43.33	18-1663D	High Bridge Park Community Development	Skamania County	\$92,668	\$44,332	\$137,000	\$10,063,590
					\$10,063,590	\$17,667,138	\$27,730,728	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination, D=development

State Map for Water Access Category Projects



Water Access Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

"Water access means boat or foot access to marine waters, lakes, river, or streams".²

Water Access Criteria Summary					
Score		Question	Project Type	Maximum Points Possible	Focus
Advisory Committee	1	Public Need	All	15	Local
Advisory Committee	2	Immediacy of Threat	Acquisition	15	Local
			Combination	7.5	
Advisory Committee	3	Project Design	Development	10	Technical
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	5	Site Suitability	All	10	Technical
Advisory Committee	6	Expansion	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	7	Diversity of Recreational Uses	Development	5	State
			Combination	2.5	
Advisory Committee	8	Project Support	All	10	State, Local
Advisory Committee	9	Cost Efficiencies	All	5	State, Local
RCO Staff	10	Growth Management Act Preference	All	0	State
RCO Staff	11	Population Proximity	All	3	State
Total Points Possible=73					

*Focus: Criteria orientation in accordance with the following priorities:

- State – those that meet general statewide needs (often called for in Revised Codes of Washington or the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP))
- Local –those that meet local needs (usually an item of narrower purview, often called for in local plans)
- Technical – those that meet technical considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy).

² Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.010

Scoring Criteria, Water Access Category

Team Scored Criteria

1. **Public Need.** Considering the availability of existing public water access sites within at least 15 miles of the project site, what is the need for additional such sites? *RCW 79A.15.070(6)(b)(ii,v-vi)*
2. **Immediacy of Threat.** To what extent will this project reduce a threat to the public availability of water access? Acquisition/Combination only *RCW 79A.15.070(6)(b)(iii)*
3. **Project Design.** Does the project demonstrate good design criteria; does it make the best use of the site? Development/Combination only
4. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment? *Board Resolution 2014-06*
5. **Site Suitability.** Is the site well suited for the intended recreational uses? *RCW 79A.15.070(6)(b)(v)*
6. **Expansion.** Will the project expand an existing recreation area or facility?
7. **Diversity of Recreational Uses.** To what extent does this project provide diversity of possible water based recreational activities? Development/Combination only *RCW 79A.15.070(6)(b)(iv)*
8. **Project Support.** The extent that the public (statewide, community, and/or user groups) has been provided with an adequate *opportunity to become informed, and/or support* for the project seems apparent. *RCW 79A.15.070(6)(b)(i)*
9. **Cost Efficiencies.** To what extent does this project demonstrates efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources? *Board Resolution 2016-05*

Scored by RCO Staff

10. **Growth Management Act Preference.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)? *RCW 43.17.250 (GMA-preference required.)*
11. **Population Proximity**
Is the project in a populated area?
 - a. The project is within the urban growth boundary of a city or town with a population of 5,000 or more;
AND
 - b. The project is within a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile.*RCW 79A.25.250*

Evaluation Scores

Water Access Projects

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2		3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	Total
	Project Name	Public Need	Immediacy of Threat ¹		Project Design ¹		Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Site Suitability	Expansion	Diversity of Recreational Uses ¹		Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	Growth Management Act Preference	Population Proximity	
1	Nemah Tidelands Access	13.67	13.00				8.67	9.56	4.22			8.22	1.89	0.00	0.00	59.22
2	Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Access Development Phase 1	10.67			8.22		7.33	8.89	4.22	4.44		8.67	3.67	0.00	1.50	57.61
2	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Properties Acquisition	10.67	13.67				9.11	9.11	2.44			7.11	4.00	0.00	1.50	57.61
4	Lopez Channel	10.67	13.67				8.67	8.22	3.00			8.22	3.78	0.00	0.00	56.22
5	Green Lake Dock Replacement and Restrooms	9.33			8.00		6.44	9.11	3.33	3.56		8.89	4.33	0.00	3.00	56.00
6	California Creek Estuary Park Acquisition	10.33	6.17		4.22		8.44	8.67	3.11	1.83		8.67	4.33	0.00	0.00	55.78
6	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	14.67			7.78		6.00	6.89	3.00	4.33		7.33	2.78	0.00	3.00	55.78
8	Meadowdale Beach Park Access Development	10.00			7.56		8.44	7.78	3.44	3.33		7.78	4.00	-1.00	3.00	54.33
9	Benton City Riverfront Park Acquisition	13.00	11.67				6.89	8.67	2.33			8.00	3.44	0.00	0.00	54.00
10	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Natural Area Access	8.00			7.78		7.78	8.00	4.00	3.22		8.00	3.67	0.00	3.00	53.44
11	Mack Lloyd Park Water Access	12.67			7.11		6.67	9.11	3.22	2.78		7.56	3.22	0.00	0.00	52.33
12	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Viewing	6.33			8.22		7.33	7.78	3.56	3.56		7.78	3.44	0.00	3.00	51.00
13	Taylor Bay Acquisition Phase 2	9.67	11.33				6.67	7.33	3.89			7.11	3.44	0.00	1.50	50.94
14	Lakeside Park Renovations	10.33			7.33		6.89	7.56	3.00	3.67		7.33	3.11	0.00	0.00	49.22
15	South 116th Street at Green-Duwamish River	11.00	5.33		2.22		8.00	6.89	2.33	1.06		6.00	2.33	0.00	3.00	48.17
16	High Bridge Park Community Development	10.33			5.56		5.78	7.78	2.56	3.22		6.22	1.89	0.00	0.00	43.33

Evaluators score Questions 1-9; RCO staff scores Questions 10-11.

¹Acq=acquisition projects; Combo=combination projects; Dev=development projects

Water Access Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Buying Nemah Tidelands in Willapa Bay

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 103 acres, including 1 mile of undeveloped shoreline, on Willapa Bay, 20 miles south of Raymond in Pacific County. The primary opportunities offered by this site are recreational harvest of oysters and clams, wildlife viewing, kayaking, waterfowl hunting, and access to explore the unique shoreline of Willapa Bay. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1344)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River

Grant Requested: \$634,460

The Department of Natural Resources, along with King County and North Bend, will use this grant to develop and improve two key locations for launching a boat and build one key take-out location for a popular half-day kayaking and rafting run on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. The department will develop launching locations at Granite Flats and Mine Creek, halfway up the Middle Fork Valley. New trails will be built there to provide additional river access points and to expand opportunities for walking, swimming, fishing, and picnicking along the river. The department will develop a take-out spot at Tanner Landing in North Bend by building a parking lot and access to the river. The department also will build a park, the Dahlgren Family Park, to provide access to Tanner Landing from North Bend Way, as well as picnic facilities and natural play areas. This grant will fund the first phase of a larger project to develop public access to the Snoqualmie River. The Department of Natural Resources will contribute more than \$1 million in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1456)

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Conserving Port Gamble Bay Shoreline

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to buy the development rights on 20 acres, including 4 acres of tidelands, at Port Gamble Bay. The purchase is the first step in a larger project to restore high quality, near-shore habitat and provide water access and educational opportunities. The bay is home to large herring stocks, surf smelt, sand lance, and multiple species of salmon, trout, and shellfish. The site also is important to indigenous people who lived there for thousands of years and continue to rely on the water resources. This project will provide immediate access to the bay for non-motorized boats. The landowner plans to develop the site and agreed to let the Tribe purchase the development rights forever if money could be found within 3 years. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will contribute more than \$2.9 million in cash and potentially grants from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1619)

San Juan County Land Bank
Buying Lopez Island Shoreline for a Park

Grant Requested: \$410,000

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy about 10 acres along the western shore of Lopez Island for a public beach and for launching hand-powered boats. The 7.35-mile western shore of Lopez Island largely is inaccessible because of high bluffs, rocky shoreline, and overwhelmingly private ownership. Only two-thirds mile is accessible from land, and the land to be purchased is the only remaining potential access point to the rest. Due to threat from vacation home development, the land was purchased in 2017, but about \$450,000 is still owed to the seller. The land connects to 2 miles of public tideland reachable only by boat. This area is part of the Cascadia Marine Trail, but rarely is used because there is no way for paddlers to launch or take out. This project would fill that gap. Its beach also would allow swimming, beachcombing, and wildlife viewing as well kite and stand up paddle boarding among other activities. The San Juan County Land Bank will contribute \$412,806 in a voter-approved levy, potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1935)

Seattle
Replacing a Dock and Restrooms at Green Lake Park

Grant Requested: \$520,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use grant to replace the main dock with a larger dock with two floats at Green Lake Small Craft Center, renovate two restrooms and add two restrooms with showers. The current facilities cannot keep up with demand for public water access. Green Lake is one of Seattle's most popular parks, and its water recreation draws users from all over Seattle. The center's three wood floating docks vary in age from 25 to 35 years old. The new floating launch piers will reduce maintenance, improve safety, and expand boat launching access and access to people with disabilities. The City will renovate the center further by updating the heavily used shell house restrooms and creating two new restrooms with showers at the new boathouse. This is part of a larger project to redevelop the center that includes building a two-story boathouse. Seattle will contribute \$520,000 in a local grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1272)

Blaine-Birch Bay Park Recreation District 2
Buying California Creek Estuary

Grant Requested: \$458,000

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park Recreation District 2, in partnership with the Whatcom Land Trust, will use this grant to buy 11.51 acres of wildlife habitat on California Creek to protect rare tidelands and an estuary and allow trails and a place to launch kayaks. The land is at the confluence of California Creek and Drayton Harbor, one of two main tributaries flowing into Drayton Harbor. The land consists of a quarter-mile of estuary shoreline and 500 feet of creek shoreline consistently used by birds, cutthroat trout, and chum and Coho salmon. This coastal inlet provides estuarine and wetland habitat that is protected from the oncoming waves of adjacent Drayton Harbor, making it ideal for migrating juvenile salmon, shellfish, waterfowl, and shorebirds. The site also is ideal for beginning kayakers as they learn to paddle Puget Sound waters. Its scenic location and shoreline make development likely in the future. The park district will contribute \$458,000 in a state appropriation, a voter-approved levy, potentially a grant from

the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1947)

Lakewood
Building a Fishing Pier in Harry Todd Park

Grant Requested: \$626,718

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve the 17-acre Harry Todd Park, on the south side of American Lake, in Pierce County. The City will build a fishing pier to improve access to the lake and to create the only public fishing dock on the 1,200-acre freshwater lake. The City also will replace finger pier docks to support rowing shells and other human-powered vessels, replace a restroom, connect to the sewer system, and build new pathways from parking areas to open areas and picnic areas. This park is in the Tillicum neighborhood, a geographically isolated and extremely low-income area. This is the only community park in the area and the only park that provides free access to the waterfront. Lakewood will contribute \$650,000 in cash and potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1759)

Snohomish County
Developing Beach Access in Meadowdale Beach Park

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to develop saltwater beach access at Meadowdale Beach Park, at the north end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound. The County will build a 128-foot-long railroad bridge, a 9-foot-wide path under the south bridge abutment, and a viewing platform on the beach. The goal of this project is to improve access to beach and address safety concerns. Currently, people determined to get to the beach illegally cross the heavily traveled railroad line. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$8.1 million in cash, a federal grant, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, a grant from the salmon recovery program, and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1507)

Benton City
Buying Land for a Riverfront Park

Grant Requested: \$81,650

Benton City will use this grant to buy nearly 11 acres to create a riverfront park near Seventh Street, along the Yakima River. The planned park is expected to give people access to the river for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and watching waterfowl. Local residents have identified water access and wildlife viewing as important amenities, and said they wanted more fishing docks, wildlife habitat, a canoe and kayak launch, and river viewpoints. Benton City will contribute \$20,413 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1278)

Kenmore
Developing Squire's Landing Park

Grant Requested: \$1,700,000

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to develop a staging area for people launching hand-powered boats, including float and hand-carry launches, a community plaza, a picnic shelter, a restroom, a parking lot, trails, elevated walkways with bridges, and river viewing platforms in the 42-acre Squire's Landing Park. The City also will improve wildlife habitat and create wetlands to

add to the wetland system along Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River. This development will improve public access to the Sammamish River and Lake Washington. Kenmore will contribute more than \$1.7 million in a local grant, a voter-approved levy, and potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1536)

Winthrop
Building Access to the Methow River in Mack Lloyd Park

Grant Requested: \$176,000

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to develop access to the Methow River in Mack Lloyd Park. Winthrop will build a concrete ramp, install restrooms, improve a gravel parking area, install signs, and plant the exposed riverbank. The work will provide the only access to the upper reaches of the Methow River for recreational boating and paddle sports. The nearest access, 11 miles downstream, only accommodates hand-launched boats, and has no restrooms. Due to the park's central location in town, people created an unofficial launch area for boats, causing significant bank erosion. Winthrop will contribute \$118,000 in cash and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1854)

Kenmore
Developing Log Boom Park

Grant Requested: \$665,916

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to build a picnic shelter, paths, and beach access points in the 16.4-acre Log Boom Park, along the northern shore of Lake Washington just south of State Route 522 and the regional Burke Gilman Trail. The work will improve public access to the shoreline for wading, launching hand-powered boats, fishing, and nature viewing. The City also will remove invasive plants from the shoreline and wetlands and replant the areas with native plants. Kenmore will contribute \$665,917 in a voter-approved levy and potentially a grant from the state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1442)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Expanding Taylor Bay Park

Grant Requested: \$204,500

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 1.17 acres on Taylor Bay, next to Taylor Bay Park, on south and west ends of the Key Peninsula in Pierce County. The land is a missing link that abuts two parts of Taylor Bay Park. Buying the land will reduce public confusion about access and eliminate potential conflicts. The park district will improve the stairs that go to the beach and will redesign a driveway to allow for public parking. The park district will contribute \$204,500 in cash and conservation futures.³ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1283)

³Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

Chelan
Renovating Lakeside Park

Grant Requested: \$666,158

The Chelan Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate Lakeside Park, which provides significant public access to Lake Chelan. Currently, there are conflicts between swimmers and boaters. The City will move the T-dock and add swim platforms, swim float lines, safety equipment, signs, and buoys to make the area safer. The City also will add more parking in the park to reduce the number of visitors who park illegally along the highway. The City will enhance the non-motorized boat launch area, replenish beach sand, and create a continuous swim area to increase the park's functionality and appeal. Finally, the City will replace the restroom with a larger building to accommodate more people, make the sidewalks accessible to people with disabilities, and landscape. Chelan will contribute \$444,106. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1653)

Tukwila
Building a Park along the Green-Duwamish River

Grant Requested: \$827,520

The City of Tukwila will use this grant to buy 1 acre along the Duwamish River, next to the regional Green River Trail, for a park. The City will build a neighborhood park that gives trail users a chance to walk along an easy trail through the woods, see the river, and sit on a park bench. The City also will install interpretive signs that explain how the park functions as salmon habitat and how other parks within view of the shoreline are part of a connected greenbelt of habitat-oriented parks. The landowner asked Tukwila to buy the land, hoping that it would be restored for conservation and recreation purposes. Tukwila will contribute \$206,880 in conservation futures.⁴ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1908)

Skamania County
Developing High Bridge Park

Grant Requested: \$92,668

Skamania County Community Events and Recreation will use this grant to develop the 8.25-acre High Bridge Park. The County will build a parking area, install a restroom, establish an area for picnics and gatherings, add fencing and a gate, landscape, and restoring eroding ground to reduce sedimentation to the river. The park is forested with a road leading to the Wind River. Access to the Wind River will create an opportunity for people to use the park for fishing, boating, swimming, and sightseeing. Skamania County will contribute \$44,332 in equipment and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1663)

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farm and Forest Account:
Farmland Preservation Category
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Karl Jacobs, Senior Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Sixteen project proposals in the Farmland Preservation category have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the category, review and evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Resolution #: 2018-26

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The primary focus of the Farmland Preservation category is to acquire development rights on farmland in Washington and ensure the land remains available for agricultural practices. A secondary goal is to enhance or restore ecological functions on farmland.

The Farmland Preservation category receives ninety percent of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Farm and Forest Account. The remaining ten percent is set aside for the Forestland Preservation category.

Program Summary

The one change to the Farmland Preservation category this year was the addition of the conferral requirement for acquisition projects to help ensure a dialog with the local governing body. A summary of this category is shown in the table below.

Eligible Applicants	Cities, counties, qualified nonprofit nature conservancies, and the Washington State Conservation Commission
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of property interest • Acquisition and restoration or enhancement • Development of a farm stewardship plan as part of an acquisition
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no minimum or maximum request limit • The restoration total shall not exceed more than half of the total acquisition costs, including match towards acquisition.
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities, counties and nonprofit nature conservancies must provide a minimum 1:1 matching share. • No match required for the Washington State Conservation Commission.
Public Access	Although public access is not required, it is allowed if explicitly provided for in the conservation easement.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each parcel proposed for protection must be classified as farm and agricultural land as defined in the Open Space Tax Act. • Preservation of agricultural lands must be a priority for the organization. • Applicants must have the ability to draft, acquire, monitor, and enforce conservation easements.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Sixteen Farmland Preservation project proposals, requesting over \$5 million, were evaluated by members of the WWRP Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee on August 22-23, 2018. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to agricultural production, agribusiness, real estate, land management, and community interests related to farming. The members who conducted the evaluations were as follows:

Advisory Committee Members	Affiliation
Patricia Arnold, Trout Lake	Citizen
Julie Kintzi, Enumclaw	Citizen
Tristan Klesick, Stanwood	Farmer
Cynthia Nelson, Okanogan	Farmer
Pete Schroeder, Sequim	Farmer
Patricia Hickey, Washington Association of Conservation Districts	Local Agency
Perry Beale, Department of Agriculture	State Agency
Mike Kuttel, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Agency
Nicole Witham, Washington State University	State Agency

All nine advisory committee members were present to review and evaluate the projects using evaluation criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

At the end of the evaluation meeting on August 23 and during the post-evaluation meeting on September 6, staff met with the WWRP Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results. Advisory committee members were pleased with the evaluation criteria and did not offer any substantive changes, however, there were a few areas of concern.

First, this year there were several projects that involved the purchase of development rights on smaller farms. The applicants' proposals for some of these small farms is to purchase all of the development rights. Some evaluators raised concerns about whether extinguishing all of the development rights impacted the opportunity for small farmers to get started. The concern was whether a small farmer could afford to own a home and purchase farmland and all of the needed infrastructure to make it a success.

Second, evaluators discussed whether the board should consider standardizing the size of the building envelope. The existing guidance is designed to provide flexibility, however, some advisors felt the area set aside in some projects was too large and in some instances not large enough. Should board policy be modified to set boundary limits that are proportional to the farmable acres?

Third, the Farmland Preservation category does not require the property to be farmed, however, it has to remain in a farmable condition. During evaluation, advisors were very interested in who might be farming the property and what would happen when the current farmer "retired." One way to incorporate this into the evaluation instrument would be to expand an existing question, like *Viability of the Site* or *Threat to the Land*, to reward projects that have a "succession plan" or demonstrate that farming activities will most likely continue.

Finally, during the past three grant cycles, applicants submitted an average of 24 grant applications for the Farmland Preservation category. This year there were only 16. Because of the lower number of applications, evaluators recognized that even the lowest ranked projects could be funded. Evaluators did not suggest removing or not funding projects on this year's list. Evaluators are aware of the board's "do not fund" policy for other grant programs. This policy gives the advisory committee the option of making a "do not fund" recommendation if the committee has significant concerns about a project. Evaluators suggest adopting this policy for WWRP could be of use, particularly in years where there are fewer applications.

Overall, the Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee was satisfied with the process and the resulting ranked list.

Public Comment

There are letters of support for Farmland Preservation category projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Item 4, Attachment B. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant proposals supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments of state funds.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-26.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 Biennium. The Governor then submits the list of WWRP projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove projects from the list but cannot add to or re-order the approved list. The 2019 Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the list of projects in the capital budget. The board will approve the final ranked list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-26, including Table 1 – *WWRP, Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*
- B. State Map for Farmland Preservation Category Projects
- C. Farmland Preservation Category Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Farmland Preservation Category Projects, Evaluation Scores, 2019-21
- E. Farmland Preservation Category Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-26
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, sixteen Farmland Preservation category projects are being considered for funding from the Farm and Forest Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all sixteen Farmland Preservation category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10f, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Farmland Preservation*, including criteria regarding viability for continued agricultural production and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, these Farmland Preservation category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens, farmers, and local and state agency representatives using criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all of the farmland projects meet criteria that demonstrate preference for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goal to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Farmland Preservation category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

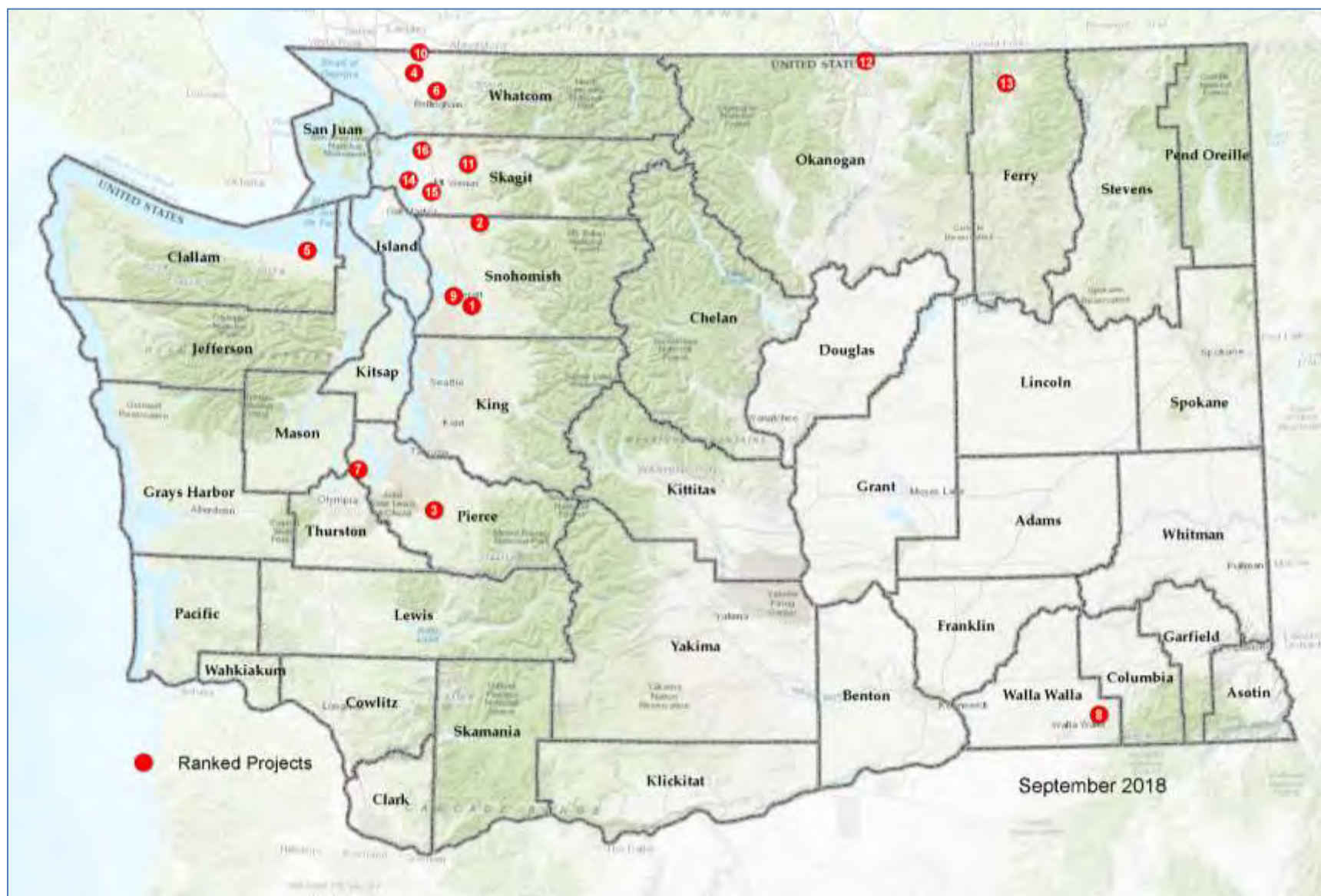
Table 1: Farmland Preservation Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-26

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	50.56	18-1420A	French Slough Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$952,400	\$2,175,600	\$3,128,000	\$952,400
2	48.89	18-1421A	Rengen Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$527,000	\$527,000	\$1,054,000	\$1,479,400
3	48.56	18-1376A	Mountain View Dairy	PCC Farmland Trust	\$778,711	\$793,289	\$1,572,000	\$2,258,111
4	47.33	18-2060A	McLeod Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$175,000	\$191,300	\$366,300	\$2,433,111
5	46.44	18-1944A	Dungeness Farmland Phase 2	North Olympic Land Trust	\$559,771	\$559,772	\$1,119,543	\$2,992,882
6	45.67	18-2015A	Roper Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$100,000	\$117,800	\$217,800	\$3,092,882
7	45.56	18-1503A	Kaukiki Farmland Preservation	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$3,242,882
8	43.56	18-1632A	Eagleson Farmland Easement	Blue Mountain Land Trust	\$284,500	\$284,500	\$569,000	\$3,527,382
9	43.22	18-1418A	Getchell Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$111,200	\$111,200	\$222,400	\$3,638,582
10	41.78	18-1625A	TeVelde Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$75,000	\$92,800	\$167,800	\$3,713,582
11	39.56	18-2052A	Skagit River Maple Farm	Skagit County	\$69,125	\$69,125	\$138,250	\$3,782,707
12	38.22	18-1705A	Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement	Okanogan Land Trust	\$729,363	\$729,364	\$1,458,727	\$4,512,070
13	38.11	18-1861A	Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch	Okanogan Land Trust	\$215,775	\$215,775	\$431,550	\$4,727,845
14	37.33	18-2051A	Bell Farm	Skagit County	\$222,875	\$222,875	\$445,750	\$4,950,720
15	37.17	18-2050A	Olson Family Farms	Skagit County	\$60,375	\$60,375	\$120,750	\$5,011,095
16	35.44	18-2049A	Nelson Lewis Farm	Skagit County	\$57,875	\$57,875	\$115,750	\$5,068,970
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¹Project type: A=acquisition

State Map for Farmland Preservation Category Projects



Farmland Preservation Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

Farmland preservation means protection of any land defined as farm and agricultural land in RCW 84.34.020(2) and farm and agricultural conservation land in 84.34.020 (8).¹

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table			
Scored By	Number	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Score
Advisory Committee	1	Viability of the Site	16
Advisory Committee	2	Threat to the Land	10
Advisory Committee	3	Access to Markets	4
Advisory Committee	4	On-site Infrastructure	4
Advisory Committee	5	Building Envelope	4
Advisory Committee	6	Farmland Stewardship	8
Advisory Committee	7	Benefits to the Community	8
RCO Staff	8	Match	2
RCO Staff	9	Easement Duration	0
Total Points			56

¹ Chapter 79A.15.010 (5)

Farmland Preservation Category Detailed Scoring Criteria

Advisory Committee Scored Criteria

1. **Viability of the Site** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(9(h))
What is the viability of the site for agricultural production?
2. **Threat to the Land** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(9(c))
What is the likelihood the land will not stay in agricultural use if it is not protected?
3. **Access to Markets** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(9(h))
How is the land's agricultural productivity supported by access to markets?
4. **On-site Infrastructure** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(9(h))
How well is the land's agricultural productivity supported by on-site production and support facilities such as barns, irrigation systems, crop processing and storage facilities, wells, houses, livestock sheds, and other farming infrastructure?
5. **Building Envelope**
How much of the property is included in the building envelope?
6. **Farmland Stewardship**
What stewardship practices are in place to benefit fish and other wildlife habitat?
7. **Benefits to the Community** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(9(a))
How will protecting the land for agricultural purposes provide other benefits to the community?
Does the community and area Native American tribes support the project?

RCO Staff Scored Criteria

8. **Match**
Is the applicant providing additional match above the minimum requirement?
9. **Easement Duration**
What is the duration of the conservation easement?

Evaluation Scores
Farmland Preservation Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6		7		8	9	Total
	Project Name	Viability of the Site	Threat to the Land	Access to Markets	On Site Infrastructure	Building Envelope	Stewardship Practices	Bonus-Stewardship Practices in Easement	Benefits to the Community Benefits	Bonus-Letters of Support	Match	Easement Duration	
1	French Slough Farm	15.33	9.11	3.89	4.00	3.78	3.89	1.78	4.78	2.00	2.00	0.00	50.56
2	Rengen Ranch	15.22	8.33	3.89	4.00	3.78	4.67	1.89	5.11	2.00	0.00	0.00	48.89
3	Mountain View Dairy	14.89	9.11	3.89	3.89	3.44	4.56	1.67	5.11	2.00	0.00	0.00	48.56
4	McLeod Agricultural Conservation Easement	14.56	9.89	4.00	3.67	3.56	4.00	1.44	4.67	1.56	0.00	0.00	47.33
5	Dungeness Farmland Phase 2	14.11	9.44	3.67	3.00	3.11	4.56	1.44	5.11	2.00	0.00	0.00	46.44
6	Roper Agricultural Conservation Easement	14.00	8.56	4.00	3.78	3.67	4.33	1.33	4.33	1.67	0.00	0.00	45.67
7	Kaukiki Farmland Preservation	13.00	8.00	3.56	3.56	3.33	4.78	1.00	4.44	1.89	2.00	0.00	45.56
8	Eagleson Farmland Easement	15.11	7.00	4.00	2.33	2.78	4.78	1.44	4.44	1.67	0.00	0.00	43.56
9	Getchell Ranch	13.56	6.78	3.67	3.56	3.11	4.22	1.78	4.56	2.00	0.00	0.00	43.22
10	TeVelde Agricultural Conservation Easement	13.11	7.56	3.78	2.00	3.44	3.22	1.56	3.78	1.33	2.00	0.00	41.78
11	Skagit River Maple Farm	14.44	5.56	4.00	3.56	3.11	3.67	1.44	3.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.56
12	Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement	12.78	6.56	3.00	2.89	3.44	4.33	0.56	4.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	38.22
13	Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch	12.44	6.67	3.11	3.11	2.89	4.56	0.67	4.44	0.22	0.00	0.00	38.11
14	Bell Farm	13.56	6.78	3.89	1.44	3.33	3.44	1.44	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.33
15	Olson Family Farms	12.22	7.33	3.89	1.44	3.22	3.44	1.44	3.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.67
16	Nelson Lewis Farm	14.00	5.44	3.78	1.78	3.22	2.56	1.00	3.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.44

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Questions 8-9.

Farmland Preservation Category Project Descriptions (in rank order) 2019-21

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving French Slough Farm

Grant Requested: \$952,400

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 570-acre French Slough Farm, preventing its development. The land borders French Creek and the Pilchuck River where it meets the Snohomish River. Both the Pilchuck and Snohomish Rivers are priority habitat for migrating and breeding Chinook salmon, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and Coho, a National Marine Fisheries Service species of concern, as well as cutthroat, chum, and bull trout. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute more than \$2.1 million in conservation futures² and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1420)

PCC Farmland Trust Protecting Rengen Ranch

Grant Requested: \$527,000

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 200-acre Rengen Ranch, preventing development. The tremendous population growth in Snohomish County has put additional development pressure on farms immediately surrounding the county's growing metropolitan areas, and makes large, contiguous farms like Rengen Ranch critical for maintaining an agricultural industry in Snohomish County. The owners have maintained the former dairy infrastructure in good condition, along with their water rights, farm roads, and livestock fencing for continued agricultural use into the future. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$527,000 in donations of cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1421)

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving Mountain View Dairy

Grant Requested: \$778,711

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 284-acre Mountain View Dairy, preventing development. Founded in the 1950s, this certified organic dairy farm is under a lease-to-own arrangement with an established local farming family. Permanently protecting this farm through a conservation easement allows a local farm business to expand, increases local food production, and conserves prime farmland soils. The project has support from Pierce County and the Pierce Conservation District. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$793,289 in donations of cash and conservation futures.³ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1376)

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Whatcom County
Conserving the McLeod Property

Grant Requested: \$175,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 16.59 acres of prime agricultural soils. The land currently supports a local farm business, Uprising Organics, which grows vegetable, flower, and herb seeds. This area protects shoreline habitat for migratory waterfowl and provides an additional buffer to the large dairy operation next door. This land's proximity to Wiser Lake, which a large and diverse assortment of migratory waterfowl visit, also helps to protect wildlife habitat. Whatcom County will contribute \$191,300 in conservation futures⁴ and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2060)

North Olympic Land Trust
Preserving Dungeness Farmland

Grant Requested: \$559,771

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 104 acres of prime farmland in the Sequim-Dungeness valley with increased development pressure. Leased by the same family since the 1940s, the farm supports cattle and hay. An agricultural conservation easement will conserve the countryside view from the levee along the Dungeness River that thousands of people walk each month. North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$559,772 in donations of cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1944)

Whatcom County
Conserving the Roper Property

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 26.75 acres of prime agricultural soils. This land supports Sage and Sky Farm, which raises mixed vegetables and sheep for meat and wool production on about 4 acres. Agricultural lands in this area include wetlands where a diverse assortment of migratory waterfowl regularly visit. Whatcom County will contribute \$117,800 in conservation futures⁵ and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2015)

Great Peninsula Conservancy
Preserving Kaukiki Farmland

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 96 acres of farmland, which is under increasing development pressure. Kaukiki farmland includes prime agricultural soils and includes ponds, wetlands, and a fish-bearing stream that flows through the area and into Taylor Bay. Owned and operated by the Bryant family since 2008, the farm produces cattle and sheep for meat and wool. At 141 acres, Kaukiki Farm is one of the largest agricultural and community resources on the Key Peninsula. The landowners offer outreach and educational opportunities through their partnerships with the Key Peninsula Farm Tour and Pierce County Conservation District. Great Peninsula Conservancy

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will contribute \$500,000 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1503)

**Blue Mountain Land Trust
Protecting Eagleson Farmland**

Grant Requested: \$284,500

The Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement on 652 acres of farmland next to other conserved land. The land boasts 360-degree views of Walla Walla and the Blue Mountains, making it a prime target for development despite its productivity as farmland. An easement will prevent development, ensuring that this land remains in farmland production. Blue Mountain Land Trust will contribute \$284,500 in a donation of land value and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1632)

**PCC Farmland Trust
Preserving Getchell Ranch**

Grant Requested: \$111,200

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for Getchell Ranch, one of the oldest farmsteads in the Snohomish River Valley. The 94-acre ranch includes prime soils, a historic farmhouse and barn, a small heritage orchard, and pasture. Owned by the same family since 1873, the ranch has been home to sheep, pigs, dairy and beef cattle, oxen, poultry, fruit, corn, potatoes, pasture, and hay. The Washington Heritage Register, the Snohomish County Centennial Farm Registry, and the Snohomish County Register of Historic Places recognize Getchell Ranch's significant cultural and historic value. The easement will prevent the land from being developed. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$111,200 in donations of cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1418)

**Whatcom County
Conserving TeVelde Agricultural Lands**

Grant Requested: \$75,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 19.6 acres of prime soils in northern Whatcom County, near the TeVelde Farm. Migratory waterfowl regularly visit agricultural lands in this area. Whatcom County will contribute \$92,800 in conservation futures.⁶ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1625)

**Skagit County
Protecting Skagit River Maple Farm**

Grant Requested: \$69,125

Skagit County will use this grant to buy a 63-acre voluntary land preservation agreement, which removes one development right and a single-family house. Near the protected Cascade Trail and the Skagit Land Trust's Minkler Lake land complex, this land falls within the Skagit River floodplain. The project will protect farmland and critical areas and conserve soil in perpetuity.

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Skagit County will contribute \$69,125 in conservation futures.⁷ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2052)

**Okanogan Land Trust
Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement**

Grant Requested: \$729,363

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 2,691 acres of the Ellis Barnes Livestock Company's rangeland, which will restrict future development. The land includes wetlands that provide habitat for waterfowl, cavity-nesting ducks, and Chinook salmon. The Barnes family began assembling this ranch in 1924 and incorporated it in 1929, making it one of the oldest in Okanogan County. This family-owned cow-calf operation is one of a handful still operating in the northern Okanogan Valley and contributes significantly to the local agricultural economy. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$729,364 in a federal appropriation and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1705)

**Okanogan Land Trust
Preserving Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch**

Grant Requested: \$215,775

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a 371-acre voluntary land preservation agreement for land owned by Daniel Miller with 4-Bravo Ranch. Made up of irrigated farmland and pasture, along with aspen and dry mixed conifer forest, this project will protect productive farm and ranchland that supports hay farming and livestock ranching. Located near Washington State Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service land, the area will facilitate expanded opportunities for cattle ranching and wildlife movement. The land includes a section of Curlew Creek, a fish-bearing creek with streambank habitat. Near Curlew and State Highway 21, the land sees increased pressure for industrial or residential development. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$215,775 in donations of cash and land interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1861)

**Skagit County
Protecting Bell Farm**

Grant Requested: \$222,875

Skagit County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 150 acres Located on the western Skagit River delta, immediately south of State Route 20 and between Telegraph Slough and Blind Slough, this land produces potatoes. This project will protect farmland, conserve soil, and protect critical areas in perpetuity. It also will reduce the number of homes and septic systems in the floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$222,875 in conservation futures.⁸ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2051)

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**Skagit County
Preserving Olson Family Farms****Grant Requested: \$60,375**

Skagit County will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreement for 18 acres just outside the Mount Vernon city limit. This land is under high residential development pressure. This project will protect farmland, conserve soil, and protect critical areas in perpetuity. It will also reduce the number of homes and septic systems in the floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$60,375 in conservation futures.⁹ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2050)

**Skagit County
Preserving Skagit County Farmland****Grant Requested: \$57,875**

Skagit County will use this grant to buy a 40-acre voluntary land preservation agreement on a commercial potato farm. In addition to protecting soils, this project will reduce the number of homes and septic systems in the floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$57,875 in conservation futures.¹⁰ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2049)

⁹Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farm and Forest Account:
Forestland Preservation Category
Approval of the Project List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Kim Sellers, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

This memo describes the Forestland Preservation category, the review process, and the project submitted for funding consideration. Staff will present additional information about the project at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary project list, which becomes the basis for awarding grants, following legislative appropriation of funds for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Resolution #: 2018-27

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary project list (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The primary focus of the Forestland Preservation category is to acquire development rights on working forestland in Washington and ensure the land remains available for timber production. A secondary goal is to support other benefits of preserving forestland such as jobs, recreation, protection of water and soil resources, carbon sequestration, habitat for wildlife, and scenic beauty.

The Forestland Preservation category receives ten percent of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) funds in the Farm and Forest Account.¹ The remaining ninety percent will be used for the Farmland Preservation category.

Program Summary

There were a few changes to the Forestland Preservation category, effective this year. The most significant changes included adding a conferral requirement for acquisition projects, increasing the amount of funds allowed for noxious weed control, modifying the *Community Values* criterion, and adding a new *Multiple Benefits* criterion. A summary of this category is shown in the table below.

¹Chapter 79A.15.040(1)(b) RCW

Forestland Preservation Category

Eligible Applicants	Cities, counties, qualified nonprofit nature conservancies, and the Washington State Conservation Commission
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition of property interest. Combination projects involving both acquisition and restoration or habitat enhancement.
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no minimum request limit, maximum request is \$350,000. Maximum cost for a forest management plan is \$10,000. The restoration or enhancement total shall not exceed more than half of the total acquisition costs, including match towards acquisition.
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, counties and nonprofit nature conservancies must provide a minimum 1:1 matching share. No match required for the Washington State Conservation Commission.
Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although public access is not required, it is allowed if explicitly provided for in the conservation easement.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each parcel proposed for protection must be classified as either timberland or forestland under county property tax definitions (Revised Codes of Washington 84.34.020(3)) and 84.33.035(5). Applicants must submit a county approved timber management plan if required by the county's tax program. Development of a forest management plan as part of an acquisition is allowed. Projects, on property owned by a private, small forest landowner, must include correcting all fish passage barriers.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

The WWRP Forestland Preservation Advisory Committee reviewed one project proposal, requesting \$350,000, between August 24 and 31, 2018. Following the in-person technical review and a written review of the final proposal, the committee recommended submittal of that project to the board for approval. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, are recognized for their expertise and knowledge of forestland preservation and management in Washington. The advisory committee members participating this grants cycle are:

	Affiliation
Gretchen Lech, Hancock Forest Management	Forest Landowner
Tammie Perreault, Two Cats Timber*	Forest Landowner
Richard Weiss, Washington Farm Forestry Association	Forest Landowner
Joe Kane, Nisqually Land Trust*	Nonprofit Organization
Cherie Kearney, Columbia Land Trust	Nonprofit Organization
Jay McLaughlin, Mount Adams Resource Stewards	Nonprofit Organization
Mark Ferry, Quinault Indian Nation	Tribal Government
Arno Bergstrom, Kitsap County	Local Government
Stephen Bernath, Department of Natural Resources*	State Government

**Participated in the technical review only.*

Six advisory committee members, using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), reviewed the final project proposal. Specifically, members were asked to comment on any fatal flaws with the application and help ensure that it was worthy of grant funding. The advisory committee recommended approval of the project for fund consideration as shown in *Table 1- WWRP, Forestland Preservation Category, Preliminary Project List, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

This was the second grant cycle for the Forestland Preservation category. Applicants initially submitted two project proposals for consideration. One project dropped out of the competition in early August because the landowner was unwilling to wait until grant funding was available. RCO staff offered a Waiver of Retroactivity² in an attempt to keep the project in the competition, but the sponsor had already finalized the easement and was unwilling to reopen the easement negotiations to add required policy language. Additionally, the cost of the forestland easement was over \$3 million and the Forestland Preservation category limits grant funding to \$350,000.

Because there was only one application remaining, staff met with members of the advisory committee virtually on August 22 and updated the committee on the status of the proposals for this grants cycle. Staff then asked advisors to review the final application, from August 24 through August 31, and make a recommendation about the next steps. The committee completed its review and recommended moving the remaining project forward for fund consideration.

Throughout the review process, advisors were asked to provide staff with feedback on their assessment of the application materials provided, the review process, and final results. Although committee members were disappointed in the number of applications submitted, they were pleased with the review process and focused their energy on brainstorming ideas for increasing the number of grant proposals.

Items to consider for the next grant cycle include:

- Asking applicants to provide evidence that the property included in their proposal is currently functioning as working forestland.
- Allowing the conservation easement to include wider riparian corridors or other ecological features.
- Increasing the marketing efforts to encourage more applicants to apply for Forestland Preservation grants.
- Raising the grant limits.
- Merging or expanding the category to include community forests.

One advisory committee member made other suggestions that would require a statutory change. These include increasing the amount of funds allocated to this category, reducing or eliminating the required sponsor match, and allowing the purchase of fee simple ownership.

Public Comment

RCO has received no public comment on this Forestland Preservation project.

²Advance approval from RCO to purchase property and preserve the eligibility of acquisition costs incurred before the board awards a grant and the project agreement is executed.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of this grant proposal supports the board's goal to help its partners protect, restore, and develop opportunities that benefit people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board's goal of making strategic investments of state funds.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – WWRP, Forestland Preservation Category, Preliminary Project List, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-27.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Governor then submits the Forestland Preservation project list to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The Governor may remove the project from the list but cannot add to the approved list. The Legislature will set the WWRP appropriation and approve the project list in the capital budget. The board will approve the final list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting. Item 4 in the board materials describes the full WWRP funding process.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-27, including Table 1 – *WWRP, Forestland Preservation Category, Preliminary Project List, 2019-21*
- B. State Map for the Forestland Preservation Category Project
- C. Forestland Preservation Category Evaluation Criteria Summary and Detailed Scoring Criteria
- D. Forestland Preservation Category Project Descriptions 2019-21

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-27
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Forestland Preservation Category, Project List, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, one Forestland Preservation category project is being considered for funding from the Farm and Forest Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, the one application submitted in the Forestland Preservation category projects meets program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10c, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Forestland Preservation*, including criteria regarding county tax designation as either forestland or timberland; and

WHEREAS, this Forestland Preservation category project was reviewed by a team of citizens and government representatives using criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the review process; and

WHEREAS, this review occurred through a written review process, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the forestland project meets criteria for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goal to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's fully functioning ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the project list depicted in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Forestland Preservation Category, Preliminary Project List, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the project list for the Forestland Preservation category for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: Forestland Preservation Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-27

Rank		Project Number and Type ¹		Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	N/A	18-1886A		Busy Wild Creek Forestland Preservation	Nisqually Land Trust	\$350,000	\$360,400	\$710,400	\$350,000
						\$350,000	\$360,400	\$710,400	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

State Map for the Forestland Preservation Category Project



Forestland Preservation Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

Forestland preservation means protection of any land designated as either timberland in RCW 84.34.020(3) or forestland in 84.33.035(5).³

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table			
Scored By	Number	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Score
Advisory Committee	1	Viability of the Site	15
Advisory Committee	2	Forestland Stewardship	10
Advisory Committee	3	Threat to the Land	8
Advisory Committee	4	Community Values	6
Advisory Committee	5	Multiple Benefits	2
RCO Staff	6	Match	2
Total Points			43

Forestland Preservation Category Detailed Scoring Criteria

Advisory Committee Scored Criteria

- 1. Viability of the Site** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(10(h))
 What is the viability of the site for commercial timber production?
 - 2. Forest Stewardship** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(10(e-g))
 What stewardship practices beyond the Forest Practices Act are in place that support timber production or provide ecologic benefits?
 - 3. Threat to the Land** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(10(c))
 What is the likelihood the land will be converted to some other use than forestland if it's not protected?
 - 4. Community Values** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.130(10(a))
 How will protecting the land for timber production provide benefits to the community?
- Multiple Benefits** Revised Code of Washington 79A.15.060 (5) (a) (i)
 Does the project include recreational uses that are compatible with habitat conservation?
 Does the project include resource uses or management practices that are compatible with conservation and provide the ability to achieve additional conservation benefits?

RCO Staff Scored Criteria

- 5. Match**
 Is the applicant providing additional match above the minimum requirement?

³ Chapter 79A.15.010 (6)

Forestland Preservation Category Project Description 2019-21

Nisqually Land Trust Preserving the Busy Wild Creek Forest

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Nisqually Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement⁴ to conserve 320 acres of commercial timberlands near and along Busy Wild Creek, in the Mashel River sub-basin of the Nisqually River watershed. The land includes .7 mile of Busy Wild Creek and 1.4 miles of its feeder streams. Busy Wild Creek forms the headwaters of the Mashel River, which is the main tributary to the Nisqually River. The land has steep, unstable slopes and has been managed within a larger industrial timberland ownership for at least 70 years. The easement will maintain the land as working forest forever but requires management designed to increase stream flow and water quality to levels significantly above those achieved by forest practices regulations. In particular, the easement will enhance habitat values for steelhead trout, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The *Nisqually Steelhead Recovery Plan* identifies Busy Wild Creek protection as a highest freshwater priority. In 2016, it was declared federal critical habitat for steelhead. The easement also will enhance habitat protection already in place on 2.4 miles of Busy Wild Creek immediately below the target property and extend and buffer federal, state, and local protected habitat for northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets. Finally, it will secure, for permanent public use, about 1 mile of the most popular section of the Mount Tahoma Trails hut-to-hut cross-country ski trail, which is used by more than 3,000 visitors annually and is an economic driver in the Ashford area. The Nisqually Land Trust will contribute \$360,400 in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1886)

⁴Voluntary land preservation agreements also are called conservation easements.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018
Title: Proposed Revisions to the Board's Compliance Policies
Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist

Summary

Revising compliance policies has been identified as a priority in the agency's policy work plan. The board's compliance policies were last updated in 2007. Staff proposes policy revisions to streamline the approval process by modifying the approval level for common and non-controversial conversions; to provide flexibility in the timeframe for a non-permanent, non-conforming use; and to identify potential exceptions to conversion.

This memo describes the revised compliance policies based on feedback from the April 2018 board meeting and from sponsors.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Background and Summary

In April 2018, staff presented proposed revisions to the board's compliance policies. The board directed staff to conduct informal outreach with sponsors on the proposed revisions. Based on the board's comments in April and the subsequent discussions with several sponsors, the proposed changes have been revised (Attachment A).

Staff apply the board's compliance policies when conducting inspections and when fielding questions from sponsors and the public about what is allowed within the project area. The project agreement, grant program manual of the time the project was funded, current laws and administrative rules, and the board's compliance policies determine RCO's response to an action that is planned, is occurring or has occurred within a project area.

Sponsors advise they often receive third-party requests to use funded sites for a variety of purposes. Without the board's compliance policies, project areas would likely be consumed by inconsistent uses that diminish or impair the intended function and public use.

Current Policy

Conversion is a tool available to sponsors and RCO to address changes in ownership, management and use of a funded site that conflicts with, or is inconsistent with, the purpose of the grant. In addition to

statutory¹ and administrative rule² requirements, prior approval of a conversion has been a condition in the board's project agreements beginning with the first agreement that was issued in 1966. A conversion is referred to as a use other than what is described in the original grant.

Board policy defines the actions that create a conversion (see [Manual 7.](#)) Those are:

- Property interests are conveyed for non-public outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, or salmon recovery uses.
- Property interests are conveyed to a third party not otherwise eligible to receive grants in the program from which funding was derived.³
- Non-outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, or salmon recovery uses (public or private) are made in a manner that impairs the originally intended purposes of the project area.
- Non-eligible indoor facilities are developed within the project area.
- Public use of the property or a portion of the property acquired or developed/restored with RCO assistance is terminated, unless public use was not allowed under the original grant.
- If a habitat project, the property or a portion of the property acquired, restored, or enhanced no longer provides the environmental functions for which RCO funds were approved originally.⁴

Actions that Create Conversions

The most common conversions are often due to a third party. The conversion approval requests received over last four (4) years resulted from the following actions:

- Right-of-way (new and expanding existing right-of-way most commonly related to transportation projects) (34%)
- Adjacent landowner issues (20%)
- Utility-related (18%)
- Ineligible indoor facilities (planned or ineligible facilities that have been constructed in the project area) (16%)
- Other (12%)

Approving a Conversion

The board has the authority to approve all conversions. By policy, the board has delegated authority to the RCO director to approve a conversion that "is less than 20% of the original scope; AND is less than \$75,000 in value".⁵ The director may either approve or deny the request, or forward the request to the appropriate board for decision. The director's decision may be appealed to the board.

In addition, board policy permits a 180-day closure of a project area. This policy has been also been applied to temporary non-conforming uses of a project area. Exceeding the 180-day closure, without prior board approval, creates a conversion.

¹RCW 79A.15.030; RCW 79A.25.100

²WAC 286-13-160; WAC 286-13-170; WAC 286-13-180.

³ An exception is allowed under Salmon Recovery Funding Board rules: Property acquired for salmon recovery purposes may be transferred to federal agencies, provided the property retains adequate habitat protections and with written approval.

⁴ Manual 7 Long-term Obligations

⁵ The thresholds for director's approval of a conversion were last revised in 2007, the prior threshold was less than 10% of original scope and value of less than \$25,000.

Revising Compliance Policies is a Priority

Revising the board's compliance policies is an identified priority in the top tier of the agency's policy work plan. Sponsors and staff have expressed the desire to reduce the amount of time for approval of a conversion.

The conversion process can take up to a year and often takes longer to complete. The amount of time for approval is primarily dependent upon four factors:

- The approval level for the conversion (board⁶ or director);
- The action that is creating the conversion;
- The sponsor's resources and motivation for resolving a conversion; and
- RCO staff availability and workload.

The criteria and requirements for board approval of a conversion are codified in WAC 286-13⁷ which was updated in June 2017.

Proposed Revisions

In April, staff identified the following areas for policy revision:

- Expand the RCO director's authority to approve conversions;
- Identify actions that may be considered as exceptions to conversions;
- Modify the 180-day limit for a temporary closure or non-conforming use;
- Establish a timeframe for a sponsor to complete the conversion process; and
- Modify the high-risk sponsor designation policy to encourage prompt resolution of conversions.

In addition, and as directed by the board, a proposed policy to address adjacent landowner uses on the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission John Wayne Pioneer Trail⁸ was (and remains) included in the proposal.

After informal discussion with sponsors and concerns raised by the board, staff have removed the last two areas: proposed timeframe for a sponsor to complete the approval process and the proposed modification to the high-risk sponsor designation. Sponsors expressed concern that the proposed policy was punitive rather than an incentive, especially for the third-party created conversions where a sponsor has little control over the timeframe. These two proposed policies were also perceived as contrary to RCO's collaborative approach in resolving compliance issues.

The revised proposal for policy changes is found in Attachment A and includes:

- Expanding the director's authority to approve common and non-controversial conversions;
- Extending the non-permanent, non-conforming use time limit; and
- Identifying actions that may be considered as exceptions to conversions.

⁶ A minimum 8-month timeframe is needed due to the board's meeting schedule and practice of providing a briefing prior to board decision.

⁷ WAC 420-12 is the administrative rule for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The rule was updated in 2016.

⁸⁸ Or subsequent Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission approved name for the trail. SPELL THIS ANCRONYM OUT PLEASE.

Next Steps

Staff will incorporate comments from the board into proposed policy changes and distribute for public comment. Staff will review public comments, identify potential changes, and bring final policy recommendations for board decision at the January 2019 meeting.

Attachment A: Revised Proposal for Changes to the Board's Compliance Policies

The following table describes the revised proposal for changes to the compliance policies. Please note the strike-out text is provided to illustrate the changes in the proposal presented at the April 2018 board meeting.

Current Policy	Proposed Policy	Proposed Change	Expected Outcome/Result
<p>The director may approve a conversion of use:</p> <p>a. that impacts less than 20% of the original scope;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>b. when the dollar value of the conversion is \$75,000 or less in today's dollars.</p>	<p>The director may approve a conversion of use:</p> <p>a. that impacts less than 20% of the original scope;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b. when the dollar value of the conversion is \$75,000 or less in today's dollars;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>c. a conversion that is created by the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Expanding right-of-way; o Land exchange with adjacent landowners to consolidate a sponsor's ownership and management; o Boundary line adjustments; or o Ineligible indoor facilities such as community centers, fire stations, utility stations, aquatic/fitness centers o Trail realignments 	<p>Expand the director's authority to approve conversions⁹.</p>	<p>Reduce the timeframe for RCO approval. The decision can be made when sponsor has submitted the required documentation and completed public involvement.</p>
<p>Prior approval of temporary closure of public access sites will not result in a conversion</p>	<p>A non-permanent, non-conforming use that will have minimum impact to the project area (or portion of) that will last 180 days or less does not require RCO review.</p>	<p>Clarifies when RCO review of a non-</p>	<p>Provides flexibility to the timeframe for a non-permanent,</p>

⁹ Retain existing policy regarding options for the director to approve or deny the request or defer the decision to the appropriate board; and the director's decision may be appealed to the appropriate board. (Manual 7)

Current Policy	Proposed Policy	Proposed Change	Expected Outcome/Result
if the sponsor demonstrates that the closure will last 180 days or less. ¹⁰	<p>A non-permanent, non-conforming use that will have minimum impact to the project area (or portion of) that exceeds 180 days and will last no more than 2 years must be reviewed by RCO and may be approved by the director. The project area impacted must be restored within a specified period of time following the use.</p> <p>The board may approve an extension of the non-permanent, non-conforming use.</p> <p>RCO will consider the cumulative impacts of previously approved non-permanent uses of a project area.</p>	<p>conforming use is required.</p> <p>Extends the timeframe permitted for a non-permanent, non-conforming use of a project area (or portion of).</p>	non-conforming use that may exceed 180 days.
<p>A conversion would be determined when one or more of the following takes place, whether affecting an entire site or any portion of a site funded by RCO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property interests are conveyed for non-public outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, or salmon recovery uses. Property interests are conveyed to a third party not otherwise eligible to receive grants in the program from which funding was derived. 	<p>A sponsor may request RCO review for an exception to conversion for the following actions when demonstrating the action will have no permanent impact to the intended purpose, use, and function of the project area. RCO will consider the cumulative impacts of previously approved exceptions and encumbrances. Exceptions that may be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non permanent use of the project area, with restoration within a specified period of time Temporary construction easement, with restoration within a specified period of time; Underground public utility easement for water, sewer, and fiber optic, with restoration within a specified period of time; Relocation of existing easement/s that would result in a benefit to the intended purpose and use of the 	Identify exceptions to conversion for specific actions subject to RCO review and approval.	Provide flexibility for non-permanent uses and for actions that have minimum impact to the project area that may result in a benefit to the original purpose, use, and function of a site.

¹⁰ Staff have applied the 180-day temporary closure policy to non-conforming uses of a project area.

Current Policy	Proposed Policy	Proposed Change	Expected Outcome/Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, or salmon recovery uses (public or private) are made in a manner that impairs the originally intended purposes of the project area. 	<p>project area, with restoration within a specified period of time; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right-of-way for street/road improvements that improve access to the project area Non-permanent covering or sheltering of facilities that expands use and supports the public outdoor recreation use of the project area Levee and related infrastructure relocation that result in expanding and supporting the original habitat purpose of the project, this exception is limited to habitat funded sites. 		
	<p>A sponsor has 180 days from the date of RCO approval to complete the process. In the event a sponsor fails to complete the conversion process within this timeframe, they will be declared ineligible to apply for any new grants until such time as the process is fully completed.</p>	<p>Establish a timeframe for the sponsor to complete the conversion process and consequences</p>	<p>Provide an incentive to complete the final steps of the process¹¹.</p>
	<p>Upon notification by RCO of a conversion, the sponsor may be designated as a "high risk sponsor" if there is no record of substantial progress¹² towards resolving the outstanding conversion(s) within 180 days of such notification. This will result in a sponsor being ineligible to apply for any new grants until such time as the conversion is resolved.</p>	<p>Modify the high-risk sponsor designation policy</p>	<p>Removes the existing consideration of total board (RCFB and SRFB) investment received by a sponsor.</p> <p>Provide an incentive to sponsors to resolve identified conversions.</p>

¹¹ Includes recording a release of the deed of right for the conversion area and the deed of right on the replacement; executing the necessary amendments to the project agreement.

¹² Manual 7 describes substantial progress as "when a sponsor has (1) expressed, in writing, a willingness to replace the converted property or remedy the conversion and (2) has taken specific and timely actions as stipulated by RCO. These actions may include, but are not limited to, identifying potential replacement property, convening a task force or assigning staff, demonstrating an adequate public involvement process, ordering appraisals or appraisal reviews, or other relevant actions."

Current Policy	Proposed Policy	Proposed Change	Expected Outcome/Result
	RCO approval is not required for agricultural-related use of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail by adjacent landowners when permitted by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC).	New policy.	WSPRC permits provide adequate control of use and RCO review is unnecessary.

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018
Title: Compliance Inspection Strategy
Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist

Summary

Staff will provide a briefing on the agency's re-development of its compliance inspection strategy.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Purpose

RCO is re-developing our strategy for compliance inspections. The purpose of the inspection strategy is to implement a sustainable approach that ensures and promotes compliance at all RCO funded sites.

RCO staff strive to inspect a project area for compliance every five years¹. RCO has established a process and tools for compliance inspections. However, a strategic approach for implementing and focusing staff efforts and improving those tools for compliance inspections has not existed. The compliance portfolio continues to grow as do the pressures on funded project areas.

The strategy must be broad in order to encompass the spectrum of projects and project types² funded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), and the Recreation and Conservation Office (Office).

Strategic Approach

The revised strategy will be based on improvements to the Prism Compliance Workbench, a prioritized inspection plan for staff, the addition of new staff with a focus on compliance inspections, and increasing the use of other types of technology.

¹ National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund policy requires compliance inspections every 5 years. LWCF projects represent about 12% of the compliance portfolio.

² The compliance portfolio includes acquisition, development, and restoration project types. The scope of work in any project varies by grant program and project location.

The Prism Compliance Workbench was implemented in 2014. The first enhancement to its function and usability will be completed in November. Improvements feature a dashboard view of the compliance portfolio, filtering and reporting functions, and adding a quick-link to inspection reports to increase efficiency in preparing the reports.

Planning has begun to develop a sponsor self-certification inspection report feature in the Prism Compliance Workbench. In 2010, prior to the development of the Compliance Workbench, RCO piloted a sponsor self-certification inspection program relying on a paper-based approach. It was determined to be an inefficient method due to the heavy reliance on RCO staff resources and support. However, sponsor self-certification is now feasible as one of the methods used for compliance inspections through a modification to the Compliance Workbench. Our goal is to begin testing the sponsor self-certification feature in summer 2019.

Developing a prioritized inspection plan for staff is underway. Priorities will be based on a risk assessment that factors in the areas at greatest risk of being impaired or lost and other criteria such as project type (acquisition, development, restoration) and sponsor compliance history. The agency's internal compliance team³ has begun identifying risks, and the team will be instrumental in the development of the plan.

The addition of a new staff member with a focus on compliance inspections is anticipated in December.

Increasing the use of existing and improving technologies. Several sponsors are using drone technology to monitor their project areas. Developing guidelines and standards for use of the imagery will be a component in the revised strategy.

Next Steps

Over the next six months, staff will be putting the strategy outlined above into play within the agency

Staff will provide an update at the board's June 2019 meeting.

³ The Compliance Team is composed of grants managers from the Recreation and Conservation Section, Salmon Section, and the compliance specialist.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018
Title: Conversion Request: Royal City Park
RCO Project #76-001A
Prepared By: Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist

Summary

The City of Royal City requests that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approve a conversion of 8.35 acres. The conversion is due to the sale of the property in 1994 for affordable housing.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision
☐ Request for Direction
☐ Briefing

Resolution: 2018-28

Purpose of Resolution: Approve or deny the conversion.

Overview of the Board's Role and Applicable Rules and Policies

The subject of this memo is the conversion of property acquired with a grant from state bonds in 1975. The sponsor, the City of Royal City, is requesting approval of a conversion that occurred in 1994 when the property was sold for private development as affordable multi-family housing.

The City of Royal City is located in Grant County, approximately 22 miles southwest of Moses Lake and about 17 miles from the Columbia River. Primarily a farming community, the city is governed by a mayor and city council and is supported by four staff. The city has one park, Lions Park, a 1.49-acre site that offers a play structure, covered pavilion, restrooms, basketball court, open grassy areas, pathways, and parking.

The Role of the Board

Because local needs change over time, state laws and Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) rules allow conversions of grant-funded projects if the project sponsor provides for adequate substitution or replacement as listed below.

The role of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is to evaluate the practical alternatives considered for the conversion and replacement (including avoidance) and to consider whether the replacement property meets the requirements set in RCO administrative rules and policies. The board does not have the authority in statute to levy penalties or dictate the future use of the property being converted.

Applicable Policies and Rules

The project was funded from Referendum 28 bonds, which had no specific restriction on conversion. However, the project agreement included the condition and restriction on conversion without approval, and current laws¹ and administrative rules² apply to the conversion.

For the Royal City park project (RCO #76-001A), the action is considered a conversion because property interests were conveyed for private use.

In accordance with state law,³ the board has adopted administrative rules to address a project sponsor's obligation to resolve a conversion for an acquisition project.⁴ The applicable rules that apply to an acquisition project are as follows:

- All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected;
- The project sponsor will provide another interest in real property and/or facilities to serve as replacement. The replacement must:
 - Be of equivalent or greater usefulness and location;
 - If an acquisition project, be interests in real property of at least current market value to the converted property;
- Evidence that the public has been given a reasonable opportunity to participate in the identification, development, and evaluation of alternatives. The minimum requirement is publication of notice and a 30-day public comment period;
- Be administered by the same project sponsor or successor unless otherwise approved;
- Satisfy needs identified in the most recent plans on file at RCO related to the project sponsor's eligibility; and
- Be eligible in the grant program of the original project unless otherwise approved.

Request for a Policy Waiver for an Appraisal Review

Staff apply the board's acquisition policies to the conversion area and proposed replacement property. By policy, an appraisal report and appraisal review are required for a property with a value that exceeds \$10,000.

The city received RCO approval to obtain a retrospective value appraisal for the conversion and replacement properties to reflect the date of the conversion. The city has obtained an appraisal report for the conversion property and an appraisal report for the proposed replacement property. An appraisal review is underway for the proposed replacement property.

The city is requesting the board waive the policy requiring an appraisal review for the conversion property. The appraised value of the conversion property is \$25,000 as noted later in this memo. The city has not yet been able to obtain the services of an appraiser interested in providing a review due to the retrospective nature of the appraisal⁵.

¹RCW 79A.25.100

²WAC 286-13-160

³ RCW 79A.15.030(8)

⁴ WAC 286-27-066

⁵ A review of the retrospective appraisal for property at a 1994 value.

Background

The project in question is RCO #76-001A, Royal City Park.

Project Name: Royal City Park		Project #: 76-001A
Grant Program: Bonds		Board funded date: August 1975
Bonds Amount	\$4,920	Original Purpose: This project acquired 8.35 acres for future development of a city park.
Project Sponsor Match	\$3,280	
Total Amount:	\$8,200	

The city was awarded a grant in August 1975 and acquired the property in October 1975. The city planned to develop the property as a park with a playground, ballfield, tennis court and parking. The grant application indicated the city also envisioned an outdoor swimming pool at the site. The property remained undeveloped from 1975 to 1994.

The Conversion

The conversion occurred in 1994 when the property was sold for development as affordable multi-family housing. It appears from documentation in the project file that a deed of right on the property acquired did not get recorded by Royal City. When the property sold, the title insurance for the property did not include an exception for the deed of right. Construction on the housing development began sometime in 1996. (Attachment B)

The proceeds from the sale were placed into a park fund that was understood to be used for a future property purchase to replace the park. The city's mayor and staff and RCO staff have been in discussion over the last twenty years on resolving this conversion.

Details of Proposed Replacement Property

Location

The proposed replacement property is approximately 1 acre and is adjacent to Lions Park. (Attachment A).

Property Characteristics

The proposed replacement property is level, undeveloped and has sparse vegetation. (Attachment C).

Analysis

In summary, the board considers the following factors in addition to the scope of the original grant and the proposed substitution of land or facilities:

- All practical alternatives to the conversion have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis.
- The fair market value of the converted property has been established and the proposed replacement property is of at least equal fair market value.

- Justification exists to show that the replacement property has at least reasonably equivalent utility and location.
- The public has opportunities for participation in the process.

Evaluation of Practical Alternatives

Neither the city nor RCO staff can determine whether alternatives were considered before the sale of the funded property. As noted earlier, the property title insurance did not include an exception for the deed of right.

The city has considered at least two other sites in addition to the proposed replacement property as alternatives. The city acquired property in 1995 for a park that might have served as replacement. Unfortunately, it did not meet eligibility requirements because it was not acquired under a waiver of retroactivity.

Another site was considered in 2014, when the city had an appraisal report prepared for irrigated cropland property located on the eastern edge of the city's boundary and adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. The value of the property was not sufficient to meet the replacement requirements.

The current proposed replacement property provides an opportunity to expand the city's only park.

Evaluation of Fair Market Value

The conversion property and replacement property have been appraised for fee title interests with market value dates previously approved.

	Conversion Property	Replacement Property
Market Value	\$25,000	\$26,000
Acres	8.35 Acres	1 acre

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Location

The replacement property is located adjacent to Lions Park and about 3 blocks south of the converted property.

Evaluation of Reasonably Equivalent Utility

The replacement property has similar characteristics as the converted property. It is an undeveloped, level area with little vegetation. The replacement property will expand the existing park.

The city has not determined a development plan for the site. However, board policy requires development within 5 years of when a property is acquired.

Evaluation of Public Participation

A public notice of the conversion and replacement property was published in the Columbia Basin Herald, the area newspaper for Grant and Adams counties. The public comment period ran from June 5, 2018 through July 6, 2018. There were no public comments received.

Other Basic Requirements Met

Same Project Sponsor

The replacement property will be administered by the same project sponsor (City of Royal City).

Satisfy Needs in Adopted Plan

The city's comprehensive plan identifies a need and goal for open space that provide opportunities for recreational activities. The plan also supports the expansion of existing parks. The replacement property helps to meet those goals.

Eligible in the Funding Program

The replacement property is privately-owned and meets eligibility requirements.

Conversion Policy Requirements

RCO staff have reviewed the sponsor's conversion documentation and verify that all requirements are met. At the time of this memorandum preparation, the status of the conversion documentation is:

Complete:

- ✓ Administered by same project sponsor;
- ✓ Fulfill a need in the project sponsor's adopted plan;
- ✓ Eligible as a project in the respective grant programs; and
- ✓ Public opportunity to comment (30-day public comment period).

Pending:

- Appraisal review of the conversion property, if the policy is not waived.

Next Steps

If the board chooses to waive the policy on appraisal review and approve the conversion, RCO staff will execute all necessary amendments to the project agreement, as directed.

If the board does not waive the appraisal review policy, staff requests the board delegate approval of the conversion to the RCO Director following completion of the remaining conversion documentation and process. Should any controversy arise as the remaining steps are completed, further direction may be sought from the board.

Attachments

- A. Location and Aerial Parcel Maps of Conversion and Replacement Property
- B. Site Photos of Conversion
- C. Site Photos of Replacement Properties
- D. Resolution 2018-28

Attachment A: Location and Aerial Maps of the Conversion and Proposed Replacement Property



Attachment B: Site Photos - Conversion



Attachment C: Site Photos – Replacement Property



Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-28
Conversion Request: Royal City, Royal City Park (RCO #76-001A)

WHEREAS, the City of Royal City used a state Bonds grant to acquire property for a future park; and

WHEREAS, the city converted the property acquired; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this conversion, the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property is adjacent to the city's park, has an appraised value that is greater than the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the board approves waiving the policy for an appraisal review of the conversion property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property will provide an opportunity to expand the city's only park, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the conversion and replacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board the Board authorizes the Director to execute the necessary amendments.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Alternate Resolution Should the Board Deny Waiving Appraisal Review for Replacement

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Resolution 2018-28

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WHEREAS, as a result of this conversion, the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property is adjacent to the city's park, has an appraised value that is greater than the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property will provide an opportunity to expand the city's only park, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions; and

WHEREAS, the board denies waiving the policy for an appraisal review of the conversion property and directs the sponsor to obtain the review;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby delegates approval of the conversion to the RCO Director contingent upon completion of the appraisal review of the conversion property and conversion policy requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board the Board authorizes the Director to execute the necessary amendments.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account:
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Alison Greene, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Fifteen projects in the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account have been evaluated and ranked. This memo describes the program, review and evaluation process, and preliminary ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list, which will then be forwarded to the Governor for inclusion in the 2019-21 capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-29

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects (Table 1) for submission to the Governor.

Background

The Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) provides funds for preservation, restoration, or enhancement of aquatic lands for public purposes. Grants may be used to acquire, develop, or renovate facilities that provide public access to aquatic lands and associated waters. "Aquatic lands" means all tidelands, shorelands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters. These lands were dedicated at statehood for maritime trade, transportation, agriculture, and commerce, and are vital to the state's economy.

The primary goals of the ALEA program are to re-establish natural, self-sustaining ecological functions on aquatic lands, to provide people with access to the water, and to increase public awareness of aquatic lands as an irreplaceable public heritage. Policies governing the program are outlined in [Manual #21, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Grant Program](#).

Program Summary

Eligible Applicants	Native American tribes, local and state agencies
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquisition• Development or renovation of existing facilities• Restoration or habitat enhancement or creation• Combination projects involving:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Both acquisition and development or restoration◦ Both development and restoration
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1,000,000 maximum for acquisition and combination (acquisition and development or restoration) projects. No more than \$500,000 may be for development or restoration costs.• \$500,000 for restoration or development projects and combination (restoration and development) projects.
Match Requirements	1:1 matching share is required for <u>all</u> applicants
Public Access	Public access to aquatic lands must exist or be included in the project proposal.
Other Program Characteristics	Projects must be adjacent to a “navigable” ¹ water body. Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

Revenue and Fund Distribution

The ALEA grant program is funded with revenue generated by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from the management of state-owned aquatic lands. Revenue sources include the lease of state-owned aquatic lands and the sale of valuable materials (e.g., geoduck harvest rights).

The state treasurer deducts DNR management costs and payments to towns from the total funds that the state receives. The remaining funds are placed into the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account. The Legislature appropriates the funds to various state agencies, including RCO, for the following purposes:

- Aquatic lands enhancement projects;
- Purchase, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes; and
- Providing and improving access to the lands.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Fifteen Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) projects, requesting nearly \$6.7 million, were submitted for funding consideration. The ALEA Advisory Committee used criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) to review and rank projects on August 20 and 21 in an open public meeting in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include the following representatives all of whom are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge about the enhancement and protection of aquatic resources:

¹ Defined in Washington State Constitution, Article XVII, and 33 Code of Federal Regulations 32.

Advisory Committee Members	Representing	Affiliation
Karen Borell, Seattle	Habitat	Citizen
Kim Bredensteiner, Nisqually Land Trust	Habitat	Citizen
Thomas Linde, Carson	Habitat	Citizen
Carrie Hite, Edmonds Parks and Recreation	Recreation	Local Agency
Chris Mueller, Seattle Parks and Recreation	Recreation	Local Agency
Ethan Newton, City of Covington	Recreation	Local Agency
Paul Simmons, Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation	Recreation	Local Agency
Maria Hunter, Department of Natural Resources	Habitat	State Agency
Jessica Logan, State Parks and Recreation Commission	Recreation	State Agency
Josh Weinheimer, Department of Fish and Wildlife	Habitat	State Agency

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board’s Unifying Strategy, adopted at the October 2017 meeting, included priorities for funding outdoor recreation in Washington State. The board modified the ALEA evaluation criteria to incorporate plan priorities. Specifically, the board revised the Project Need criterion, which now requires applicants to identify how their project proposal will address priorities for underserved populations and the health recommendations in Washington’s Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022.

At the end of the evaluation meeting on August 21 and a follow-up meeting on September 5, staff met with the ALEA Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical review and evaluation meetings, evaluation criteria, and scoring results. ALEA advisors felt applicants were very responsive to their suggested improvements following technical review and appreciated the extra effort that applicants put into preparing for the technical review and evaluation process. Advisors felt that the applicants did a good job of identifying the priorities for underserved populations and health recommendations within their communities, however, few applicants shared how their proposal would specifically address the health recommendations or needs of the underserved. Overall, the advisory committee was pleased with the quality of the projects, the evaluation process, and the preliminary ranked list.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board’s strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance habitat and recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board’s strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support the board’s goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities. Projects considered for funding in the ALEA program support board-adopted priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

Public Comment

There are several letters of support for ALEA projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Attachment F. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21* via Resolution #2018-29.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will forward Table 1 to the Governor for funding consideration for the 2019-2021 biennium. The Governor submits the list of ALEA projects to the Legislature as part of the proposed capital budget. The board will approve the final list and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting.

Attachments

- Resolution #2018-29, including Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21
- State Map for Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Projects
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Evaluation Criteria Summary
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Evaluation Scores, 2019-21
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Project Descriptions
- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Letters of Support

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-29
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifteen Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) program projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fifteen ALEA projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 21, *Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Grant Program*; and

WHEREAS, these ALEA projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and state and local agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as party of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting policies in the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for both conservation and recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of ALEA projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

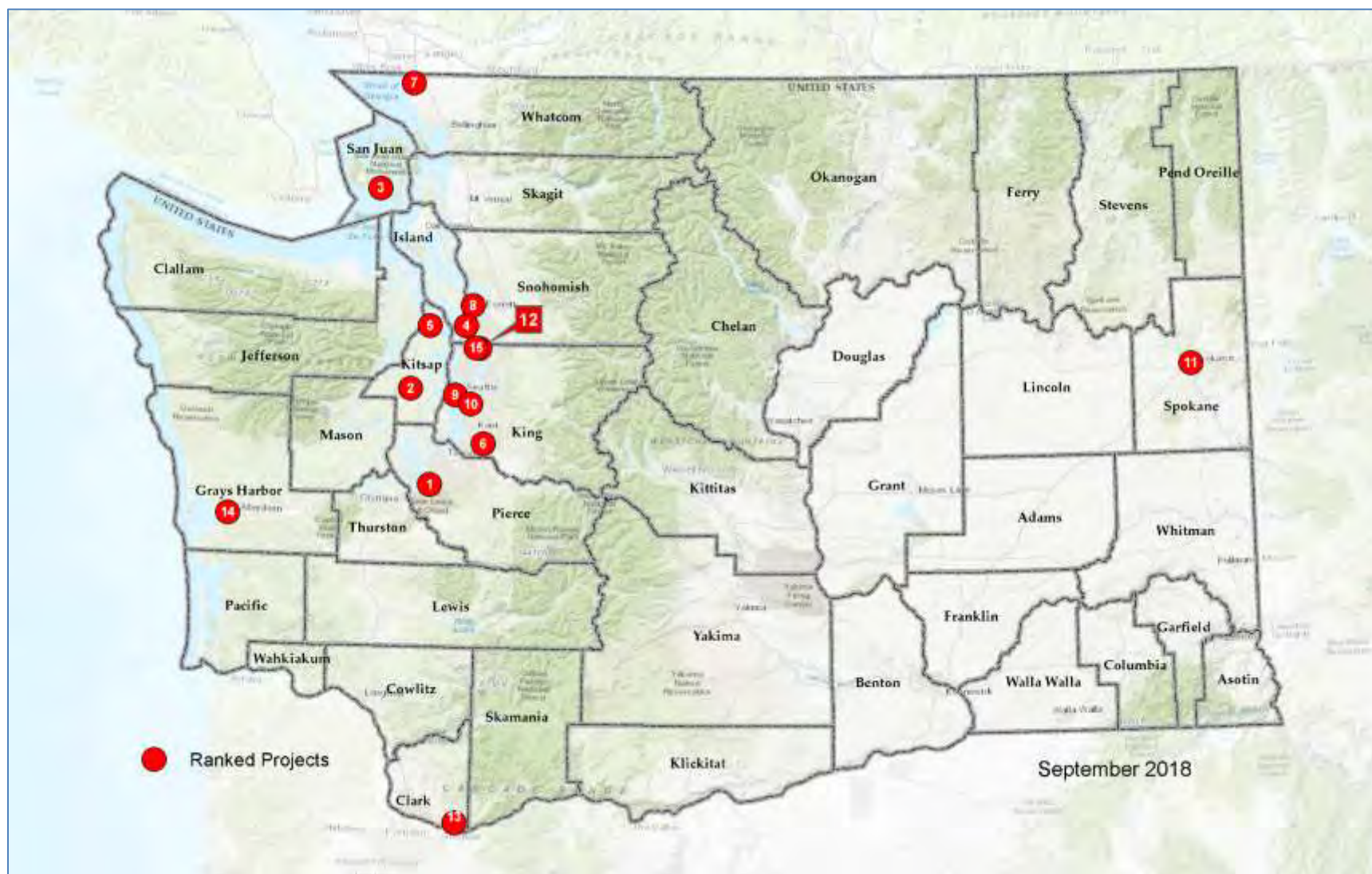
Table 1: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-29

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	61.0	18-2003D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$776,718	\$1,276,718	\$500,000
2	59.5	18-1646D	Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$438,200	\$441,200	\$879,400	\$938,200
3	56.1	18-2031A	Lopez Channel Shoreline	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806	\$1,348,200
4	56.0	18-1504C	Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$2,389,394	\$2,889,394	\$1,848,200
5	55.5	18-1618A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$3,049,986	\$4,049,986	\$2,848,200
6	55.4	18-1988D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Property Development	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251	\$3,348,200
7	52.9	18-1945C	California Creek Estuary Park Development	Blaine-Birch Bay	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000	\$3,806,200
8	52.2	18-1752R	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Shoreline Enhancement	Mukilteo	\$500,000	\$598,000	\$1,098,000	\$4,306,200
9	50.5	18-1963R	Lowman Beach Park Restoration	Seattle	\$500,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,650,000	\$4,806,200
10	49.9	18-2033D	Chinook Wind Public Access	Tukwila	\$157,200	\$157,200	\$314,400	\$4,963,400
11	49.6	18-2004D	Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge Renovation	Spokane	\$500,000	\$1,229,751	\$1,729,751	\$5,463,400
12	49.3	18-1535C	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Open Space Access	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$2,914,891	\$3,414,891	\$5,963,400
13	49.1	18-1244A	Washougal River Waterfront Expansion	Washougal	\$74,988	\$74,989	\$149,977	\$6,038,388
14	48.6	18-2023D	Adams Street Waterfront Park	Hoquiam	\$156,500	\$156,500	\$313,000	\$6,194,888
15	46.9	18-1437D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Nature Viewing	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$831,833	\$1,331,833	\$6,694,888
					\$6,694,888	\$15,267,519	\$21,962,407	

¹Project Types: A=acquisition, C=combination of two or more acquisition, development, or restoration elements, D=development, R=restoration

State Map for Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Projects



Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Evaluation Criteria Summary

The ALEA program strives to fund projects focused on two main program purposes: improve or protect aquatic lands for public purposes (protection and enhancement), or provide and improve public access to aquatic lands.² Applicants may submit projects that focus on a single purpose or a project that focuses on both. There are three separate scoring tables. The first shows the points available for *Projects Meeting the Single Purpose of Protection or Enhancement*, the second is for the *Projects Meeting Single Purpose of Public Access*, and the third is for the *Projects Meeting Both Program Purposes Protection or Enhancement AND Public Access*.

Evaluation Criteria Summary Tables

Projects Meeting the Single Purpose of Protection or Enhancement

Projects that meet the single program purpose of protecting or enhancing aquatic lands should address those annotated elements within each question under the heading *Protection or Enhancement Projects*.³

Scored By	#	Question		Evaluators Score	Maximum Points
Advisory Committee	1	Fit with ALEA Program Goals	All projects	0-5	15
Advisory Committee	2	Project Need	All projects	0-5	20
Advisory Committee	3	Site Suitability	All projects	0-5	10
Advisory Committee	4	Urgency and Viability	Acquisition	0-5	10
			Combination		5
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design and Viability	Restoration	0-5	10
			Combination		5
Advisory Committee	6	Community Involvement and Support	All projects	0-5	10
RCO Staff	7	Growth Management Act Preference	All projects	0	0
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to People	All projects	0-1	1
Total Possible Points					66

²Revised Code of Washington 79.105.150(1)

³Revised Code of Washington 79.105.150(1)

Projects Meeting the Single Purpose of Public Access

Projects meeting the single program purpose of providing or improving public access to aquatic lands should address those annotated elements under the heading *Public Access Projects*.

Scored By	#	Question		Evaluators Score	Maximum Points
Advisory Committee	1	Fit with ALEA Program Goals	All projects	0-5	15
Advisory Committee	2	Project Need	All projects	0-5	20
Advisory Committee	3	Site Suitability	All projects	0-5	10
Advisory Committee	4	Urgency and Viability	Acquisition	0-5	10
			Combination	0-5	5
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design and Viability	Development	0-5	10
			Combination	0-5	5
Advisory Committee	6	Community Involvement and Support	All projects	0-5	10
RCO Staff	7	Growth Management Act Preference	All projects	0	0
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to People	All projects	0-1	1
Total Possible Points					66

Projects Meeting Both Program Purposes Protection or Enhancement AND Public Access

Applicants whose projects meet both program purposes of protecting or enhancing aquatic lands and providing or improving public access to aquatic lands should address all elements for each criterion.

Projects that meet both purposes (protecting or enhancing aquatic lands and providing or improving public access) may receive up to five additional points by receiving a higher weighted score under Question 1.

Scored By	#	Question	Elements	Project Type	Score	Maximum Points	Total
Advisory Committee	1	Fit with ALEA Program Goals	Protection and Enhancement	All projects	0-5	10	20
			Public Access		0-5	10	
Advisory Committee	2	Project Need	Protection and Enhancement	All projects	0-5	10	20
			Public Access		0-5	10	
Advisory Committee	3	Site Suitability	Protection and Enhancement	All projects	0-5	5	10
			Public Access		0-5	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Urgency and Viability (acquisition projects only)	All Elements	Acquisition	0-5	10	10
				Combination	0-5	5	5
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design and Viability (restoration and development projects only)	Protection and Enhancement	Restoration	0-5	5	10
			Public Access	Development	0-5	5	
			Protection and Enhancement	Combination	0-5	2.5	5
			Public Access	Combination	0-5	2.5	
Advisory Committee	6	Community Involvement and Support	All Elements	All projects	0-5	10	10
RCO Staff	7	Growth Management Act Preference	All Elements	All projects	0	0	0
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to People	All Elements	All projects	0-1	1	1
Total Possible Points						71	71

ALEA Scoring Criteria

Advisory Committee Scored

1. **Fit with ALEA Program Goals** *(RCW 79.105.150)*
How well does this project fit the ALEA program goals to enhance, improve or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to aquatic lands?
2. **Project Need** *RCFB Resolution 2017-32*
What is the need for this project and how will this project address the priorities for underserved populations and health in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*?
3. **Site Suitability**
Is the site well suited for the intended uses?
4. **Urgency and Viability.**
Why purchase this particular property at this time? How viable are the anticipated future uses and benefits of the site?
(Only acquisition or combination projects answer this question.)
5. **Project Design and Viability** *RCFB Resolution 2016-03*
How does the project address the stated restoration or enhancement need? Is the project well designed? Will the project lead to sustainable ecological functions and processes over time?
(Only restoration and enhancement projects or combination projects answer this question.)

How well does the project address the stated public access need? Is the project well designed? Will the project result in public access to aquatic lands that protect the integrity of the environment?
(Only public access development projects, or combination projects answer this question.)
6. **Community Involvement and Support**
To what extent has the community been provided with an adequate opportunity to become informed about the project and provide input? What is the level of community support for the project?

RCO Staff Scored (All projects)

7. **Growth Management Act Preference** *RCW 43.17.250*
Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act?
8. **Proximity to People** *RCW 79A.25.250*
RCO is required by law to give funding preference to projects located in populated areas. Populated areas are defined as a town or city with a population of 5,000 or more, or a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile.

Evaluation Scores
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1			2		3		4		5					6	7	8	Total			
		Fit with ALEA	Fit with ALEA ¹		Need	Project Need ¹		Site Suitability	Site Suitability ¹		Urgency and Viability	Urgency and Viability	Project Design and Viability	Project Design ¹						Local Community Support	Growth Management Act Compliance	Population Proximity
			Prot	Acc		Prot	Acc		Prot	Acc				Com	Prot	Acc	Prot	Acc				
	Project Name																					
1	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	14.4			18.4			9.6					8.6					9.0	0.0	1.0	61.0	
2	Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park Renovation	14.1			17.6			8.8					8.6					9.4	0.0	1.0	59.5	
3	Lopez Channel Shoreline	13.5			15.2			8.6			9.0		0.0					9.8	0.0	0.0	56.1	
4	Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration	13.2			16.8			9.2					7.6					9.2	-1.0	1.0	56.0	
5	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Acquisition	12.9			16.4			7.8			9.2		0.0					8.2	0.0	1.0	55.5	
6	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Property Development	13.8			16.0			8.8					8.0					8.8	-1.0	1.0	55.4	
7	California Creek Estuary Park Development	13.8			13.6			8.8				4.3	0.0	4.2				8.2	0.0	0.0	52.9	
8	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Shoreline Enhancement	12.6			14.4			7.8					7.8					8.6	0.0	1.0	52.2	

Evaluation Scores
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
2019-2021

Rank	Question	1			2		3			4		5						6	7	8	Total	
	Project Name	Fit with ALEA	Fit with ALEA ¹		Need	Project Need ¹		Site Suitability	Site Suitability ¹		Urgency and Viability	Urgency and Viability	Project Design and Viability	Project Design ¹					Local Community Support	Growth Management Act Compliance		Population Proximity
			Prot	Acc		Prot	Acc		Prot	Acc				Com ¹	Com	Prot	Acc	Prot				
9	Lowman Beach Park Restoration	12.3			14.8			8.2					6.8					7.4	0.0	1.0	50.5	
10	Chinook Wind Public Access	10.5			16.0			7.6					7.2					7.6	0.0	1.0	49.9	
11	Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge Renovation	9.0			14.0			8.0					8.2					9.4	0.0	1.0	49.6	
12	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Open Space Access		5.8	8.0		5.8	6.6		3.1	3.9				3.1	3.6			8.4	0.0	1.0	49.3	
13	Washougal River Waterfront Expansion	11.1			14.8			7.6			6.8							7.8	0.0	1.0	49.1	
14	Adams Street Waterfront Park	10.8			16.8			7.4					5.2					7.4	0.0	1.0	48.6	
15	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Nature Viewing	11.7			10.8			8.2					7.2					8.0	0.0	1.0	46.9	

Evaluators score Questions 1-6; RCO staff scores Questions 7-8.

¹Acc=Access Projects, Com=Combination Projects, Prot=Protection Projects

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Project Descriptions (In Rank Order) 2019-2021

Lakewood **Improving Harry Todd Park**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve the waterfront in Harry Todd Park, which is on the south side of the 1,200-acre American Lake. The City will build a fishing pier, which will provide the only public fishing dock on American Lake, and replace finger pier docks to support rowing shells and other human-powered boats. In addition, the City will replace the restroom and build pathways from the parking lot to picnic and open areas. This park is in the Tillicum neighborhood, a geographically isolated and low income area. It is the only community park in the area and the only park that provides free waterfront access. Lakewood will contribute \$776,718 in cash and a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2003)

Bremerton **Renovating the Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park**

Grant Requested: \$438,200

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to replace the 30-year-old, deteriorating fishing dock in Kitsap Lake Park. The 2-acre neighborhood park is next to a 40-acre forested wetland and has the only freshwater lake in Bremerton, making the park popular for fishing, swimming, boating, nature walking, and wildlife viewing. In addition to replacing the dock, the City will upgrade the restroom, improve the seating area along lake's edge, and install parking and pathways accessible to people with disabilities to link park amenities including a new picnic shelter overlooking the water, lake and wetland viewpoints, and interpretive signs. Bremerton will contribute \$441,200 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, a possible grant from the state Boating Facilities Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1646)

San Juan County Land Bank **Buying Lopez Island Shoreline for a Park**

Grant Requested: \$410,000

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy about 10 acres along the western shore of Lopez Island for a public beach and for launching hand-powered boats. The 7.35-mile western shore of Lopez Island largely is inaccessible because of high bluffs, rocky shoreline, and overwhelmingly private ownership. Only two-thirds mile is accessible from land, and the land to be purchased is the only remaining potential access point to the rest. Due to threat from vacation home development, the land was purchased in 2017, but about \$450,000 is still owed to the seller. The land connects to 2 miles of public tideland currently reachable only by boat. This area is part of the Cascadia Marine Trail, but rarely is used because there is no way for paddlers to launch or take out. This project would fill that gap. Its beach also would allow

swimming, beachcombing, and wildlife viewing as well kite and stand up paddle boarding among other activities. Additionally, the land is near Shark Reef, a component of the San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and an important seal and sea lion haul out location. The land bank will contribute \$412,806 in donations of cash, a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2031)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Restoring Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to restore the estuary associated with the salmon-bearing Lund's Gulch Creek and improve visitor areas in Meadowdale Beach Park. The County will remove fill and place large wood and native plants in the area to re-establish a historic (pre-railroad) 1.3-acre estuary. In the park, the County will build seven viewpoints, four interpretive signs, and pathways along the creek and a boardwalk over a wetland. The County also will install benches and picnic tables, a portable restroom, and a pedestrian bridge over the creek for viewing salmon. The park is at the northern end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound and sees 65,000 visitors annually. The creek is used by Chinook, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as other salmon species. This project is part of a larger project to provide more elements accessible to people with disabilities, improve water access, address shoreline armoring impacts, and enhance shoreline and in-stream habitat. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$2.3 million in cash, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1504)

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Conserving Port Gamble Bay Shoreline

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to buy the development rights on 20 acres at Port Gamble Bay to conserve the land forever. The land was the home of a timber mill from 1853 to 1995 and cleanup was completed in 2017. The landowner drafted plans to develop the site for commercial, residential, and industrial uses. Buying the development rights is the first step in a larger project to restore high quality beach habitat and provide water access and recreational and educational opportunities. The bay is home to herring, surf smelt, sand lance, salmon, steelhead, trout, and shellfish. The site is important to indigenous people who lived there for thousands of years and continue to rely on the water resources. This project will provide immediate access the water for non-motorized boats. Future phases will include public beaches and trails. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will contribute more than \$3 million in cash, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1618)

Auburn
Developing a Community Park along the Green River

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Auburn will use this grant to build a 14.73-acre community park at 104th Avenue Southeast along the Green River. The City will build a 34-stall parking lot, improve access to the river, build a soft-surface trail looping through the site, and add park amenities, such as a picnic shelter, interpretive kiosk, signs, drinking fountain, and restroom. The City also will remove invasive plants and replant native species. The land currently is a mix of forest and invasive species, and river access is by an unimproved path. The only parking is along a narrow shoulder on a curved road. On any given sunny day, there are dozens of cars parked precariously along the road, which people use to get to the river and its sandy beach. Development of the park also will help alleviate the unauthorized activities at the site that harm the environment and the surrounding communities. Auburn will contribute \$626,251 in a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1988)

Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District
Conserving California Creek Estuary

Grant Requested: \$458,000

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 11.51 acres of wildlife habitat to protect rare tidelands and estuary and provide access to the public. Working with the Whatcom Land Trust, the district will buy the land, remove the house there, and develop a non-motorized trail, an interpretive trail, and a kayak boat launch. The land is at the confluence of California Creek and Drayton Harbor and is used by birds, trout, and salmon. This coastal inlet provides estuarine and wetland habitat that is protected from the oncoming waves of adjacent Drayton Harbor, making it ideal for migrating salmon, shellfish, waterfowl, and shorebirds. Due to its scenic location near the shoreline, development of the land is likely. The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will contribute \$458,000 in a state appropriation, donations of cash, a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1945)

Mukilteo
Improving the Mukilteo Shoreline

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Mukilteo will use this grant to restore a quarter-mile of shoreline along a proposed promenade planned to connect Edgewater Beach Park and Lighthouse Park. The work will be done at the Mukilteo Tank Farm owned by the Tulalip Tribes. The City will add rounded boulders, gravelly-soil terraces, logs, and large woody materials on top of the existing rip rap, creating space for planting shrubs, grasses, and trees. The shoreline plantings help shade the water, cooling it for fish. The plants also drop branches and leaves into the water, which provide food for the insects fish eat and places for fish to rest and hide from predators. Mukilteo will

contribute \$598,000 in materials, grants, and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1752)

Seattle
Restoring Lowman Beach Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, with support from Seattle Public Utilities, will use this grant to continue restoring Lowman Beach Park, which is on Puget Sound, in West Seattle. The City will remove part of a failing concrete seawall and restore the beach to a more natural profile, creating habitat for Chinook salmon. Barrier-free access will be provided to the restored beach. This project builds upon restoration completed by the City along the southern portion of Lowman Beach. A seawall was removed in 1995, and since then, natural processes have been expanding the beach and dropping large drift logs there. Seattle will contribute more than \$1 million in staff labor, a local grant, a grant from the state Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, and a grant from the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1963)

Tukwila
Developing Trails in the Chinook Wind Habitat Restoration Project

Grant Requested: \$157,200

The City of Tukwila will use this grant to develop a trail system, informational signs, and viewpoints within the Chinook Wind habitat restoration project being jointly implemented with King County. The goal is to create trails through the Chinook Wind site so that people can enjoy views of the river and the off-channel mitigation site and learn about the history of the area and the extensive salmon recovery efforts along the river. The trail system eventually will connect with the nearby Duwamish Gardens trails, making a substantial and unique urban water access experience. Tukwila will contribute \$157,200. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2033)

Spokane
Renovating the Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a pedestrian bridge in Riverfront Park, the city's most popular urban park. Originally installed as part of the Expo '74 World's Fair, this bridge provides an unparalleled viewing experience over the upper falls of the Spokane River; serves as a major north-south connection for walkers, runners, cyclists, and sightseers for recreational enjoyment; and is a crucial companion for interpretive information about the river. Today many bridge components have exceeded their design lives and require increasingly significant repairs to maintain public access. Portions of the bridge decking fail yearly, requiring expensive patching. Bridge railings do not meet modern guardrail standards, and significant portions of the bridge deck framing are heavily corroded. The City plans to extend the bridge's useful service life for an additional 50 years by replacing the bridge

decking, guardrail, corroded structure, and utility vaults at each end of the bridge. Spokane will contribute more than \$1.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2004)

Kenmore
Developing Access to the Squire's Landing Waterfront

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to build a launch area for hand-powered boats, complete with staging areas, a float, a community plaza and picnic shelter, restroom, parking lot, trails, boardwalks, bridges, and river viewing platforms. The City also will improve and create wetlands along Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River for migratory birds and other wildlife. The 42-acre Squire's Landing Park is south of State Road 522 and the Burke Gilman Trail. The park will help people reach the Sammamish River and Lake Washington. Kenmore will contribute more than \$2.9 million in a local grant, a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1535)

Washougal
Expanding the Washougal River Waterfront

Grant Requested: \$74,988

The City of Washougal will use this grant to buy easements across two residential lots along the Washougal River to expand access to more than a half-mile of waterfront. By buying the easements, Washougal will be able to connect two amazing waterfront properties—Hathaway Park and the Schmid Family property—with a remarkable river's edge trail. In addition, Washougal will manage a popular swimming hole and be able to make changes, such as erosion control, bank stabilization, and native plantings, to improve the condition of the site. Washougal will contribute \$74,989 in cash and conservation futures.⁴ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1244)

Hoquiam
Adams Street Waterfront Park

Grant Requested: \$156,500

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to build a waterfront park along the Chehalis River and upper Grays Harbor Bay. The City will renovate a vacant dirt parking area along the Chehalis River and add a picnic shelter, interpretive signs, a paved parking lot, small craft launch, and waterside pathways with viewing areas for watching fishing boats and cargo ships. Hoquiam will contribute \$156,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2023)

⁴Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

Kenmore

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing Waterfront Access and Viewing in Log Boom Park

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to develop and restore about 2 acres of the city's 16.4-acre Log Boom Park. The work will include developing a path accessible to people with disabilities, installing a picnic shelter, and improving access to the beach for wading, launching hand-powered boats, fishing, and viewing nature. The City also will remove invasive plants and replant native plants along the shoreline, wetlands, and their buffers. Log Boom Park is along the northern shore of Lake Washington, just south of State Route 522 and the regional Burke Gilman Trail. Kenmore will contribute \$831,833 in a possible grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1437)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-19, 2018

Title: Land and Water Conservation Fund:
Approval of Ranked List for 2019-21

Prepared By: Allison Dellwo, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted eighteen project proposals for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. This memo describes the program, review and evaluation process, and ranked list. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the meeting and ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked list. This list will become the basis for awarding grants following Congressional approval of funds and legislative approval of funding authority in the 2019-21 state capital budget.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Resolution: 2018-30

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked list of projects as shown in Table 1.

Background

The federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides matching grants to states to preserve and develop outdoor recreation resources for current and future generations. Rules governing the program are in the [LWCF Federal Financial Assistance Manual](#). Grants fund the purchase of land and development of recreation facilities, including campgrounds, playgrounds, trails, fishing access, swimming pools, ice-skating rinks, athletic fields, picnic sites, and various support amenities.

A prerequisite for a state's participation in this program is the adoption of a State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and development of an open project selection process. The National Park Service approved Washington's current [SCORP](#), *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*, in November 2017. The SCORP sets priorities used to develop state program policies and the project evaluation criteria. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) policies and the adopted evaluation criteria for LWCF are in Manual #15, *Land and Water Conservation Fund*.

Program Funding

Congress approves funding for the stateside LWCF grants program. The funds are from leases of offshore oil and gas resources, recreation fees, sale of surplus real property, and motorboat fuel taxes.

Program Summary

There were several new policies for the LWCF Program, effective this year. The most significant change involved modifying the evaluation instrument to incorporate priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*. Specifically, the board expanded the *Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation* criterion to address priorities for underserved populations and health. The board removed two evaluation criteria, *Federal Grant Program Goals and Readiness*.

Other changes included adding indirect costs as an eligible cost item, modifying the control and tenure policy for developments associated with state-owned aquatic lands, and adding the firearms and archery range safety policy for all shooting ranges funded with board grants. A summary of program policies is shown in the table below.

Land and Water Conservation Fund	
Eligible Applicants	State agencies, local agencies (cities/towns, counties, park, port, school and special purpose districts), and federally recognized Native American tribes
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquisition• Development or renovation of existing facilities• Combination projects involving both acquisition and development/renovation
Funding Limits	The minimum fund request is \$25,000 with a maximum request of \$500,000.
Match Requirements	A minimum 1:1 non-federal matching share is required for all applicants.
Public Access	Public access is required.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must establish planning eligibility.• Property acquired must be developed within three years.• Property acquired, developed, or renovated must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

Before issuing a project agreement, the National Park Service requires applicants to also:

- Address any outstanding conversions or other non-compliance issues,
- Possess an approved Army Corp of Engineers permit, if required,
- Complete required environmental and public reviews of the project, and
- Establish adequate control and tenure of property to be developed.

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Eighteen LWCF project proposals, requesting \$7.6 million, were evaluated by members of the LWCF Advisory Committee on August 16, 2018 in Olympia. Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, included the following representatives, all of whom are recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge about park and recreation resource management:

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Lisa Clausen, Seattle	Citizen
Kevin Killeen, Bellevue	Citizen
Alanna Peterson, Seattle	Citizen
Jennifer Burbidge, Lacey Parks and Recreation Department	Local Government
Dave Erickson,* Wenatchee Parks and Recreation	Local Government
Steve Starlund, Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department	Local Government
John Gamon, Department of Natural Resources	State Government
Laura Moxham, State Parks and Recreation Commission	State Government
Mark Teske, Department of Fish and Wildlife	State Government
Heather Ramsay,* National Park Service	Federal Government

**Participated in the technical review meeting only.*

Eight advisory committee members reviewed the proposals in an open public meeting and scored the projects using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in Table 1 – *Land and Water Conservation Fund, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

At the end of the evaluation meeting on August 16 and during the post-evaluation meeting on August 30, staff met with the LWCF Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, technical and evaluation meeting processes, and scoring results.

The advisory committee felt the process was organized and efficient and they were comfortable with the process and the resulting ranked list. They discussed the evaluation criteria and shared their thoughts about things that were somewhat challenging. For example, there may be too many things to consider in *Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation* criterion. One option is to break that criterion into two questions. Evaluators want applicants to talk about their demographics, but focus more attention on how their project proposal improves opportunities for underserved populations and health when responding to the *Need Satisfaction* criterion.

Diversity of Recreational Uses could be perceived as an unfair criterion when scoring projects that have a single focus, like a campground, soccer field, or swimming pool. Evaluators acknowledge that scoring *Project Design* or *Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship* was easier when it was associated with projects from larger cities. They believe these communities have more capacity or staff resources to do some upfront design work.

After evaluating the *Need Satisfaction* criterion and listening to applicants describe how they were trying to meet the needs of the underserved, advisory committee members acknowledged that the committee itself did not reflect a very diverse group of individuals. They would like to see more diversity in terms of age, ethnicity, gender, and ability.

Public Comment

There are several letters of support for LWCF projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Attachment F. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant proposals supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects supports the board's goal of making strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities. Also, projects considered for LWCF grants support board adopted priorities in SCORP.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve *Table 1 – Land and Water Conservation Fund, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, via Resolution #2018-30.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, the list will be available for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislature will set the LWCF funding authority in the state capital budget pending Congressional approval of stateside funding. The board will approve the final list and make its funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting.

Attachments

- A. Resolution #2018-30, including Table 1 – *Land and Water Conservation Fund, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*
- B. State Map of Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects
- C. Land and Water Conservation Fund Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Land and Water Conservation Fund Evaluation Scores, 2019-21
- E. Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Descriptions

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-30
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, eighteen Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all eighteen projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 15, *Land and Water Conservation Fund*; and

WHEREAS, these LWCF projects were evaluated by advisory committee members using the Open Project Selection Process approved and adopted by the National Park Service and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquisition development or renovation of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Resolution moved by:

Resolution seconded by:

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

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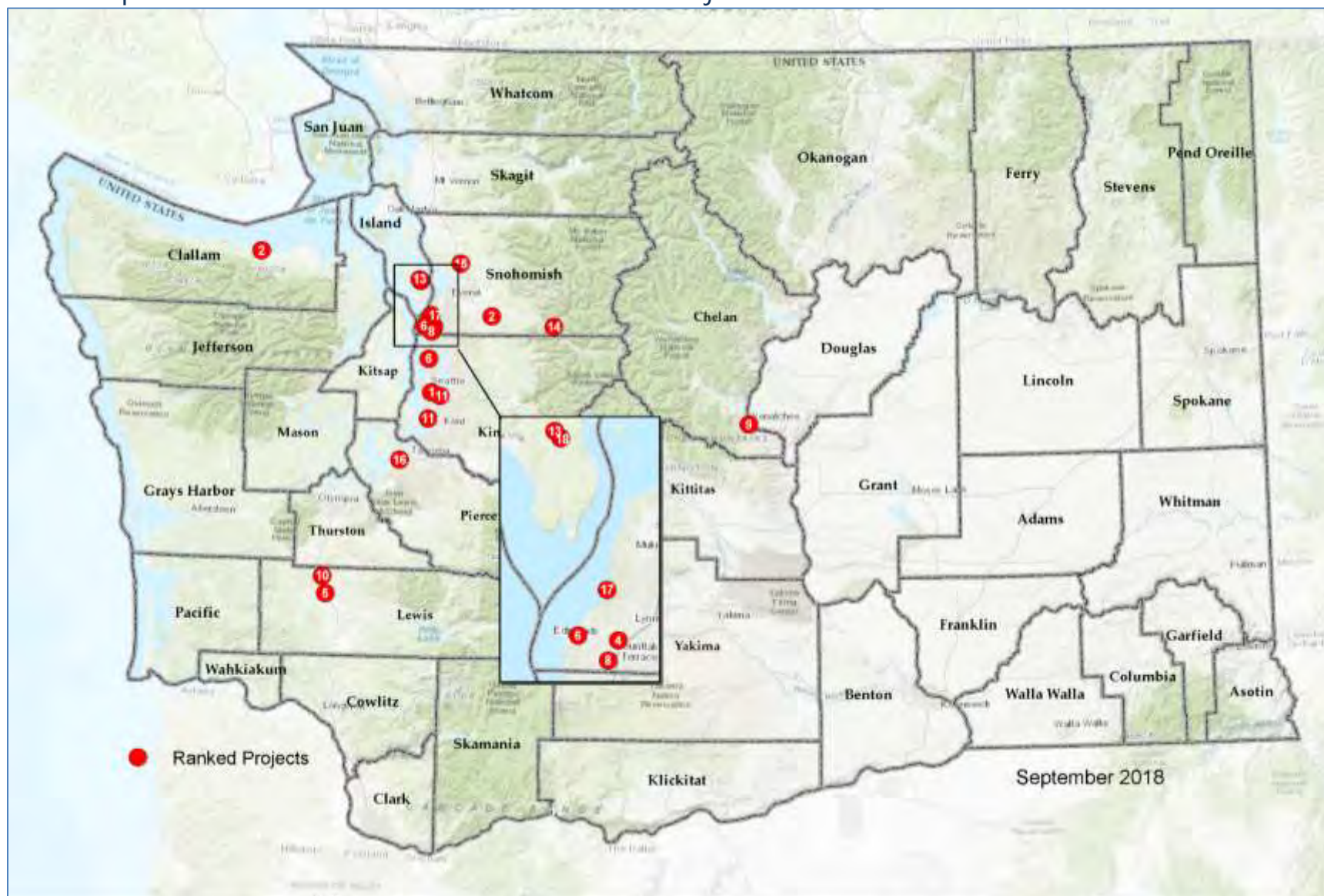
**Table 1: Land and Water Conservation Fund
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
2019-2021**

Resolution: 2018-30

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	50.50	18-1781D	South Park Playground and Spray Park	Seattle	\$500,000	\$2,884,756	\$3,384,756	\$500,000
2	49.13	18-1622A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,517,500	\$2,017,500	\$1,000,000
2	49.13	18-1657D	William Shore Pool Warm Water Exercise Pool	William Shore Pool District	\$500,000	\$2,934,500	\$3,434,500	\$1,500,000
4	48.13	18-1834D	South Lynnwood Park Renewal	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000	\$2,000,000
5	48.00	18-1819D	Chehalis Recreation Park Upgrade Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643	\$2,500,000
6	45.75	18-1379D	Downtown Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433	\$3,000,000
6	45.75	18-1274D	Green Lake Community Boathouse	Seattle	\$500,000	\$995,000	\$1,495,000	\$3,500,000
8	45.13	18-1335D	Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	Mountlake Terrace	\$250,000	\$255,000	\$505,000	\$3,750,000
9	44.63	18-1250D	Lincoln Park Renovation	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400	\$4,250,000
10	43.38	18-2024D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$4,350,000
11	43.13	18-1581D	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120	\$4,850,000
11	43.13	18-2000D	Marine View Park Accessibility Improvements	Normandy Park	\$363,604	\$363,605	\$727,209	\$5,213,604
13	42.50	18-1212A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$298,000	\$298,000	\$596,000	\$5,511,604
14	41.63	18-1828D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000	\$5,705,604
15	41.38	18-1481D	Mother Nature's Window Park	Marysville	\$500,000	\$870,591	\$1,370,591	\$6,205,604
16	41.25	18-1941D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500	\$6,705,604
17	38.88	18-1505D	Meadowdale Natural Areas and Infrastructure Improvements	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$596,441	\$1,096,441	\$7,205,604
18	37.50	18-1957D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000	\$7,658,304
					\$7,658,304	\$31,255,789	\$38,914,093	

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

State Map for Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects



*Project numbers are in ranked order as shown in Table 1

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Tables

Scored by	#	Title	Project Type Questions	Maximum Points	Priority In
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All projects	15	Recreation and Conservation Plan
Advisory Committee	2	Need satisfaction and diversity of recreation	All projects	10	Recreation and Conservation Plan
Advisory Committee	3	Immediacy of threat and viability	Acquisition	10	Board
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	4	Project design	Development	10	Recreation and Conservation Plan
			Combination	5	
Advisory Committee	5	Sustainability and environmental stewardship	All projects	10	Recreation and Conservation Plan
Advisory Committee	6	Community Support	All projects	5	Board
Advisory Committee	7	Cost Efficiencies	All projects	5	Board
Advisory Committee	8	Population proximity	All projects	3	State law
Advisory Committee	9	Applicant compliance	All projects	0	National Park Service
Total Points Possible = 58					

Scoring Criteria, Land and Water Conservation Fund

Scored by the Advisory Committee

1. **Need.** Considering the availability of existing outdoor recreation facilities within the service area, what is the need for new or improved facilities?
2. **Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation.** To what extent does this project fill the need described in Question 1 and provide or contribute to the diversity of outdoor recreation assets within the service area area, and address the priorities for underserved populations and health recommendations in the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022?
3. **Immediacy of Threat and Viability.** Why purchase this particular property at this time? How viable are the anticipated future uses and benefits of the site? (acquisition and combination projects only)
4. **Project Design.** Is the project well designed? (development and combination projects only)
5. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
6. **Community Support.** To what extent has the community been provided with an adequate opportunity to become informed about the project and provide input?
7. **Cost efficiencies.** To what extent does this project demonstrate efficiencies or a reduction in government costs through documented use of donations or other resources?

Scored by RCO Staff

8. **Population Proximity.** Is the project in a populated area?
9. **Applicant Compliance.** Is the sponsor in compliance with its RCO grant agreements?

Evaluation Scores
Land and Water Conservation Fund
2019-2021

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation	Immediacy of Threat and Viability Acquisition Combination	Project Design Development Combination	Ennvironmental Stewardship	Community Support	Cost Efficiencies	Population Proximity	Applicant Compliance	Total
1	South Park Playground and Spray Park	14.25	10.00		8.00	8.00	4.50	3.75	3.00	-1.00	50.50
2	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	12.75	7.00	9.25		9.25	4.50	3.38	3.00	0.00	49.13
2	William Shore Pool Warm Water Exercise Pool	13.88	8.50		8.00	8.00	4.63	4.63	1.50	0.00	49.13
4	South Lynnwood Park Renewal	13.13	7.75		7.75	8.00	4.50	4.00	3.00	0.00	48.13
5	Chehalis Recreation Park Upgrade Renovation Phase 2	13.50	8.25		8.50	7.75	4.38	4.13	1.50	0.00	48.00
6	Downtown Civic Park Development	11.25	8.25		8.00	7.00	4.38	3.88	3.00	0.00	45.75
6	Green Lake Community Boathouse	12.00	7.25		8.50	8.00	4.25	3.75	3.00	-1.00	45.75
8	Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	12.00	7.75		7.00	7.25	4.25	3.88	3.00	0.00	45.13
9	Lincoln Park Renovation	12.38	8.25		7.75	6.50	4.38	3.88	1.50	0.00	44.63

Evaluation Scores
Land and Water Conservation Fund
2019-2021

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation	Immediacy of Threat and Viability Acquisition Combination	Project Design Development Combination	Ennvironmental Stewardship	Community Support	Cost Efficiencies	Population Proximity	Applicant Compliance	Total
10	Borst Park Playground Renovation	12.38	7.75		7.75	6.50	4.13	3.38	1.50	0.00	43.38
11	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	10.88	6.75		7.25	8.75	4.38	3.13	3.00	-1.00	43.13
11	Marine View Park Accessibility Improvements	10.88	6.75		8.25	7.50	3.63	3.13	3.00	0.00	43.13
13	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	10.13	6.50	9.50		7.50	4.13	3.25	1.50	0.00	42.50
14	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	10.13	7.00		7.75	7.75	4.75	3.75	1.50	-1.00	41.63
15	Mother Nature's Window Park	10.13	6.50		7.00	7.25	4.13	3.38	3.00	0.00	41.38
16	Fircrest Community Pool	11.25	6.25		6.50	7.25	3.63	3.38	3.00	0.00	41.25
17	Meadowdale Natural Areas and Infrastructure Improvements	9.00	5.75		6.75	8.75	3.50	3.13	3.00	-1.00	38.88
18	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	10.50	6.25		6.25	6.00	4.00	3.00	1.50	0.00	37.50

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Questions 8-9.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Descriptions (In Rank Order) 2019-2021

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building a New Playground and Spray Park in South Park Community Center

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to demolish an old play area and build a new one and a spray park at the South Park Community Center in southwest Seattle. The new play equipment will provide access for children of all ages and abilities. The new area will include a fitness zone, a renovated perimeter pathway, and enhanced safety. This is part of a larger project that includes converting the grass sports field to a regulation-size synthetic turf multi-sport field. The park is underused because of an assortment of challenges: health concerns from proximity to a busy state route, poor sight lines to the playground and other key park elements, crime and safety concerns, not enough lighting, a sports field that doesn't meet league standards, and a lack of facilities for multi-generational use and spontaneous play. While the park falls short as a vibrant, active site, the adjacent community center is considered by residents as the heart of the South Park community. South Park is one of Seattle's lowest income and most ethnically diverse communities. Seattle will contribute more than \$2.8 million in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1781)

Monroe

Grant Requested: \$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 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, conservation futures,¹ and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1622)

William Shore Pool District

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building an Exercise Pool at the William Shore Aquatic Center

The William Shore Pool District will use this grant to add a warm water exercise and therapy pool at the William Shore Aquatic Center. This is part of a larger, \$13 million renovation and expansion of the aquatic center. The aquatic center is the only public pool on the entire Olympic Peninsula. Renovations will allow the district to provide water safety classes, swim lessons, water therapy classes, pre- and post-surgery recovery classes, and exercise classes for all levels of accessibility. It also will allow the district to provide people with limited mobility the chance to exercise and improve movement so they can graduate to dry land exercise and walking without risk of injury. The William Shore Pool District will contribute more than

¹Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

\$2.9 million in council bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1657)

Lynnwood
Renovating South Lynnwood Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

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, potentially 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](#). (18-1834)

Chehalis
Renovating Chehalis Recreation Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

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, potentially 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](#). (18-1819)

Edmonds
Developing Downtown's Civic Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop Civic Park, an 8-acre park in downtown Edmonds. 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, potentially 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](#). (18-1379)

Seattle
Building a Boathouse at Green Lake

Grant Requested: \$500,000

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 related 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](#). (18-1274)

Mountlake Terrace

Grant Requested: \$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](#). (18-1335)

Wenatchee

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Lincoln Park

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, potentially 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](#). (18-1250)

Centralia

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Renovating Borst Park Playground

The City of Centralia will use this grant to replace the playground equipment at Borst Park. The City will remove an old and dilapidated playground from the 1970s and replace it with a playground that is more accessible to people with disabilities, is constructed from heavy-duty materials, and can provide a place to play for 85-90 children ages 5-12 years old. The new equipment will include a tree swing with two swings designed specifically for children who have physical disabilities and a 100-foot zip line. The City also will add fencing and a loose fill surfacing. Centralia will contribute \$150,000 in donations of cash and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2024)

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Enhancing Kubota Garden

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant for long-overdue enhancements at Kubota Garden, including two all-gender restrooms and pathways and a picnic area accessible to people with disabilities in the 3.5-acre Terrace area. This 20-acre garden is a Seattle historic landmark and the masterpiece of Fujitaro Kubota, a horticultural pioneer who infused traditional Japanese garden design with Pacific Northwest plants to create a uniquely American-Japanese garden. The garden offers spectacular hills and valleys interlaced with streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, and rock outcroppings. More than 20,000 people live within a half-mile of the garden in the diverse Rainier Beach neighborhood, which has 75 percent people of color, 48 percent who do not speak English at home, and 23 percent of households living in poverty. The current gravel paths and portable toilets are not holding up to the high number of visitors. Attendance has grown 27 percent since 2014, with 77,000 last year. The Kubota Garden Foundation will contribute donations and volunteer labor. Seattle will contribute \$517,120 in a local grant,

potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1581)

Normandy Park

Grant Requested: \$363,604

Improving Accessibility in Marine View Park

The City of Normandy Park will use this grant to improve access to Marine View Park for people with disabilities. The City will pave a parking lot; build a welcome plaza, trails, and a picnic area; and install trail signs and stair handrails. Marine View Park is an environmental gem on Puget Sound's shoreline, yet its steep topography and primitive trails limit some people from enjoying the park. Normandy Park has a higher than average population of seniors and people with disabilities and the goal of this project is to provide universally accessible recreation opportunities to this under-served population. Normandy Park will contribute \$363,605 in taxes from a Local Improvement District. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2000)

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District

Grant Requested: \$298,000

Buying the Waterman Trails Property for the Public

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 40 acres of privately owned land with a trail system to keep it open to the public. If the district doesn't buy the land, it will be logged, subdivided, and sold for residential lots. The park district is on the southern end of Whidbey Island, and is home to about 15,000 people. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$298,000 in cash, potentially 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](#). (18-1212)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$194,000

Building a Trail in Heybrook Ridge County Park

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build a half-mile trail and restroom accessible to people with disabilities in Heybrook Ridge County Park. The 144-acre park is on the south side of the Skykomish River, across from the Town of Index. The new trail will travel through a scenic forested region that is rich in history and ecology, along a wetland, and around a historic former lumber mill site. Development will include installation of interpretive signs. Snohomish County will contribute \$238,000 in cash, potentially 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](#). (18-1828)

Marysville

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing Mother Nature's Window Park

The Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop Mother Nature's Window, a 35-acre park site in central Marysville. Development will include parking, fencing, open play areas, an off-leash dog area, small amphitheater, trails, and restrooms. Marysville will contribute \$870,591. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1481)

Fircrest

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building the Fircrest Community Pool

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to build an outdoor pool. The pool will be in Fircrest Park, near the Roy H. Community Center. The pool will include a 6-lane lap pool with diving well, wading area, and a stand-alone bathhouse. The Fircrest community pool is cherished and sees nearly 100 visitors a day in the

summer. The new public pool will meet the needs of all ages and provide a safe place for healthy family fun, swim lessons, and low-impact exercises. Fircrest will contribute more than \$3 million in voter-approved bonds, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and another state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1941)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Revamping Meadowdale Beach Park

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to enhance natural areas and renovate paths, parking, and an access road in Meadowdale Beach Park, at the north end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound. Work will include planting plants and laying large log and tree root wads along the banks of a salmon-bearing stream. Additional development will include building pathways accessible to people with disabilities, renovating an access road and parking area, and landscaping. Natural areas are highly valued by the community in this park as evidenced by the public's decision for hike-in only access. This project is part of a larger one to restore a historic estuary for Endangered Species Act-listed Chinook salmon and other salmon species. Snohomish County will contribute \$596,441. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1505)

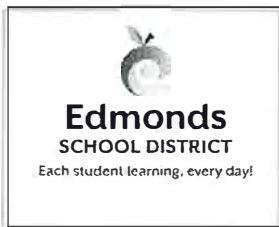
South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District

Grant Requested: \$452,700

Building a Campground Welcome Center

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to build a campground welcome center with showers and restrooms. The campground is next to South Whidbey High School on the southern end of Whidbey Island. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$553,300 in equipment, staff labor, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1957)

Land Water Conservation Fund Letters of Support or Concern



#18-1834 LWCF #4

CJ Gray
Principal

Cedar Valley Community School

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April 27, 2018

**Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917**

Dear evaluation committee members,

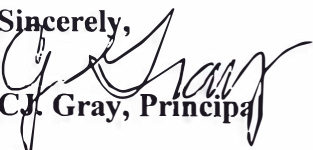
Please accept Cedar Valley Community School's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. This park serves a very diverse population of families, who attend my school, and renovating it would transform it into something beautiful and sustaining.

My name is CJ Gray, and I'm the principal of a wonderful elementary school serving 450 diverse students. Students who attend my school primarily live in apartments with very little green space or areas for children to play. I often see families on nice days, warm nights, or during the summer walk many city blocks to take advantage of a beautiful park where they can have family time in a safe environment. I see them picnicking, playing soccer together, younger kids playing on toys etc. Having a rundown place transformed into a place that families can safely play and gather is very important to our community.

With this grant, the City of Lynnwood will transform an under-programmed greenspace in the city's most underserved and fast-changing neighborhood into a community treasure reflective of current needs and culture. Within a 10-minute walk of South Lynnwood Park, 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The park is in dire need of renovation: the playground is old and not ADA accessible, the tennis court is cracked, the basketball court is subsided, the lawn area has poor drainage and regularly floods, and the stream and wetland are overgrown with invasive weeds. With a diversity of new amenities, the park revival will reconnect the community to their local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and strengthen community ties.

Cedar Valley Community School is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me 425-431-7391. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


CJ. Gray, Principal

July 12, 2018

#18-1834 LWCF #4

Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear evaluation committee members,

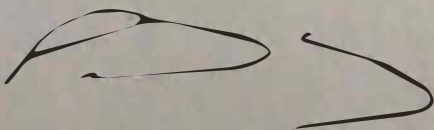
Please accept the Ng family's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood.

My name is Paul Ng and my family has lived near the park for the last 14 years. After living here for so many years, we were very encouraged to hear that the park was in consideration for a major upgrade and have attended nearly every open house and have provided feedback in regards to changes to the park. I have 2 children that use the park on a regular basis and they currently use the playground, swings, and basketball court. While it's convenient walking to it, the amenities are limited and old compared to other parks in the area, so we do drive to those even though our park is so close. I know the park is used a lot, especially on those beautiful sunny days and we've personally seen the neighborhood grow with new houses being built. We have attended some of the recent park events such as movie night, so I'm encouraged that the area continues to grow and evolve.

With this grant, the City of Lynnwood will transform an under-programmed greenspace in the city's most underserved and fast-changing neighborhood into a community treasure reflective of current needs and culture. Within a 10-minute walk of South Lynnwood Park, 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The park is in dire need of renovation: the playground is old and not ADA accessible, the tennis court is cracked, the basketball court is subsided, the lawn area has poor drainage and regularly floods, and the stream and wetland are overgrown with invasive weeds. With a diversity of new amenities, the park revival will reconnect the community to their local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and strengthen community ties. This would also accommodate the growth of new homes in the area as well as the new Interurban connection.

The Ng family is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me pauljng@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Ng', written in a cursive style.

Paul Ng

May 9th, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Evaluation Committee:

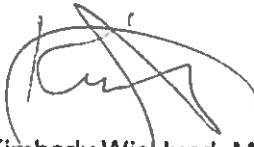
Please accept Kaiser Permanente's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood.

This project will transform the South Lynnwood Park, an under-resourced greenspace in the city's most underserved neighborhood, into an outdoor activity center suitable for families of all ages and abilities. To ensure the park renovations reflect the needs of the community, the City of Lynnwood has partnered with The Trust for Public Land on community engagement and responsive design. As a result, each proposed amenity has strong community support. The result will be a well-loved park that fosters active lifestyles and builds community for generations to come.

Kaiser Permanente believes that total health happens where we live, work, learn and play. That's why we're investing in healthy and sustainable communities – including projects such as South Lynnwood Park – to address the building blocks for health. Founded in 1945, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve 11.8 million members, including nearly 680,000 members in Washington State.

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park, expanding access for safe places to play and be physically active. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to email me at wicklund.k@ghc.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Wicklund, MPH
Director, Community Health & Benefit
Kaiser Permanente



1 May 2018

HEALTH COMMISSION
SERVING SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Evaluation Committee Members,

On behalf of the Verdant Health Commission/Public Hospital District No. 2 Snohomish County, I am pleased to write in support of the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. Verdant Health Commission focuses on supporting and providing services that improve the health and wellness of residents of Public Hospital District No. 2 including those citizens who reside in the City of Lynnwood. The City of Lynnwood has been a long-standing collaborative partner with us in working to address the community health needs of our residents.

I am pleased that the City of Lynnwood has included our feedback to date in this project. Additionally, through their partnership with The Trust for Public Land, they have worked to really hear the voices of the residents who will be using this park. The City of Lynnwood made community engagement a priority for this project and I believe this strong engagement is evidenced in their proposal.

I am equally as excited for the City of Lynnwood's application to you for this grant. With these monies, they will be able to transform an under-utilized space in the city's most underserved neighborhood into a highly functional greenspace that will not only promote physical activity but also strengthen community ties. The South Lynnwood Park serves a neighborhood where 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The Verdant Health Commission has seen firsthand the impacts on health that the City of Lynnwood has been able to make in former projects such as their Bike to Health initiative. We recognize that the creation of infrastructure is an evidence-based practice for communities wishing to increase physical activity in their residents and anticipate that the revival of this park will have similar positive effects for residents.

The Verdant Health Commission is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at robin.fenn@verdanthealth.org.

Sincerely,

Robin Fenn, PhD, LICSW

Superintendent, Verdant Health Commission/Public Hospital District No. 2 Snohomish County



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July 13, 2018
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
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Dear evaluation committee members,

Please accept Cascade Bicycle Club's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. Our mission is to improve lives through bicycling. Places for people on bikes, like South Lynnwood Park, help increase accessibility and offer space for community members to connect.

This project will transform South Lynnwood Park, a run-down and under-programmed greenspace in the city's most underserved neighborhood, into an outdoor activity center with a bicycle repair station. Adjacent to the Interurban Trail, South Lynnwood Park offers a hub for people to connect, and explore bicycling as a mode of transportation and recreation. To ensure the park renovations meets the community's needs, the City of Lynnwood has partnered with The Trust for Public Land for community engagement and responsive design. As a result, each proposed amenity has been identified by the community as a priority and has strong local support. The result will be a well-loved park that fosters active lifestyles and builds community for generations to come.

Cascade Bicycle Club is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me (206) 522-3222. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Smith', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard Smith
Executive Director
Cascade Bicycle Club



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#18-1834 LWCF #4

May 18, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear evaluation committee members,

The Trust for Public Land is pleased to partner with the City of Lynnwood to redevelop South Lynnwood Park to promote public health.

The Trust for Public Land creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. Parks are essential to a community's physical, social, ~~environmental, and economic wellbeing, yet one-third of~~ Americans lack close-to-home access to a park. We're leading a national movement to put a great park within a 10-minute walk of everyone in America. Our partnership with the City of Lynnwood is an important part of this effort.

This project will renew South Lynnwood Park, a run-down and under-programmed park in South Lynnwood, the city's most disadvantaged and racially diverse neighborhood. Almost 3,000 people live within a 10-minute walk, where 40% of households are low-income, 26% of residents are Latino, and 25% are children. Responding to the community's needs, we plan to update the playground, renovate the tennis and basketball courts, and install a soccer field to promote physical activity and strengthen community ties.

The Trust for Public Land is pleased to support the renewal of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Patton", written over a light blue circular stamp.

David Patton
Northwest Area Director



Latino Educational Training Institute

6605 202nd street Southwest – Lynnwood, WA 98026

May 9, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear evaluation committee members,

Please accept the Latino Educational Training Institute's (LETI) letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. We are proud to support this effort to provide a revitalized park for the benefit of the underserved communities of color residing in South Lynnwood.

Latino Educational Training Institute (LETI) is a private, non-profit organization located in Lynnwood, Washington that serves the Latino Community in Snohomish and Skagit County. It was founded in 1998 to address the lack of adequate information and resources within the Latino community. It is our mission *"To facilitate the personal and financial success of Spanish-speaking and bilingual persons and inspire Latino youth to pursue their dreams and become leaders in their communities"*.

With this grant, the City of Lynnwood will transform an under-programmed greenspace in the City's most underserved and fast-changing neighborhood into a community treasure reflective of current needs and culture. Within a 10-minute walk of South Lynnwood Park, 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The park is in dire need of renovation: the playground is old and not ADA accessible, the tennis court is cracked, the basketball court is subsided, the lawn area has poor drainage and regularly floods, and the stream and wetland are overgrown with invasive weeds. Considering the diverse ethnic community that resides in South Lynnwood, a diversity of new amenities, especially a soccer field, the park revival will reconnect the community to their local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and strengthen community ties.

LETI is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at rosario@lasamericasplaza.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rosario Reyes
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Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

July 9, 2018

Dear Evaluation Committee Members,

Please accept the YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. The YWCA's mission is to advance the quality of life for women of all ages, races and faiths, and their families. In support of this mission, the YWCA provides services to meet critical needs, promote self-sufficiency, reduce violence, eliminate racism and achieve equal opportunities for all people. The South Lynnwood Park is one block away from our Pathways for Women Emergency Shelter Building. This facility serves women and children who are homeless and at vulnerable places in their lives. Although the park is in need of repair, it is used by our residents on a regular basis because it is the only green space in walking distance to the shelter.

With this grant, the City of Lynnwood will transform an under-programmed greenspace in the city's most underserved and fast-changing neighborhood into a community treasure reflective of current needs and culture. Within a 10-minute walk of South Lynnwood Park, 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The park is in dire need of renovation: the playground is old and not ADA accessible, the tennis court is cracked, the basketball court is subsided, the lawn area has poor drainage and regularly floods, and the stream and wetland are overgrown with invasive weeds. With a diversity of new amenities, the park revival will reconnect the community to their local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and strengthen community ties.

The YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me mdillon@ywcaworks.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary Anne Dillon
Snohomish County Executive Director
YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish

May 9th 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear Evaluation Committee Members,

Please accept Lynnwood's Art Commission's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. The renovation is needed to rejuvenate an uninviting space into a welcoming space that is located in a high density population of underserved residents.

The Arts Commission is dedicated to advocating for lifelong learning in creativity and the arts, promoting artists and arts opportunities, encouraging openness and inclusion, and building community and a sense of place. The parks are the greatest venue to achieving our mission statements. Our commission has spent time discussing creative ways to create an inviting and healthy atmosphere for the park. In combination with the Art Commission's feedback, the City is committed to getting suggestions and feedback from community members near the park to ensure this project has a strong connection to the people who reside near it.

Creating a connection with Lynnwood residents is not an easy task. Lynnwood's local school district reports that there are over 100 languages spoken in the homes of the local students. On any given day, if you were to visit any one of the local parks, the probability is that you would be listening to a mix of different languages. Even though residents may not be able to verbally communicate with one another, their actions to treat one another with respect in a joyful environment creates a sense of community and belonging. The quality of the parks, the variety of play structures and aesthetics of art can communicate that a City welcomes all residents to a respectful, vibrant and healthy community.

Lynnwood Art Commission is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park and the new soccer field. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me 425-208-1048 or email me at elunsford9@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Lunsford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" and last name "Lunsford" clearly distinguishable.

Elizabeth Lunsford

Lynnwood Art Commission Chair



Foundation for
**Edmonds
School District**

#18-1834 LWCF #4

May 4, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear evaluation committee members,

Please accept the Foundation for Edmonds School District's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park in Lynnwood. South Lynnwood Park is a host site for our summer meals program, which feeds our Edmonds School District students who participate in federal free reduce meal programs during the school year.

The Foundation for Edmonds School District's goal is to partner with the Edmonds School District in bridging the opportunity gap so that all students from pre-kindergarten to graduation can reach their fullest academic potential and be career and college ready upon graduation.

The Foundation, in partnership with the Edmonds School District, works to enhance and transform programs in order to meet student needs—this may be students living in poverty, students acquiring English, and any student demonstrating need for enhanced support. Part of this work includes engaging families toward common goals for students—including enhancing support at home for academics, and shifts in school practices to reflect the cultures of our community.

The Edmonds School District is the largest school district in Snohomish County and the 10th largest in Washington State. Our service boundaries include: Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and unincorporated Snohomish County. Approximately 21,600 students attend our schools on 35 campuses. Edmonds students speak 118 different languages. On average, 7,992 (37%) participate in the federal free/reduced price meal program. By the end of our school year, approximately 600 students will become homeless.

With this grant, the City of Lynnwood will transform an under-programmed greenspace in the city's most underserved and fast-changing neighborhood into a community treasure reflective of current needs and culture. Within a 10-minute walk of South Lynnwood Park, 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The park is in dire need of renovation: the playground is old and not ADA accessible, the tennis court is cracked, the basketball court is subsided, the lawn area has poor drainage and regularly floods, and the stream and wetland are overgrown with invasive weeds. With a diversity of new amenities, the park revival will reconnect the community to their local greenspace, promote active lifestyles, and strengthen community ties.



Foundation for
Edmonds
School District

The Foundation for Edmonds School District is pleased to support the revival of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 425.431.7260 or deb@foundationesd.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah Anderson
Executive Director

May 8, 2018

Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917

Dear evaluation committee members,

Please accept The City of Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's letter of support for the renovation of South Lynnwood Park. The neighborhood park, developed in 1978, includes active play areas, forested land, and is adjacent to the Interurban Trail. The modest park provides much needed outdoor recreation for the surrounding low-income neighborhood.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was an active partner in developing the 2016-2026 Parks, Arts, Recreation and Conservation Comprehensive Plan which aims to help guide the department's implementation of its mission to create a healthy community through people, parks, programs, and partnerships. One outcome of that work has been a revision of the funding schedule of the 2018-2020 Capital Facilities Plan. As a result, the South Lynnwood Park revival project was moved toward the top of the priority list. In the past year, The Trust for Public Land funded a plan to encourage public participation and re-master the South Lynnwood Park.

With this grant, the City of Lynnwood will transform an aging park with input obtained from the community. Within a 10-minute walk of South Lynnwood Park, 47% of households are low-income, 46% of residents are minorities, and 25% of residents are children. The park will be renovated and will be ADA accessible. The result will be a well-loved park that fosters active lifestyles and builds community for generations to come.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is pleased to support the renovation of South Lynnwood Park. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at krismhilde@netscape.net. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kris Hildebrandt, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 27, 2018



Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street S.E.
Olympia, WA 98501

To Whom It May Concern:

The Chehalis Foundation was formed in 2002 as a 501 ©3 non-profit organization to 'lessen the burdens' of the city, recognizing that local government often does not have the financial resources to support projects and/or maintain what might be considered non-essential services.

Since its inception the Foundation has, among other things, raised funds to assist the City of Chehalis to renovate and reopen the Robert Lintott/Alexander Park, the Kiddy Spray Pool and the Gail and Carolyn Shaw Aquatics Center.

The Shaw Aquatics Center renovation project that was partially funded by RCO grants was a tremendous accomplishment turning an old worn out pool into a state of the art, outstanding aquatics center. The project inspired the city, the Chehalis Foundation and the community to work towards upgrading the rest of Recreation Park to the standard of the aquatics center, focusing on the ballfields, playground and walkways through and around the park creating a trail system.

The ballfields located at Recreation Park is the home of our high school fastpitch program, a youth fastpitch league and youth fastpitch tournaments. This facility accommodates thousands of players and spectators every season. This facility needs to be upgraded concentrating on the drainage and irrigation systems. During inclement weather the fields rain out consistently due to poor drainage. During sunny weather the infields are dry and dusty and the grass in the ballfields and park areas become dry and brown due to constant breaks in the irrigation system.

The beloved Penny Playground is a 25-year-old wooden structure that is considered a community treasure but has outlived its life expectancy. This playground is used year-round serving Chehalis, Lewis County and many of the players and spectators from tournaments and participants of the Shaw Aquatics Center. The new playground will be designed to be inclusive, accessible, interactive, provide good visibility of children at play, include perimeter fencing and LED lighting.

Through fundraising efforts, the Chehalis Foundation has dedicated \$400,000 towards ballfield improvements and \$100,000 towards the replacement of the Penny Playground. We understand the \$500,000 donation will be used to fulfill matching grant requirements.

We are very excited about this project and the opportunity to receive an RCO grant. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Saylor', is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Saylor
President, Chehalis Foundation

July 9, 2018

#18-1819 LWCF #5

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street S.E.
Olympia, WA 98501

To Whom It May Concern:


The Chehalis Girls Fastpitch Association is a non-profit volunteer organization that organizes the youth fastpitch program offered to girls 5 to 18 years old. Our league plays cross-over games with the Centralia Girls Fastpitch Association providing a softball league for approximately 400 youth on an annual basis.

We whole heartedly support the proposed ballfield renovation project at Recreation Park. The ballfields are the home fields for the high school fastpitch program, our youth fastpitch league and youth fastpitch tournaments. This facility accommodates thousands of players and spectators every season. The ballfields are in dire need of improvements with the drainage and irrigation systems being the priority. During inclement weather the fields rain out on a regular basis due to poor drainage and during sunny weather the infields get dry and dusty. The grass in the park becomes dry and brown due to a non-working irrigation system

The ballfields are a very important part of youth athletics in Chehalis and has traditionally been a desirable location for teams from across Washington State to travel to and participate in the weekend tournaments hosted here. In the past couple of years there has been a large drop in teams attending our tournaments. This is due to unpredictable fields and games being rained out. The park needs to be improved to make it safe and the fields playable on a more consistent basis.

We are very excited about this project and hope this project is seriously considered for grant funding.

Sincerely,



Josh Whaley

President, Chehalis Girls Fastpitch Association

June 24, 2018



LEARNERS TODAY. LEADERS TOMORROW.

Washington State Recreation Conservation Office
111 Washington St. SE
Olympia, WA 98501

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Chehalis School District to express our support for the City of Chehalis and their request for funding for the Recreation Park Renovation Project. This project will benefit the Chehalis School District and our students in many ways.

The project includes:

The Recreation Park Fastpitch Complex is the home fields for our high school fastpitch teams and the recreational teams which are a feeder program to the high school program.

- Upgrade drainage, irrigation
- Removal of existing sod in out fields, add 8 inches of root zone sand to outfields and seed, 2 inches of top soil to infields and fine grade the entire facility
- New bull pens
- ADA Accessible walkways with pedestrian lighting

Penny Playground is used for Chehalis School District end of the year field trips for the elementary schools – Chehalis school district residents as well as county children use the playground year round.

- Build an inclusive and accessible playground; addresses wheelchair accessibility, sensory, hearing, vision and mobility issues.
- Provides a design for good visibility of children
- Include a walking track around the inside perimeter of the playground
- Includes perimeter fencing, LED lighting
- Interactive playground that has components that meet the needs of pre-school through senior citizens, including a walking path around the perimeter for adults
- Include community build element to project
- A destination playground, a place not only community members enjoy but a place that attracts users from outside the local area

Please give this proposal your full attention. The Chehalis School District is committed to and supports the City of Chehalis grant request. We urge you to invest in our community.

Sincerely,

Ed Rothlin, Superintendent
Chehalis School District

Ed Rothlin
Superintendent

Mary Lou Bissett
Assistant Superintendent

Heather C. Pinkerton
Director of Business & Operations

March 26, 2018

To: Recreation Conservation Office
From: Taylor Ballard, Edmonds citizen and avid skateboarder
Re: Please support Civic Development

Please support the grant application for the City of Edmonds to redevelop Civic park in downtown Edmonds.

My name is Taylor Ballard. I'm twenty-two years old and have been skateboarding for over fifteen years now. Over the years skateboarding has taught me so much about life and about how the world works. To start skateboarding attracts a very diverse people group which in return helps create a very unique community and culture. Growing up I never had the easiest time making friends in school or through normal activities but for some reason this was never the case with skateboarding. It seemed that no matter where I went skateboarding helped me connect with people in a way that nothing else ever had. As a young kid before we had a skatepark in Edmonds I spent a lot of time skateboarding at the Mukilteo YMCA skatepark. My first time there was when I was nine years old and I still consider some of the people I met my first time there good friends and we still skate together regularly today. When I was fifteen I started volunteering at the Mukilteo skatepark and at 19 I got a job there teaching skate camps, working the park, and helping the new generation learn all about skateboarding.

When I was eleven years old Edmonds skatepark was built. This was one of the coolest and best things for me at the time because it meant that I was going to be able to skate at a skatepark more often. Mukilteo was awesome, the people and the skatepark itself were amazing but it wasn't exactly convenient being we lived just outside of downtown Edmonds. As I started skating the brand new Edmonds skatepark my skating started to progress and I got more and more into it. As I got a little bit older and my parents started to allow me to go to the skatepark on my own I began to spend just about every dry day after school at the skatepark as did many other people at the time. I have seen so many people spend short and long periods of time coming to Edmonds skatepark and there are a few of us who have been skating there consistently for almost ten years. Some of them don't even live in Edmonds any more, or enjoy the park as much as some of the other newer parks in the area but we keep coming back just because it's a place that we feel connected to and that we have made so many good memories at. So many times over the past few years I have run into people at the Edmonds skatepark that I used to skate there with years ago.

Having something like a skatepark helps create a community, a community that sometimes lasts forever. With the current Edmonds skatepark the newer community isn't as strong as the old one was but it is still there nonetheless. A large part of this I believe is due to the fact that there are so many other skateparks in the greater Seattle area now, and being Edmonds skatepark doesn't have the best or

most interesting terrain it has become a little bit neglected and forgotten. Growing up in Edmonds and being fortunate enough to have the park we have now has been a huge blessing but I can't imagine what it would be like to have a proper skatepark in Edmonds and the affect it would have on the kids that were just like me when I was growing up. The sense of community a skatepark can bring, the access to a place that allows you to partake in an activity that you enjoy and are passionate about, and just the sense of place and belonging that a skatepark can provide is something that changed my life for the better and something that can change the lives of so many kids and teens that were just like me. I am so excited to see what the future for skateboarding in Edmonds holds and feel so fortunate to be a part of it.

April 4, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
via Carrie Hite, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director
City of Edmonds
carrie.hite@edmondswa.gov

Re: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

This letter is in enthusiastic support for the City of Edmonds desired goal of renovating Civic Field, a property that was previously sold to the City by the Edmonds School District. When the school board authorized this sale, we were excited about the presence of a signature park in the downtown Edmonds area, especially since this area is built up with businesses and residences, making open space extremely difficult and expensive to obtain.

Edmonds School District school fields have always existed as community outdoor recreation spaces and are heavily used. However, we are not able to provide the amount of open space needed for community use and look forward to the City obtaining development resources through this grant to further develop this park, enhancing its value to the community.

The enhancement of this local park will allow the whole community to use and, thus, further appreciate the value of outdoor recreation resources. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.

Sincerely,

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Ann McMurray-President
ESD #15 - Director District #2



April 27, 2018

Darrell Jennings
Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Darrell:

The Advisory Council of Seattle Canoe & Kayak Club would like to express their full support for the grant application for the an RCO Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to enable the redevelopment of the existing buildings of the Green Lake Small Craft Center into the Green Lake Community Boathouse.

If successful, this grant would allow us to expand our youth programs, and allow us to take a lead role in the north end for more para-paddlers take to the water. A major component of the project will be to address significant accessibility issues that have prevented a more inclusive environment for less able-bodied participants.

The vision of the new Green Lake Community Boat House is to strive to create a place where anyone regardless of background, circumstance or ability can excel. All youth and adults would be able to experience the transformative sports of both rowing and kayak/canoeing.

The legacy of providing leadership in youth and women's rowing and paddling would continue in an environment much more suited to modern day expectations than the current facilities. Green Lake has the only public rowing and paddling program in the north end and we desperately need to improve access to rowing and paddling activities to our underserved local populations. This project will greatly increase our ability to reach more of Seattle's Youth and get them on the water and learning key life skills in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are absolutely committed to making this project a reality and look forward to partnering with SPR and the Green Lake Rowing Advisory Council to make it a reality.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Wort".

Steven Wort
President,
Seattle Canoe & Kayak Club

April 27, 2018

Darrell Jennings
Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Darrell:

We are pleased to offer this letter in support of the proposal for the RCO Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant for the redevelopment of the Green Lake Small Craft Center.

On behalf of SPR Specialized Programs, we would like to thank Green Lake Small Craft Center for your past generous support of our summer day camp for individuals with disabilities. Each summer we are able to serve nearly 250 kids with special needs through our day camps. Thanks to your support, these kids develop confidence and gained new friendships during their time using the Center and the boats you and your staff provide.

The kids truly love their time on the water and their parents really appreciate this opportunity for their children. Your cooperation and friendly demeanor makes it easy for our staff to provide a meaningful experience for these kids and families. This would be impossible but for your support and use of the facility. The chance for these youths to participate in normal, active camp activities, provides positive memories that will last for years to come.

This project will allow us to serve even more of these special needs with the ability to increase programs, and offer more adaptive programs in an environment that is more accessible. We fully support your efforts to expand the opportunities for individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities to have better access to Green Lake Small Craft Center.

Appreciatively,



Kyle Bywater
Recreation Program Coordinator,
Specialized Programs
City of Seattle, [Seattle Parks and Recreation](#)
O: 206-684-7548 | M: 206-979-4687



THOMAS W. HULL

18411 17th Avenue Northwest, Shoreline, Washington 98177

April 27, 2018

Darrell Jennings
Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Darrell:

I'm pleased to offer this letter in support of the proposal for an RCO Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to match community-raised funds in support of the Green Lake Community Boathouse project.

My views on this project are based on my work as current chair of the board of the YMCA of Greater Seattle, past chair of the George Y. Pocock Rowing Foundation, and my family's long involvement in the work of the Seattle Parks Foundation. I'm also someone whose rowing experience on Green Lake as a kid helped me become a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

I strongly support the Green Lake Community Boathouse project for many reasons, but the most important are these:

- The deficiencies of existing public facilities on Green Lake, including the boathouse and the community recreation center, are painful and well known. A new community boathouse will be a huge step towards making Green Lake a crown jewel of Seattle's park system. My hope is that it can serve also serve as a catalyst for community efforts to replace the recreation center. In purpose and appearance, the new boathouse is an opportunity to help the community re-imagine everything Green Lake can be.
- Minority and low-income populations face enormous inequities in accessing the "blue space" found on Seattle's lakes and waterways. The Green Lake Community Boathouse is uniquely positioned to help close this gap by offering a mix of aquatic programming targeting underserved populations. The magnitude of this opportunity is proven by the fact that 11,000 children in Seattle Public Schools currently participate in a nationally-recognized program called Erg Ed --rowing indoors on a machine -- and one in four of these children say they'd like to try rowing a real boat. Programs at the new boathouse will include community-supported financial assistance that can put hundreds of these kids on the water. The success of aquatic programs for youth at the Mt. Baker Rowing & Sailing Center and at Renton Rowing Center prove these kinds of programs provide real opportunities for underserved youth.
- The multi-purpose community meeting space in the new boathouse will provide the Green Lake community with an attractive, convenient meeting place for groups of every description. Use of the facility by diverse organizations will help strengthen the community's social fabric and sense of belonging. The facility's waterfront location will make the lake a stronger source of neighborhood pride and deepen everyone's commitment to its stewardship.

- On a more pragmatic level, the new boathouse will address major health and safety issues that have plagued park users for decades. It is well known that the current restroom facilities are not only woefully inadequate for the volume of visitors, but they also present serious safety and security concerns, especially for the hundreds of young people who use them each year. The benefits of addressing these risks cannot be underestimated.
- Lastly, I must add my opinion that the boathouse project is led by a highly capable group of community leaders and backed by a large, cohesive network of people dedicated to a long-term vision that matches the goals of RCO and the Land and Water Conversation Fund grant program. The rowing and paddling community consistently demonstrates unmatched levels of loyalty, generosity, and civic-mindedness. Compared to other projects I have seen, I believe this group has the potential to deliver not only a great facility, but also the long-term stewardship required to ensure maximum benefit for the entire community consistent with the spirit of the LWCF program.

I believe these considerations make the Green Lake Community Boathouse project an ideal opportunity for Washington State investment, and I therefore strongly encourage you to approve their matching grant request. If I can be of any assistance whatsoever, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hull". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line above the first name.

Thomas W. Hull



April 30, 2018

Darrell Jennings
Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Green Lake Community Boathouse

Dear Darrell,

I am writing to express the Associated Recreation Council's support of Seattle Parks and Recreation's application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program for the creation of a new \$6 million Green Lake Community Boathouse to renovate the three buildings that comprise the 70-year-old, well-loved and well-worn Green Lake Small Craft Center (GLSCC). Project 18-1274 supports the redevelopment of the GLSCC with a new two-story building, replacing the middle of the three structures with a new 11,600 square foot building. This proposal concerns only the first floor of the building that will only be used for storage and related support amenities.

Their vision for the new Community Boathouse is to ensure that 1) Anyone, regardless of background or circumstances, can excel; 2) They embrace their role as a public and community program; 3) Youth and adults will experience the transformative sports of rowing and paddling; and 4) They celebrate their legacy as a leader in youth, women's and adults rowing and paddling. Their guiding principles are to welcome, inspire and serve the Greater Seattle area.

The new Community Boathouse will be a legacy space that helps promote Seattle's regional and national rowing presence, bringing in tens of thousands of people to enjoy both their programs and four annual regattas.

The Associated Recreation Council (ARC) is a nonprofit organization with a 42-year history of providing recreation, lifelong learning programs, and community-driven leadership in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation. It oversees 36 councils, including the Green Lake Rowing Advisory Council and the Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club. ARC is a part of a group of community leaders and agencies that have come together through a truly collaborative effort to make the vision of a new Community Boathouse a reality. Each partner contributes complimentary experience, knowledge and dedication needed to carry out this project.

For decades, GLSCC has been the gateway to the lake. We believe the new Community Boathouse will provide for rowing and paddling programs for the next 70 years.

Sincerely,

Bill Keller
Executive Director
Associated Recreation Council



Washington State Legislature

June 6, 2018

Washington State Recreation Office

To Whom It May Concern:

As legislators representing the 1st legislative district, we are reaching out to express our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's grant request to fund improvements to Ballinger Park.

Recently, the City of Mountlake Terrace submitted a grant application for the Land Water Conservation Fund to fund the acquisition and installation of playground equipment at city-owned Ballinger Park. Ballinger Park, located at 23000 Lakeview Drive, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043, is a regional asset which serves residents in Mountlake Terrace as well as the surrounding communities. Previously a golf course, this 55-acre property along Lake Ballinger provides our constituents with year-round access to both active and passive outdoor recreational opportunities.

The City has begun a multi-phase effort to make many improvements to the park. This grant funding will allow the city to complete many improvements including installing swings and a park shelter, asphalt paving, signage, picnic tables, improving mobilization, and protective fencing. The timing of park improvements is also of significance. For several years, the city has partnered with the Army Corps of Engineers on the restoration of Hall Creek which will require the displacement of the existing playground. In an effort to maintain community recreational opportunities, the city would like to seamlessly build the new park as the prior park is removed. The new park will also provide increased opportunities for children of all capabilities. Unlike the existing park, the new park will provide ADA access with rubber surfaces and easily navigable playground features. The city is also in the process of utilizing State Capital Budget funds to make water access improvements and replace a 40-year-old dock along the water. Grant funding for playground improvements allows this transformation of this community asset to happen more efficiently to meet the growing needs of the community.

Again, we would like to urge our support of the city's grant request. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: "Guy J Palumbo", "Shelley Kloba", and "Derek Stanford".

Sen. Guy Palumbo

Rep. Shelley Kloba

Rep. Derek Stanford



Alderwood-Terrace Rotary Club

PO Box 5654
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Phone: 425-670-1556

06/14/2018

Recreation Conservation Office

To Whom It May Concern,

Alderwood-Terrace Rotary has in past years done several projects jointly with the City of Mountlake Terrace. As such, I am writing to support the City of Mountlake Terrace's application for grant funding for the purchase and installation of play equipment at Ballinger Park.

Since there are no full ADA compliant playground structures within Mountlake Terrace, I feel like this new structure will allow children of all abilities the opportunity to go outside and experience play. This park is in an area that borders Edmonds and will serve more than just the residents of Mountlake Terrace.

Having this play structure would be a big asset to the citizens of South Snohomish County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Cordova
President
Alderwood-Terrace Rotary Club



April 19, 2018

Washington State Recreation Conservation Office

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee Chair, I am expressing our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Ballinger Park.

The City of Mountlake Terrace is applying for grant funding for the purchase and installation of play equipment at Ballinger Park on the north shore of Lake Ballinger (23000 Lakeview Dr., Mountlake Terrace, WA, 98043). The addition of this play structure is recommended in the Ballinger Park Master Plan and is also referenced in the Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Park Open Space Plan.

The importance of this structure and timing of installation cannot be stressed enough. The city is partnering with the Army Corps of Engineers in the future, which will remove its one playground structure west of I-5. This new playground structure will use the most up to date and advanced materials for surfacing within the city. There are currently no poured rubber surfaces or full ADA playgrounds within Mountlake Terrace. This new structure will enable kids of all abilities to play. In addition, this new regional park serves much more than just Mountlake Terrace residents as Edmonds is bordering the park itself.

The Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee is comprised of citizen volunteers assigned the responsibility for annually inventorying the neighborhood parks and recommending improvements to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission. Each park in the Mountlake Terrace park system is represented by a resident that lives within a half mile of the park they represent.

We encourage you to award this grant to the City of Mountlake Terrace. These efforts are what make south Snohomish County a great place to live, work and play.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen M. Tuura".

Kathy Tuura,
Chair, Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee



April 20, 2018

To the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office,

As the Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Chair, I am expressing our support for the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Ballinger Park.

It is our understanding that the City of Mountlake Terrace is applying for grant funding for the purchase and installation of play equipment at Ballinger Park on the north shore of Lake Ballinger (23000 Lakeview Dr., Mountlake Terrace, WA, 98043). The addition of this play structure is recommended in the Ballinger Park Master Plan and is also referenced in the Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Park Open Space Plan.

There is currently only one publically maintained play structure on the west side of Interstate-5 in Mountlake Terrace. The existing play equipment is an older structure that is expected to be removed during a habitat enhancement and restoration project associated with the adjacent Hall Creek. The addition of the suggested play equipment would be essential to serve the residents on entire west side of the City of Mountlake Terrace as well as creating a regional asset along the I-5 corridor.

The Recreation and Park Advisory Commission is a City Council appointed Commission of Mountlake Terrace residents that meets monthly and advises the City Council on recreational programs and projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Rogers", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda Rogers, Chair
Recreation Park Advisory Commission



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Achieve with us.

April 25, 2018

To the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:

As the Executive Director of the Arc of Snohomish County, I am in full support of the City of Mountlake Terrace's funding request to improve Ballinger Park making it one of the most accessible playgrounds currently in Snohomish County.

It is estimated that 11,785 residents have a developmental disability in Snohomish County. The Arc is the resource of first choice for people with developmental disabilities and their families regardless of their diagnosis and at all stages of life. There are 10 chapters of Arc in Washington State as well as over 700 chapters in the Country. Through our partnerships, extensive data-base, social media presence, ongoing support groups, workshops, activities and advocacy, we reach many families. We are familiar, as well as aware of the challenges parents face to give their children with disabilities the same opportunities as their siblings and other children. My job at the Arc is to support and grow the many programs we have for people with disabilities and their families. As the parent of a daughter who was diagnosed with autism 23 years ago, it's become my life's work to support families raising a loved one with a disability.

Having a new playground structure at Ballinger Park will bring all of our families together. In particular for families raising a loved one with a disability, this new accessible park would reduce isolation and build a stronger and more inclusive community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shayne Nagel'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Shayne' and last name 'Nagel' clearly distinguishable.

Shayne Nagel
Executive Director
The Arc of Snohomish County

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WA STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

We strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct two all gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. These long over-due improvements will greatly enhance the visitor experience at Kubota Garden, which is attracting a growing number of visitors. In 2017, more than 76,000 people visited the garden and the pathways and port-a-potties are not holding up to the traffic.

Our organization, The Puget Sound Gesneriad Society, went on a tour last Spring, 2017, and quite enjoyed our outing. The tour guide was very informative and entertaining.

The purpose of our organization is to afford a convenient and beneficial association of persons interested in gesneriads, to stimulate an interest in, gather and exchange information about identification, correct nomenclature and culture of gesneriads.

The members of our organization, PSGS, are located throughout the Puget Sound and surrounding states and Provinces. The President, at this time, is Cathleen Graves, 751 South 116 St, Tacoma, Wa. 98444.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Cathleen Graves, President
Puget Sound Gesneriad Society

Projects LWCF #18-1581 and WWRP #18-1582 Kubota Garden Enhancements (Ph. 1)
Seattle Parks and Recreation Department

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Letters of Support for the project from Organizations

1. Kubota Garden Foundation
2. Amazing Grace Christian School
3. Boulevard Park Place Active Retirement Living
4. Emerald Heights Retirement Community
5. Hi-Lites Garden Club, UW Retirement Association
6. Ikebana International
7. Ikebana International, 2nd letter from member
8. Lifetime Learning Center
9. Rainier Beach Action Coalition
10. Rainier Beach Community Club
11. Rainier Chamber of Commerce
12. Rainier Beach Merchants Association
13. Seattle Neighborhood Group
14. SEED, Southeast Effective Development
15. Shoreline Community College
16. Shovels and Hoes Garden Club, NPA Neighborhood Group
17. Shovels and Hoes Garden Club, 2nd letter from member
18. St. Paul School
19. Talbot Hill Elementary School
20. Victoria Master Gardener Association



July 3, 2018

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Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

In 2017, more than 76,000 people visited the garden. The pathways and existing port-a-potties are not holding up to the traffic. Lack of restrooms is a frequent complaint from visitors whether they are participating in a tour, an event, picnicking, or just visiting the Garden. We strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications: "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581), and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct two all-gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. These long-overdue improvements will greatly enhance the visitor experience at Kubota Garden, which attracts increasing numbers of people each year.

The Kubota Garden Foundation is a non-profit 501(c3) organization established "to support, enhance and perpetuate Kubota Garden within the spirit and vision of Fujitaro Kubota and his son, Tom Kubota." To this end, the Foundation recruits volunteers and raises funds for special projects. In 2017, 292 volunteers donated 4,886 hours of work; from January through May 2018, 259 volunteers donated 3,116 hours of work. Many of the garden features, including the Terrace Overlook, were built and sustained by volunteers and with funds raised by the Foundation. The Foundation implements several programs at the Garden: public and private garden tours (more than 60 in 2017, and many of them for groups of seniors), Tuesday morning work parties, twice yearly plant sales, Garden Greeters, visitor surveys, and special events. Most events, such as the recent Soapstone Carving workshop for youth and the Japanese Iris Exhibition, as well as our annual Foundation membership and volunteer meeting, are held at The Terrace. All of our programs and events would be greatly improved by the construction of restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways.

The Kubota Garden Foundation will organize volunteers to help with restoration planting after construction and with low rockery retaining wall construction along the ADA access path. In addition we will seek donations to supplement grant funding.

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Sincerely,

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Joy Okazaki, President
Kubota Garden Foundation

Dr. David-Paul Zimmerman
Executive Director
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
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Renton Prep Christian School: Microsoft Showcase School
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June 27, 2018

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Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

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Amazing Grace has served our Rainier Beach community for 68 years. We offer 2 globally recognized Microsoft Showcase Schools, serving 250 students and 500 parents from 27 ethnic groups.

Over these many years, our students have walked to Kubota Gardens for research projects, art classes and for hands-on experiences in nature. We have also brought visitors from over 17 countries who have visited our schools to visit our community resources including Kubota Gardens. We believe Kubota Gardens is a remarkable gift to our community and these additions will allow a safer more relaxed experience for visitors. On behalf of our church and school communities we respectfully request approval of this community application for these additions.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dr. David-Paul Zimmerman, Executive Director



Kim Michaelsen-manager
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2805 S. 125th St.
Burien, WA., 98168

June, 2018

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Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

We strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1" for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (18-1581) and state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Local Parks (18-1582) funding to construct two all gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. These long over-due improvements will greatly enhance the visitor experience at Kubota Garden, which is attracting a growing number of visitors. In 2017, more than 76,000 people visited the garden and the pathways and port-a-potties are not holding up to the traffic.

We are an active, independent senior community of 126 apartments with 150 busy, fun-loving residents. We first found out about Kubota Gardens through our Boulevard Park Place Walking Club, and included the gardens in our monthly walking tour last year. Kubota Garden has now become a regular spot for our walkers, and feel that these improvements would greatly increase the accessibility and usability of this valuable area resource.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Michaelsen



John Waltner
Chaplain
Emerald Heights Retirement
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June 18, 2018

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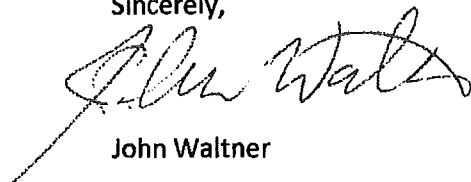
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Emerald Heights is a retirement community in Redmond with a population of 550 residents. We sponsor a robust program of trips and events. As chaplain I've been requested, on occasion, to lead groups on hikes/walks. I've had the pleasure of taking three different groups of varying abilities at different times of year, to Kubota Gardens. It is a spectacular and singular park and many of those residents who have come are repeat visitors. To make the park more accessible would greatly increase the number of our residents who would be able to visit this beautiful spot.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



John Waltner



June 26, 2018

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Dear Recreation & Conservation Funding Board Members,

The members of the UWRA Hi-Lites Garden strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for the federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and the state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct two all gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. These improvements will greatly enhance the visitor experience and accessibility at Kubota Garden, which is attracting a growing number of visitors. We hear that in 2017, more than 76,000 people visited the garden, and the pathways and port-a-potties are not holding up to the traffic.

The Hi-Lites Garden Club has been in existence for over 40 years. We provide a means for retirees of higher education interested in gardening and gardens to gather monthly to learn, share and enjoy the beauty and social value that gardens and those that live and share them (people, plants and critters) provide to the world. As you might imagine, some of our members are in their 80's and 90's. While still mentally spry, some have mobility issues that make getting around more challenging. That does not stop us from enjoying a docent-led tour of Kubota Garden this past spring, followed by a donation in support of the garden. The group of so enjoyed the garden and plan to return in other seasons to see how amazingly beautiful it is then.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Seattle area. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie M. Cone

Carrie M. Cone, Chair
UW Retirement Association's Hi-Lites Garden Club
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Seattle, WA 98195-4115



June 21, 2018

Hiroko Mihara
First Vice President
Ikebana International
Tacoma-Olympia Chapter 147
2101 N. Prospect St.
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

Ikebana International Tacoma-Olympia Chapter 147 strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct two all gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. These long over-due improvements will greatly enhance the visitor experience at Kubota Garden, which is attracting a growing number of visitors. In 2017, more than 76,000 people visited the garden and the pathways and port-a-potties are not holding up to the traffic.

Our organization's objective is to "promote mutual understanding and friendship between countries through ikebana (art of Japanese flower arranging) and other related arts", which would include Japanese garden design. For part of our program this year, we visited Kubota Garden to see Northwest native plants used within the Japanese design elements. We were impressed with the knowledge of the docents and with the Garden staff's dedication to be good stewards and fiscally responsible. As most of our members were elderly and some in use of a walker the improvements for which the Foundation seeks would certainly impact us.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Hiroko Mihara



June 19, 2018

Marcia Mahaffey
Tacoma-Olympia Chapter 147
Ikebana International
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Our Chapter has taken a trip to the Kubota Garden in May as one of our monthly programs. I know from hearing from our members how much they have enjoyed the tour of the Garden. We were a group of 20 and had two docents who were very knowledgeable. Our members consists of people from Thurston, Pierce and Skagit Counties. We will probably schedule to go back to the Kubota Garden again in a few years and so we support the Garden in receiving funding to enhance their space. Our non-profit organization's objective is to "promote mutual understanding and friendship between countries through ikebana (art of Japanese flower arranging) and other related arts", which would include Japanese garden design.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Marcia Mahaffey
President

Joan M Karleck
Master Gardener, Gardening teacher for The Lifetime Learning Center
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June 14, 2018

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I teach classes at a school for seniors: The Lifetime Learning Center in Garden Design, am a Master Gardener and a Native Plant Steward. In my capacity I have had multiple reasons to interact with Kubota Gardens for several years. I am also, partly handicapped and, thus I have experience from the aspect of a visitor to the Garden. This fantastic resource always thrills me with both the opportunities to teach and the experience of enjoying a beautiful example of garden design principles. One has the opportunity to point out the qualities inherent in expert pruning, the use of NW natives in a garden setting, the Japanese expertise in rock and stone work and so much more. I have recommended the park to recreation directors for Senior Care Facilities because it is quite ADA accessible but they respond that the Washroom facilities are not up to the needs of some of the seniors. I have experienced this limitation personally but not from a wheelchair. It is a shame to limit so many of our citizens from enjoying this resource.

My experience with visiting the garden has also exposed me to the impressive group of volunteers who spend long hours adding to visitor experiences. Their work is so valuable to the city. Thank you for your attention.

Joan M Karleck



Empowering community,
Moving Rainier Beach Forward

#18-1581 LWCF #11

David Sauvion
Food Innovation District Strategist
Rainier Beach Action Coalition
9013 S. MLK Jr. Way
Seattle, WA 98118

June 19, 2018

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RBAC is a grass roots neighborhood development action coalition devoted to implementing neighborhood responsiveness, renewal and development, focusing specifically on the implementation of the Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan Update. RBAC seeks builds a connected, sustainable and equitable neighborhood, promoting the "made in Rainier Beach" concept, quality education, living wage jobs, affordable transportation and housing for all. RBAC promotes a safe place where people thrive in a neighborhood the world calls home and builds neighborhood capacity to enhance quality of life in Rainier Beach by addressing critical issues threatening the welfare of Rainier Beach residents.

As part of the Healthy Living framework, the neighborhood plan calls for strong and interconnected communities and organizations, healthy people and families and great places that support our community. Kubota Garden is one of these assets to the neighborhood, "a natural and built environment that is healthy and provides for a healthy community."

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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David Sauvion



6038 S Pilgrim St
Seattle, WA 98118

June 19, 2018

Washington State
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P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

The families and individuals of the **Rainier Beach Community Club** strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct restrooms, a picnic area, and pathways—all accessible—in Kubota Garden, long overdue and critically needed!

We are members of the diverse neighborhood abutting the Garden in Rainier Beach. Our Community Club boasts high attendance to monthly meetings and events at our clubhouse on Pilgrim Street. We celebrate holidays together and even march together! We are a tightknit community of longtime and recent residents, local business owners, and Kubota Garden volunteers who commute to Seattle or work in the community. Many of our children attend Rainier Beach High School. Kubota Garden is part of our history and our lives.

We fully support this application for funds. In fact, the only concern strongly voiced at our recent monthly community meeting was about maintaining free access to the park. Any enhancement rendering the park more accessible to *all* is one we will truly rally behind!

We're proud of the rich heritage and valuable resource Kubota Garden brings to our neighborhood. Please support this request for these critical enhancements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Beck, President
Rainier Beach Community Club



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June 8, 2018

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Kubota Garden is an important member of the Rainier Chamber of Commerce, which serves all the SE Seattle neighborhood. We value Kubota Garden for its purpose as a neighborhood asset and green space, cultural and horticultural living museum, community builder, and as a regional tourist site. Providing functional lavatory service for the Garden's visitors is essential.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Davis

Susan Davis
Executive Director



RAINIER BEACH

Merchants Association

June 21, 2018

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

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Rainier Beach Merchants Association (RBMA) has over 70 members who are mostly local family entrepreneurs, who run ethnically, culturally, and socially diverse businesses, as well as community stakeholders, and neighbors. We provide inclusive resources and connections for businesses and drive and support a variety of community activities including events and community well-being initiatives. Our Mission is to promote equitable economic development in our neighborhood, to advocate for and advance all business, professional, civic, and cultural interests, and quality of life of the Rainier Beach Community. Kubota Garden is located in Rainier Beach, so visitors to the Garden have the opportunity to shop or dine at our members' businesses.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Stampalia

Mike Stampalia
Business Manager
Rainier Beach Merchants
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Seattle Neighborhood Group educates, organizes and collaborates with residents, businesses, government entities and other organizations to create safe communities through equitable engagement, with a focus on underserved populations.

July 3, 2018

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

We strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct two all gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. We feel that these improvements are long over-due and will greatly enhance the neighbor and visitor experience at Kubota Garden.

The Seattle Neighborhood Group provides project coordination support for the Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth initiative, an innovative, community-led, non-arrest approach to reduce violence that affects youth in the Rainier Beach neighborhood. Our initiative builds on the community's vision for the Rainier Beach neighborhood as a beautiful and safe place where youth can grow and thrive, developed through the Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan Update process in 2012. Addressing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in public spaces is one of the nonarrest approaches we use to reduce youth violence in Rainier Beach. This involves working with public property owners and community stewards to improve how open space, including Kubota Gardens, serves all community members. Kubota Gardens currently provides a much-needed connection to nature for youth and families in Rainier Beach, and plumbed restrooms, a picnic area and improved pathways will allow even more families to take advantage of this gem in our backyard.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please join us in our support for the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda Spain
Executive Director
Seattle Neighborhood Group



SouthEast Effective Development

Lance Matteson
Executive Director
SouthEast Effective Development (SEED)
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Seattle, WA 98118

June 11, 2018

Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

RE: Support letter for Kubota Garden grants

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

SEED enthusiastically supports the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications, "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct two all gender restrooms, a picnic area, and accessible pathways in the Terrace Area of Kubota Garden. These long over-due improvements will greatly enhance the visitor experience at Kubota Garden, which is attracting a growing number of visitors. In 2017, more than 76,000 people visited the garden and the pathways and port-a-potties are not holding up to the traffic.

SEED has been doing community development in Southeast Seattle (affordable housing, economic development, and local arts and culture) for over 43 years. Several SEED staff and Board members live in Rainier Beach, a few blocks from Kubota Garden. The Kubota Garden is an extraordinary gem and inspiration for this troubled community – which despite Seattle's affluence has unemployment rates into the double digits. Over the years, SEED has supported this green cultural oasis with financial support, volunteering, and we have simply enjoyed it as a respite from the stresses of the day.

The economic development importance of this site cannot be overlooked. SEED has been active in the neighborhood business development associations for decades, including the Rainier Beach Merchants Association and the Martin Luther King Jr. Way Business Association. The visitor traffic to the Kubota Garden – one of the very few amenities with signage on major area transportation lanes – is a vital to our local economy. And it is a Seattle and a State cultural and economic asset as well.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Lance Matteson
Executive Director



Neal Vasishth
English Professor & Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator
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June 21, 2018

Washington State
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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

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Shoreline Community College's vision and goals include excellence in teaching and learning, as well as community engagement. Kubota Garden has played a key role in helping our college's Asian Studies courses meet these goals. In the past twenty years, I have taught Asian Literature courses and team-taught interdisciplinary studies courses with East Asian History and Japanese Civilization courses. During this time, we have taken our classes to the Garden for docent-led tours which have helped our students deepen their understanding of the Japanese aesthetic and culture. Their increase in understanding of Seattle history and Japanese American history has also proved to be very useful.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Kimberly Englund
Shovels and Hoes, NPA Neighborhood Group
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June 15, 2018

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

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Our garden club, Shovels and Hoes, is a NPA Neighborhood Group. We are passionate about gardening, sharing gardening tips, and increasing our knowledge through lectures and garden visits. Our group has members from Issaquah, Preston, Carnation, Snoqualmie and North Bend. This year we had the pleasure of a docent led tour of the gardens. While many in our group were acquainted with the park, we came away with a new appreciation for what a gem of a park we have in Kubota Gardens. Several in the group did observe that the park is in need of better restroom facilities.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Englund

June 19, 2018

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Recently, I toured the garden with my garden club, Shovels and Hoes. We are affiliated with the Northwest Perennial Alliance. One of our members is a member of Kubota Garden Foundation and she arranged for a docent to guide us through the garden. It was a bit of a drive to get to the garden so usage of the "facilities" was necessary before enjoying our time there. I was dismayed (disgusted even) with the condition of the port-a-potties as they were filthy and didn't look like they had been cleaned in quite some time. It was quite surprising that there wasn't something a little better for visitors to use. It's easy to spend several hours walking through the gardens so new restrooms and a picnic area are much needed improvements. I was thoroughly impressed with the beauty of the gardens and I look forward to returning.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda Hickman
Snoqualmie, WA 98065



June 18, 2018

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Olympia, WA 98504-0917

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St. Paul School is located just a few blocks south of Kubota Gardens. We love having access to the park for field trips, nature walks, and even cross country practice. Our teachers and students use the park at different times during the year. Some classes do formal field trips and have a docent from the park explain the different gardens and flowers and some will simply do their own self-guided tours or use the open areas for picnics. Our Cross Country team and our Girls on the Run group have used Kubota as part of their distance running training. They run from school down to the park, around it and back up to school. It's a great running distance with a view! We are very grateful to have such a lovely park so close to our school. Updated bathrooms would really enhance our experiences at Kubota Gardens.

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Sincerely,

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June 25, 2018

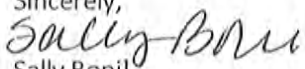
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As the coordinator of our MicroSociety program at Talbot Hill Elementary, one of my goals is to find valuable *school to work* experiences for each of our 25 Micro organization. Kubota Gardens has eagerly provided a fabulously enriching guided experience for our Garden Art and Poster Shop business of twenty 3rd – 5th graders. They have explored the gardens, learned about possible careers in the field, and literally enjoyed the beauty of this local park. A third of this group is part of our special education program, so far we've been lucky and none have had mobility disabilities, but if they had, their access would have been severely limited. We are so grateful for our opportunity to visit Kubota Garden each year and we are so hopeful you will reward them with this important grant.

Kubota Garden is a rich and valuable resource for the Rainier Beach Community. Please support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Victoria Master Gardener Association
We Grow Gardeners
victoriamastergardeners.org

June 18, 2018

Washington State
Recreation and Conservation Office
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Dear Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members,

The purpose of this letter is to support the Seattle Parks and Recreation applications' "Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase I" for federal *Land and Water Conservation Fund* (18-1581) and state *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Local Parks* (18-1582) funding to construct amenities and accessible pathways.

Our Victoria Master Gardener chapter is co-located with the Horticultural College of the Pacific in a teaching garden open to the public. We understand well the real challenges custodians of public gardens face. Specifically, our gardens continue thanks to the dedication of volunteers (and skeleton staff) and persistent fundraising.

During our recent trip to visit four outstanding public gardens in Seattle, the Victoria Master Gardener Association toured the Kubota Garden. The first reason for choosing this particular Japanese garden in Seattle is the unusual blend of Japanese design elements in an open American landscape. The second reason is Fujitaro Kubota's personal garden is distinct from his professional designs for the Dunn Garden and Bloedel Reserve. After visiting these sites, one more fully appreciates his genius. The Kubota Garden is truly unique with historic links to the early Japanese community in Washington State, the passion and drive of Mr. Kubota and the vision of his family to share this legacy.

We would like to thank Linda Fricke and Susan Cooke, our guides for our trip and to extend our sincere hope the garden will continue to develop and receive visitors. We strongly support the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and the Kubota Garden Foundation as they seek to improve the basic amenities at the garden.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Justin Stephenson
President
Victoria Master Gardener Association
Victoria BC

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10th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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July 2nd, 2018

Attn: WWRP-Local Parks Grants and Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants:

I am writing in support of South Whidbey Parks and Recreation request for a grant funding to acquire 40 acres of forest land located on property adjacent to the South Whidbey Elementary School. The property is currently privately owned and there is a one time offer on the table to purchase the property. This would greatly benefit the South Whidbey Island Parks and Recreation and the surrounding community.

This trail system currently existing on this property was created by area residents, is used by the school for educational purposes, and provides recreational opportunity for visitors. The trails are currently available for public use and if sold the property will be split into parcels. Whidbey Island residents and visitors would no longer be able to enjoy these trails and the beauty offered by the surrounding forest. The acquisition of this property will benefit all of Whidbey Island and support the greater economy of the region. I fully support the request for grant funding.

Sincerely,

-Dave

Dave Hayes

10th Legislative District



Snohomish County

Nate Nehring

Snohomish County Council, District 1
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May 31, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
1111 Washington Street S.E.
Olympia, Washington 98501

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the grant application by the City of Marysville for RCO funding of \$500,000 for the Mother Nature's Window Park Access Project.

This project will create significant recreational opportunities for the residents of Marysville as well as visitors to the area. The project, once completed, will allow for light recreation while preserving the natural setting that exists in the area. A series of trails will allow visitors to observe the natural beauty that our region is widely known for. In addition to the trails, recreational opportunities such as play areas, picnic areas, a dog park, and a forest disc golf course will attract visitors to the park. The surrounding area economy will also benefit from additional business for the dining, shopping, and lodging industries.

In addition to the merits of the project, the City of Marysville has committed a generous amount of the total project cost, making your funding go even further. Your grant of \$500,000 would almost triple in value by helping to complete this project with its total cost of approximately \$1.3 million.

Again, I fully support this project and encourage you to award the \$500,000 request from the City of Marysville for the Mother Nature's Window Park Access Project. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for follow up at nate.nehring@snoco.org or 425-388-3494.

Sincerely,

Nate Nehring
Councilman
Snohomish County Council, District 1

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TRANSPORTATION

July 2nd, 2018

Attn: WWRP-Local Parks Grants and Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants:

I am writing to support South Whidbey Parks and Recreation's request for a grant to complete phase two of the Campground Project. This funding will aid in the construction of a bath house with shower and bathroom facilities, septic system, water connections, and power connections to a forested campground.

This grant would allow South Whidbey Parks and Recreation to create an affordable location for visitors to stay, enjoy the beauty, and contribute to the economic growth of Whidbey Island. Whidbey Island hosts many visitors from around the world and any effort to make the Island a more desirable location to visit further benefits the region and the entire state. I am excited to support this project and encourage the award of this grant. Thank you for considering the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation request.

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Sincerely,

-Dave

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR KALEEN COTTINGHAM

Meeting Date: October 17-18, 2018

Title: Youth Athletic Facilities: Approval of Preliminary Ranked Lists for 2019-21

Prepared by: Jesse Sims, Outdoor Grants Manager

Summary

Applicants submitted fifty-one Large Grants category and five Small Grants category proposals for the Youth Athletic Facilities Program. This memo describes the program, evaluation process, and ranked lists. Staff will present additional information about the projects at the October meeting. Staff will ask the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to approve the preliminary ranked lists, which becomes the basis for awarding grants following legislative appropriation of funds.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Resolution #: 2018-31 Large Grants Category
2018-32 Small Grants Category

Purpose of Resolution: Approve the preliminary ranked lists of projects shown in Table 1 for each category.

Background

The Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program provides funds for acquisition of land, renovation of existing facilities, or development of new outdoor athletic facilities serving youth and communities. The program priority is to enhance or develop facilities that serve people through the age of eighteen who participate in sports and athletics.

The program encourages multi-generational use, which means applicants may submit proposals for facilities sized for adults but which primarily serve youth. Improvements may include development or renovation of athletic fields, hard courts, outdoor swimming pools, running tracks, and support amenities such as restrooms and parking areas.

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) policies for YAF focus on increasing participation in outdoor recreation, sustaining our state's outdoor recreation assets, and recognizing the social, economic, and health benefits of outdoor recreation, particularly for our youth. These were areas of importance for the [Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation](#).

The program policies and evaluation criteria are included in [Manual 17, Youth Athletic Facilities](#).

Program Summary

The board adopted several new policies for YAF ([Item 5](#)), at its October 2017 meeting. Most notably, the board established two funding categories: Large Grants and Small Grants, expanded the program to include new construction and acquisition of real property, increased the grant limits, provided for reduced match for eligible communities, modified the evaluation criteria to incorporate new development, and created policies for the newly created Small Grants category. A summary of program policies is shown in the table below.

	Large Grants	Small Grants
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities • Counties • Park districts • Native American tribes • Qualified nonprofit organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities (10,000 residents or fewer) • Counties (6,000 residents or fewer) • Park districts (10,000 residents or fewer) • Native American tribes • Qualified nonprofit organizations (The population of the jurisdiction where the project lies must meet the cities/counties criterion.)
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and renovation • Combined land acquisition and development or renovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and renovation
Funding Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 to \$350,000 • No limits on the total project cost. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75,000 • Total project cost may not exceed \$150,000.
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 percent • Exception: Match may be reduced for communities in need, underserved populations, counties in need, or communities providing facilities in federal disaster areas. 	
Public Access	Required	
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must include items found within the field of play that are essential for the competitive sport to occur. Exception: This requirement does not apply to stand-alone accessibility improvement projects in the Small Grants category. • Property acquired must be developed within five years and must be retained for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. • Facilities renovated or developed must remain for public outdoor recreation for a minimum of 20 years after RCO accepts the project as complete. 	

Analysis

Evaluation Summary

Fifty-one Large Grants Category project proposals and five Small Grants Category proposals, requesting approximately \$14 million, were evaluated by members of the YAF Advisory Committee between August 3 and August 24, 2018.

YAF Category	Proposals	Grant Request	Sponsor Match	Total
Large Grants	51	\$13,856,764	\$46,846,774	\$60,703,538
Small Grants	5	\$339,401	\$254,668	\$594,069
Total	56	\$14,196,165	\$47,101,442	\$61,297,607

Advisory committee members, selected and appointed by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director, include citizen and local agency representatives who have expertise and experience in local land use issues, park and recreation resource management, engineering and design, and community or youth athletics.

The following table lists the six advisory committee members who reviewed and evaluated projects using board-adopted evaluation criteria.

Advisory Committee Member	Representing
Michelle Bly, Lewiston	Citizen
John Hillock, Bellevue	Citizen
Merle Iverson, Spokane	Citizen
Brent Stenman, Poulsbo	Citizen
Sean Conway, City of Covington	Local Agency
Kristi Evans, Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	Local Agency

The results of the evaluations, provided for board consideration, are in *Table 1 –Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21* and *Table 1 –Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Review of Process and Criteria Modifications

During the post-evaluation meeting on September 7, 2018, staff met with the YAF Advisory Committee to debrief and assess the application materials provided, the evaluation process, and scoring results. In the course of assessing the evaluation process, it became apparent that the number of advisory committee members who evaluated projects this cycle had diminished by fifty percent from last biennium. The number of grant proposals submitted this cycle increased from 18 (2016) to 56 (2018). That is three times more than what was submitted last biennium. The increased number of grant proposals, may have discouraged some evaluators from participating. Staff may learn more through the advisory committee member survey that will be sent out later this fall.

Advisory committee members participating in the evaluation process were very comfortable with the evaluation criteria. They appreciated using the written evaluation process because it gave them more flexibility for reviewing and ranking projects. They were concerned about the lack of participation by other

advisors and wondered if using the in-person evaluation process would be easier – given the number of proposals submitted. Overall, members were satisfied with the materials provided, the responsiveness of RCO staff to their follow-up questions, and the resulting ranked list.

Match Reduction

During this grant cycle, there were 27 project proposals that qualified for reduced match. Applicants for seventeen (17) proposals used the match reduction policy for a total reduction of \$1,246,118 in match. Applicants who provided excess match did not benefit from the match reduction policy.

YAF Category	Number of Grant Proposals	Applications Qualified for Reduced Match	Applications With Reduced Match	Total Match Reduction
Large Grants	51	24	14	\$1,203,751
Small Grants	5	3	3	\$42,367
Total	56	27	17	\$1,246,118

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide. The grant process supports the board's strategy to conduct its work in a fair and open manner, as well as its goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities. Projects considered for funding support board-adopted priorities in the [Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022](#).

Public Comment

There are several letters of support for the YAF projects. The letters addressed to the board, advisory committee members, or RCO staff are included in Attachment F for Large Grants category projects and Attachment J for Small Grants category projects. Any additional public comment will be shared at the October board meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve Resolution 2018-31, including *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Preliminary Ranked List of Large Grants Category, 2019-21* and Resolution 2018-32, including *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Preliminary Ranked List of Small Grants Category, 2019-21*.

Next Steps

If the board approves the preliminary ranked list, they will be available for funding consideration for the 2019-21 biennium. The board will approve the final lists and make funding decisions at its June 2019 meeting.

Attachments

Decision Package 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category

- A. Resolution #2018-31, including *Table 1 –Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects 2019-21*
- B. State Map of Youth Athletic Facilities Projects, Large Grants Category
- C. Youth Athletic Facilities Evaluation Criteria Summary
- D. Youth Athletic Facilities, Evaluation Scores, Large Grants Category
- E. Youth Athletic Facilities Project Descriptions, Large Grants Category
- F. Youth Athletic Facilities Letters of Support or Concern, Large Grants Category

Decision Package 2: Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grant Category

- G. Resolution #2018-32, including *Table 1 –Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects 2019-21*
- H. State Map of Youth Athletic Facilities Projects, Small Grants Category
- I. Youth Athletic Facilities Evaluation Criteria Summary
- J. Youth Athletic Facilities, Evaluation Scores, Small Grants Category
- K. Youth Athletic Facilities Project Descriptions, Small Grants Category
- L. Youth Athletic Facilities Letters of Support or Concern, Small Grants Category

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-31
Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Approval of the Preliminary Ranked List of Projects for the 2019-21 Biennium**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifty-one Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Large Grants Category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all , fifty-one YAF Large Grants category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, these YAF projects were evaluated by a team of local agency representatives and citizens using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the results of these evaluations are being considered in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire, develop, and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities - Large Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant		Cumulative
Rank	Score	and Type ¹				Match	Total	Total
1	48.17	18-1380D	Civic Park Athletic Fields Development	Edmonds	\$350,000	\$10,887,005	\$11,237,005	\$350,000
2	47.67	18-2075D	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	Gig Harbor	\$350,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,850,000	\$700,000
3	46.50	18-1326D	Allan Yorke Park Athletic Field with Lighting	Bonney Lake	\$350,000	\$2,995,504	\$3,345,504	\$1,050,000
4	46.17	18-1451D	Zakheim Youth Sports Complex	Spokane Youth Sports Association	\$350,000	\$1,840,000	\$2,190,000	\$1,400,000
5	45.00	18-1246D	Lincoln Park Soccer-Lacrosse Field Construction	Wenatchee	\$263,192	\$321,808	\$585,000	\$1,663,192
5	45.00	18-1383D	Warren Avenue Playfield Lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements	Bremerton	\$350,000	\$117,000	\$467,000	\$2,013,192
7	43.83	18-1802D	Lummi Nation Community Park	Lummi Nation	\$350,000	\$1,932,195	\$2,282,195	\$2,363,192
8	42.50	18-1636D	Bidwell Park Youth Athletic Facility Development	Spokane	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,613,192
9	42.33	18-1601D	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Development	Airway Heights	\$350,000	\$702,783	\$1,052,783	\$2,963,192
10	41.67	18-1431D	Evergreen Playfield Turf Conversion	Mountlake Terrace	\$350,000	\$1,237,000	\$1,587,000	\$3,313,192
11	41.50	18-1539D	Stevens Field Number 2 Synthetic Infield and Lights	Olympia	\$349,999	\$837,401	\$1,187,400	\$3,663,191
12	41.33	18-1684D	Puyallup Valley Sport Complex Field Improvement	Puyallup	\$322,000	\$600,300	\$922,300	\$3,985,191
13	41.17	18-1693D	Moshier Memorial Park Sports Field Improvements	Burien	\$350,000	\$973,521	\$1,323,521	\$4,335,191
14	41.00	18-1460D	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	Monroe	\$350,000	\$2,155,000	\$2,505,000	\$4,685,191
15	40.83	18-1817C	Harbor Heights Land Acquisition and Development	Oak Harbor	\$350,000	\$1,637,600	\$1,987,600	\$5,035,191
16	40.50	18-1473D	Lions Park Infields and Restroom Renovation	Othello	\$347,000	\$116,515	\$463,515	\$5,382,191
16	40.50	18-1307D	Winnie Houser Park Revitalization	Sedro Woolley	\$297,000	\$160,000	\$457,000	\$5,679,191
16	40.50	18-1981D	Heritage Park Ball Field Renovation Phase 4	Stanwood	\$350,000	\$496,700	\$846,700	\$6,029,191
19	40.33	18-1984D	Yakama Nation Housing Authority Apas Goudy Youth Athletic Facility	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	\$133,812	\$80,000	\$213,812	\$6,163,003
19	40.33	18-1932D	Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Lights	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$350,000	\$380,500	\$730,500	\$6,513,003
21	40.17	18-1820D	Chehalis Recreation Park Ballfields Renovation	Chehalis	\$350,000	\$515,000	\$865,000	\$6,863,003
22	40.00	18-1550D	Cheney Park Field Lighting	South Bend	\$270,000	\$60,000	\$330,000	\$7,133,003

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant		Cumulative
Rank	Score	and Type ¹				Match	Total	Total
23	39.33	18-1670D	Squalicum Creek Park Phase 4	Bellingham	\$350,000	\$842,254	\$1,192,254	\$7,483,003
23	39.33	18-1906D	East Field Turf Conversion	King's Way Christian Schools	\$350,000	\$2,279,100	\$2,629,100	\$7,833,003
25	39.00	18-1508D	South Lynnwood Park Athletic Field	Lynnwood	\$326,500	\$58,500	\$385,000	\$8,159,503
25	39.00	18-2021D	Forest Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$126,546	\$154,111	\$280,657	\$8,286,049
27	38.67	18-1782D	South Park Playfield Turf Conversion and Lights	Seattle	\$350,000	\$3,900,000	\$4,250,000	\$8,636,049
27	38.67	18-1222D	George Schmid Field Number 3 and Ballpark Lighting	Washougal	\$350,000	\$377,350	\$727,350	\$8,986,049
29	38.33	18-2017D	Whitehorse Community Park Field Renovation	Snohomish County	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$9,011,049
30	38.17	18-1187D	Wilburton Park Synthetic Sports Field Renovation	Bellevue	\$265,000	\$657,628	\$922,628	\$9,276,049
30	38.17	18-1269D	Mason County Recreation Area Irrigation	Mason County	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$650,000	\$9,601,049
32	37.50	18-1360D	A Street Sports Complex Phase 1	Pasco	\$350,000	\$221,113	\$571,113	\$9,951,049
33	37.33	18-1880D	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Ski Hill Youth Facility Improvements	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club	\$74,880	\$40,340	\$115,220	\$10,025,929
33	37.33	18-1788D	Des Moines Field House Park Field Renovation	Des Moines	\$107,202	\$107,202	\$214,404	\$10,133,131
35	37.17	18-2022D	Howarth Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$52,828	\$64,568	\$117,396	\$10,185,959
36	37.00	18-1531D	Skagit Valley Playfields Artificial Turf Infields	Skagit County	\$270,000	\$336,000	\$606,000	\$10,455,959
37	36.67	18-1975D	Legion Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$93,491	\$140,236	\$233,727	\$10,549,450
38	35.83	18-1783D	Lower Woodland Park Playfield Number 2 Turf Improvements	Seattle	\$350,000	\$1,627,000	\$1,977,000	\$10,899,450
38	35.83	18-1527D	Service Club Park Drainage	Kent	\$95,500	\$95,500	\$191,000	\$10,994,950
40	35.67	18-1511D	Cedar Field Turf and Lighting Improvement	Marysville	\$340,928	\$371,929	\$712,857	\$11,335,878
41	35.33	18-1943D	Arlington Evans Baseball Field Renovation	Arlington	\$45,498	\$50,498	\$95,996	\$11,381,376
42	35.17	18-1916D	Nespelem Youth Athletic Field	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$350,000	\$155,134	\$505,134	\$11,731,376
42	35.17	18-1690D	Carousel Ranch Community Park	Snohomish County	\$350,000	\$1,680,001	\$2,030,001	\$12,081,376
44	34.17	18-1552D	Riverside Park Soccer Field Improvement	Cowlitz County	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$174,000	\$12,168,376

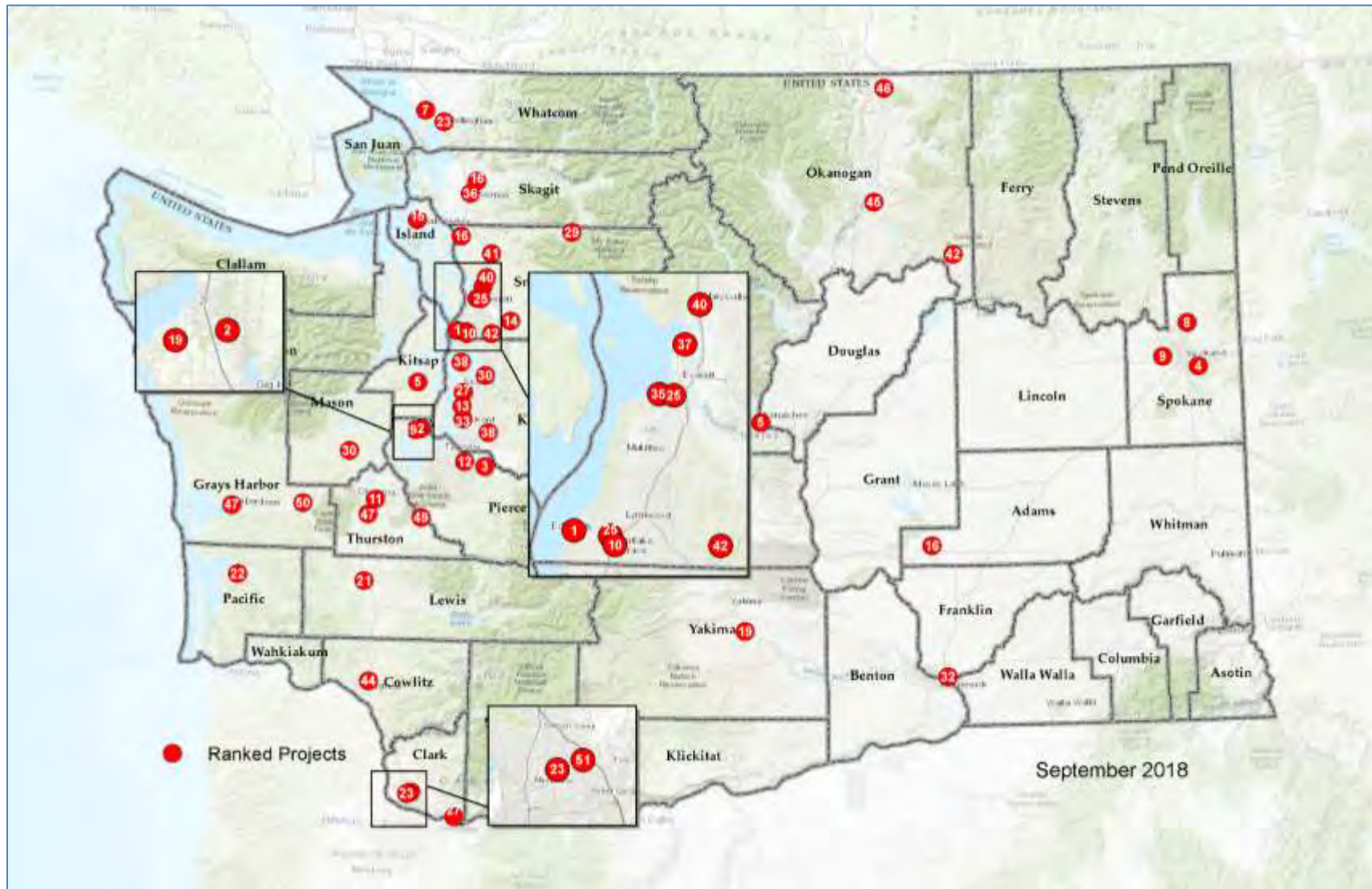
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Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative	
Rank	Score	and Type ¹					Total	Total
45	32.50	18-1551D	Omak Eastside Park Redevelopment Phase 1	Omak	\$315,000	\$35,000	\$350,000	\$12,483,376
46	32.33	18-1966D	Oroville Community Health and Fitness Track	Oroville	\$94,410	\$10,490	\$104,900	\$12,577,786
47	32.17	18-1996D	Olympic Stadium Lighting	Hoquiam	\$225,900	\$25,100	\$251,000	\$12,803,686
47	32.17	18-1549D	Capital Soccer Fields Field Turf	Blackhills Community Soccer	\$350,000	\$534,000	\$884,000	\$13,153,686
49	31.00	18-1747D	Longmire Park Improvements	Yelm	\$226,995	\$185,805	\$412,800	\$13,380,681
50	30.17	18-1546D	Elma Ballfield Lighting	McCleary	\$350,000	\$39,000	\$389,000	\$13,730,681
51	29.50	18-2002D	Development of Seton Catholic Grass Athletic Field	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School	\$126,083	\$126,083	\$252,166	\$13,856,764
					\$13,856,764	\$46,846,774	\$60,703,538	

¹Project Type: C=combination, D=development

State Map for Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category Projects



Youth Athletic Facilities Evaluation Criteria Summary

Youth Athletic Facilities Program, Renovation Category, provides for renovation of outdoor athletic facilities serving youth and communities.

Youth Athletic Facilities Criteria Summary					
Scored by	#	Title	Maximum Points	Multiplier	Total
Advisory Committee	1	Need and Need Satisfaction	5	3	15
Advisory Committee	2	Design and Budget	5	2	10
Advisory Committee	3	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	3	1	3
Advisory Committee	4	Facility management	3	1	3
Advisory Committee	5	Availability	5	1	5
Advisory Committee	6	Readiness to proceed	3	1	3
Advisory Committee	7	Support and Partnerships	5	2	10
RCO Staff	8	Matching shares	2	1	2
RCO Staff	9	Proximity to people	1	1	1
RCO Staff	10	Growth Management Act Preference	0	1	0
Total possible points = 52					

Youth Athletic Facilities Scoring Criteria

Advisory Committee Scored Criteria

1. **Need and Need Satisfaction.** What is the community's need for the proposed renovated youth athletic facility? To what extent will the project satisfy the needs in the service area?
2. **Design and Cost Estimate.** How well is the project designed? Does the cost estimate accurately reflect the scope of work?
3. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
4. **Facility Management.** Does the applicant have the ability to maintain the facility? How will the applicant maintain the facility?
5. **Availability.** When the project is complete, how often will it be available for competitive youth sports in a calendar year?
6. **Readiness to Proceed.** What is the timeline for completing the project? Will the sponsor be able to complete the project within 3 years?
7. **Project Support and Partnerships.** To what extent do users and the public support the project?

RCO Staff Scored Criteria

8. **Matching Shares.** Is the applicant providing a matching share more than an amount equal to the grant amount requested?
9. **Proximity to People.** State law requires the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to give funding preference to projects in populated areas. Populated areas are defined as a town or city with a population of 5,000 or more, or a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile.¹ Is the project in an area meeting this definition?
10. **Growth Management Act Preference.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?²

¹Revised Code of Washington 79A.25.250

²Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act preference required.)

**Evaluation Scores
Large Grants Category
Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021**

Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
	Project Name	Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	
1	Civic Park Athletic Fields Development	14.00	8.00	2.83	3.00	4.67	2.67	10.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	48.17
2	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	13.50	8.33	2.83	3.00	4.50	2.83	9.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	47.67
3	Allan Yorke Park Athletic Field with Lighting	13.00	9.00	2.83	2.83	4.33	2.83	8.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	46.50
4	Zakheim Youth Sports Complex	13.50	8.33	2.33	2.33	3.83	2.83	10.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	46.17
5	Lincoln Park Soccer-Lacrosse Field Construction	14.00	8.67	2.33	2.83	3.83	2.67	8.67	1.00	1.00	0.00	45.00
5	Warren Avenue Playfield Lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act	12.50	8.33	2.67	2.83	4.00	2.33	9.33	2.00	1.00	0.00	45.00
7	Lummi Nation Community Park	13.00	8.00	2.33	2.50	4.00	2.33	9.67	2.00	0.00	0.00	43.83
8	Bidwell Park Youth Athletic Facility Development	12.00	8.00	2.50	2.83	3.50	2.67	9.00	2.00	1.00	-1.00	42.50
9	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Development	13.00	8.00	2.83	2.67	3.83	2.67	9.33	0.00	1.00	-1.00	42.33
10	Evergreen Playfield Turf Conversion	11.00	8.33	2.67	2.83	4.33	2.50	10.00	0.00	1.00	-1.00	41.67

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	
Rank	Project Name											Total
11	Stevens Field Number 2 Synthetic Infield and Lights	11.50	6.67	2.50	2.83	3.00	2.67	9.33	2.00	1.00	0.00	41.50
12	Puyallup Valley Sport Complex Field Improvement	11.00	7.67	2.83	2.83	4.17	2.83	9.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	41.33
13	Moshier Memorial Park Sports Field Improvements	11.50	7.00	2.50	2.67	3.67	2.83	8.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	41.17
14	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	10.50	7.67	2.33	2.83	3.17	2.50	10.00	2.00	1.00	-1.00	41.00
15	Harbor Heights Land Acquisition and Development	12.50	7.33	2.17	2.17	3.67	1.33	9.67	2.00	1.00	-1.00	40.83
16	Lions Park Infields and Restroom Renovation	10.50	7.33	2.17	2.67	3.50	2.67	8.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	40.50
16	Winnie Houser Park Revitalization	11.50	7.67	2.67	2.67	3.83	2.83	7.33	1.00	1.00	0.00	40.50
16	Heritage Park Ball Field Renovation Phase 4	10.50	7.67	2.50	2.83	3.17	2.50	8.33	2.00	1.00	0.00	40.50
19	Yakama Nation Housing Authority Apas Goudy Youth Athletic Facility	11.00	7.67	2.67	2.83	4.33	2.50	7.33	2.00	0.00	0.00	40.33
19	Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Lights	11.50	7.67	2.67	2.83	4.00	2.67	8.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	40.33

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	
Rank	Project Name											Total
21	Chehalis Recreation Park Ballfields Renovation	10.50	8.33	2.17	2.67	3.50	2.67	8.33	2.00	1.00	-1.00	40.17
22	Cheney Park Field Lighting	11.50	8.33	2.50	2.83	3.17	2.67	8.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
23	Squalicum Creek Park Phase 4	10.00	8.33	2.33	2.83	3.83	2.67	6.33	2.00	1.00	0.00	39.33
23	East Field Turf Conversion	10.00	7.33	2.50	2.67	3.67	2.50	7.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	39.33
25	Forest Park Sport Court Renovation	10.00	8.00	2.67	3.00	4.50	2.50	5.33	2.00	1.00	0.00	39.00
25	South Lynnwood Park Athletic Field	10.50	7.33	2.83	2.67	4.00	2.67	7.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	39.00
27	South Park Playfield Turf Conversion and Lights	11.00	7.00	2.83	2.67	4.00	2.50	5.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	38.67
27	George Schmid Field Number 3 and Ballpark Lighting	10.00	7.67	2.17	2.83	3.67	2.67	8.67	0.00	1.00	0.00	38.67
29	Whitehorse Community Park Field Renovation	11.00	7.67	2.17	2.17	2.83	2.50	9.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	38.33
30	Wilburton Park Synthetic Sports Field Renovation	9.50	7.33	2.83	2.83	4.17	2.17	6.33	2.00	1.00	0.00	38.17

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Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
		Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	
30	Mason County Recreation Area Irrigation	11.50	8.00	2.33	2.67	4.00	3.00	5.67	1.00	0.00	0.00	38.17
32	A Street Sports Complex Phase 1	12.00	7.00	1.67	2.83	3.33	2.67	5.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	37.50
33	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Ski Hill Youth Facility Improvements	10.00	7.33	2.33	2.50	3.50	2.67	8.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	37.33
33	Des Moines Field House Park Field Renovation	9.50	7.33	2.33	2.67	3.83	2.67	8.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	37.33
35	Howarth Park Sport Court Renovation	10.00	7.67	2.50	2.83	4.33	2.50	5.33	1.00	1.00	0.00	37.17
36	Skagit Valley Playfields Artificial Turf Infields	9.50	6.33	2.50	2.67	3.33	2.67	7.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	37.00
37	Legion Park Sport Court Renovation	9.50	7.67	2.67	2.83	4.17	2.50	5.33	1.00	1.00	0.00	36.67
38	Lower Woodland Park Playfield Number 2 Turf Improvements	9.50	7.00	2.83	2.83	3.83	2.17	4.67	2.00	1.00	0.00	35.83
38	Service Club Park Drainage	10.00	7.67	2.00	2.67	3.17	2.67	6.67	0.00	1.00	0.00	35.83
40	Cedar Field Turf and Lighting Improvement	9.50	6.67	1.83	2.17	3.17	2.67	8.67	0.00	1.00	0.00	35.67

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Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Rank	Project Name	Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	Total
41	Arlington Evans Baseball Field Renovation	10.50	7.00	2.00	2.67	3.50	3.00	6.67	0.00	1.00	-1.00	35.33
42	Nespelem Youth Athletic Field	12.50	5.67	1.83	1.17	3.17	2.17	6.67	2.00	0.00	0.00	35.17
42	Carousel Ranch Community Park	10.50	6.67	2.33	2.67	4.00	2.33	5.67	1.00	1.00	-1.00	35.17
44	Riverside Park Soccer Field Improvement	10.50	5.67	1.67	2.67	3.33	2.33	7.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	34.17
45	Omak Eastside Park Redevelopment Phase 1	9.00	5.67	1.67	2.67	3.50	2.33	7.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.50
46	Oroville Community Health and Fitness Track	9.50	7.67	2.00	2.67	3.67	2.50	4.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.33
47	Olympic Stadium Lighting	9.00	6.33	2.33	2.83	3.83	2.83	4.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	32.17
47	Capital Soccer Fields Field Turf	10.00	6.67	1.67	1.83	2.83	2.50	4.67	1.00	1.00	0.00	32.17
49	Longmire Park Improvements	8.00	6.33	1.67	2.50	2.67	2.50	5.33	1.00	1.00	0.00	31.00
50	Elma Ballfield Lighting	10.00	6.67	2.33	2.67	2.83	2.00	3.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.17

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	
Rank	Project Name											Total
51	Development of Seton Catholic Grass Athletic Field	8.00	6.67	1.83	2.50	2.67	1.83	5.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	29.50

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Questions 8-10.

Large Grants Project Descriptions

Youth Athletic Facilities

(In Rank Order) 2019-2021

Edmonds **Developing Athletic Fields in Civic Park**

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to build athletic facilities at Civic Park, an 8-acre park in downtown Edmonds. The City will build a full-size multipurpose field with lighting, a small multipurpose practice field, a skate park, an all-weather sport court, tennis and pickle ball courts, petanque courts, a track, a fitness zone, and restrooms. Edmonds will contribute more than \$10.8 million in a state appropriation, cash, council bonds, a local grant, potentially grants from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and 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](#). (18-1380)

Gig Harbor **Building a Sports Complex**

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to create two multiuse synthetic turf fields with lighting, 250 parking stalls, and a restroom and concession building. The goal is to provide all-weather fields primarily for youth sports leagues and a site where every resident can recreate. Gig Harbor has only three synthetic turf fields, and only two have field lighting. The synthetic turf will allow the fields to be used year-round, regardless of the weather. Gig Harbor will contribute \$3.5 million in a state appropriation, donations of cash, park impact fees, and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2075)

Bonney Lake **Building a Lighted Field in Allan Yorke Park**

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Bonney Lake will use this grant to build a multiuse athletic field with synthetic turf and lighting in Allan Yorke Park. This new field will allow year-round use and will be available for municipal recreation program and community group use including organized baseball, softball, soccer, rugby, and lacrosse clubs. The proposed field will have an overlapping little league field, be enclosed by a fence, and have a paved walkway connecting it to the parking lot. A new restroom is included. Bonney Lake will contribute more than \$2.9 million in cash and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1326)

Spokane Youth Sports Association **Beginning Development of the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex**

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Spokane Youth Sports Association will use this grant to begin development of the Zakheim Youth Sports Complex on the South Hill of Spokane. The association will build one multipurpose sports field, a parking lot, storage facilities, and restrooms. When fully developed, the sports complex will include four youth baseball fields, two multi-sports fields with lights, a basketball

court, storage facilities, restrooms, and a walking path. The multiuse field could be used year-round and will be the only synthetic turf field on the South Hill. The Spokane Youth Sports Association will contribute more than \$1.8 million in donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1451)

Wenatchee

Grant Requested: \$263,192

Building a Soccer-Lacrosse Field in Lincoln Park

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to build the city's first soccer-lacrosse field in the 18-acre Lincoln Park in south Wenatchee. Within a 10-minute walk of much of south Wenatchee and located on major bus lines, the park serves as a vital recreational hub for this part of the community. More than 87 percent of residents living around the park are Latino and the average household income levels are some of the lowest in the city. The field will bring new life and function to the park, meet the needs of the community as expressed in a number of public outreach efforts, and address a current shortage of five soccer fields in the community. Fences will be added along Crawford Street to improve safety and the outdated restrooms will be replaced and moved to improve service and function. The field also will accommodate two youth fields. Wenatchee will contribute \$321,808 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1246)

Bremerton

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Improving Warren Avenue Playfield

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to improve the Warren Avenue Playfield, a 2-acre park used primarily for youth football, baseball, and T-ball. The City will replace the sports field lighting and backstop, pave the gravel parking lot, and build a pathway from the parking lot to the park's entry from donor bricks purchased by the community. The aging neighborhood park currently has an unpaved parking area and outdated sports field lighting on nearly 50-year-old wood poles, which are deteriorating. The park also is not accessible to people in wheelchairs. Bremerton will contribute \$117,000 in cash, staff labor, a local grant, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1383)

Lummi Nation

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Building the First Phase of the Lummi Nation Community Park

The Lummi Nation will use this grant to build the first phase of the Lummi Nation Community Park, a 7-acre park with two multipurpose fields, connecting paths, and support facilities. The park is at the gateway to the Lummi Nation community on the southeast corner of Slate Road and Haxton Way. Development will include a gravel parking lot, backstops, drainage and irrigation, dugouts, batting and pitching machine enclosures, scoreboards, fencing, paved parking for people with disabilities, a paved trail, a paved spectator court, and the beginning of landscaping. The Lummi Nation will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1802)

Spokane County
Finishing Development of Bidwell Community Park

Grant Requested: \$250,000

Spokane County will use this grant to build a baseball field, four sand volleyball courts with lighting, a paved trail, and a restroom at Bidwell Community Park, completing the park's development. Adding these elements will significantly expand youth athletic opportunities in the north Spokane area and serve a broader range of the community. The baseball field and sand volleyball courts will be made available for pickup games and open practice for the entire community. Spokane County will contribute \$750,000 in cash and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1636)

Airway Heights
Developing the Airway Heights Recreation Complex

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Airway Heights will use this grant to develop the second phase of the Airway Heights Recreation Complex in Spokane County. The City will build a second baseball/softball field with fencing and dugouts, add a trail around the complex, build more parking, and add fencing, dugouts, and lighting on existing fields. Airway Heights is severely lacking in athletic field space. The City relies on use of Sunset Elementary, the only school in the community and one that is expanding into the existing field. The continued increase in residential development in the community raises the need to provide additional field space. Airway Heights will contribute \$702,783 in cash and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1601)

Mountlake Terrace
Converting a Dirt Field to Synthetic Turf at Evergreen Playfield

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to renovate Evergreen Playfield 1, in central Mountlake Terrace. The City will convert the dirt surface to a synthetic turf playfield and add lighting, fences, and landscaping. The refurbished field will support multiple sports including baseball, fast pitch, soccer, rugby, lacrosse, flag football, and ultimate disc. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$1.23 million in cash, a private grant, potentially 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](#). (18-1431)

Olympia
New Field Surface and Lights at Stevens Field

Grant Requested: \$349,999

The City of Olympia will use this grant to install synthetic infield surfacing and lighting on ball field 2 in Stevens Field Park. The improvements will increase field use, decrease rain outs, improve player safety, and reduce maintenance. The field is used mostly for youth baseball and softball. Olympia will contribute \$837,401. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1539)

Puyallup
Improving a Puyallup Valley Sport Complex Field

Grant Requested: \$322,000

The Puyallup Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert one outfield from natural to synthetic turf in the Puyallup Valley Sport Complex. The converted outfield will attach to the synthetic turf infield, creating a completely synthetic turf field. This conversion will allow the field to be used year-round for a multitude of sports, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football. The field now is shut down in the fall and winter to prevent damage. Converting the field will increase use by more than 50 percent and provide play opportunities for an additional 1,850 youth. It also will allow Puyallup to offer a fully accessible playing surface for disabled athletes, the first in the city. This is the second phase of a larger project to convert all three fields at the complex to synthetic turf. Puyallup will contribute \$600,300 in cash, potentially 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](#). (18-1684)

Burien
Improving a Sports Field in Moshier Memorial Park

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Burien will use this grant to convert a field in Moshier Park from grass to synthetic turf and make some pathways accessible by people with disabilities. Field 1 is Burien's only lighted field with bleachers and a score booth, resulting in heavy use. Poor drainage limits the use of the field in bad weather. Converting to synthetic turf improves conditions, reduces maintenance, and allows the field to be used year-round for not just baseball but also softball, soccer, and lacrosse. Burien will contribute \$973,521 in a state appropriation, cash, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1693)

Monroe
Renovating a Field in Lake Tye Park

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert to synthetic turf one baseball and one soccer field in the south end of Lake Tye Park. The renovated playfields will support play year-round, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The City also will install baseball and softball amenities such as improved backstop and covered dugouts, new electrical service and lights, and paved pathways. The playfields are used by the local community, for regional events, and by the adjacent elementary school. After 22 years of play, the grass fields are worn and have limited accessibility. Several community groups support this project including the Sky Valley Little League, which has donated \$10,000. Monroe will contribute more than \$2.1 million in a state appropriation, cash, potentially 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](#). (18-1460)

Oak Harbor
Creating New Soccer Fields

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Oak Harbor will use this grant to buy 75 acres and develop soccer fields and a parking lot. The grant also will be used for design work, engineering, and land preparation. The two soccer fields and a parking lot will be the first phase of a multi-phased project. When

completed, the park will have seven high school-sized soccer fields, two multiuse fields, two football fields, four little league fields, four girls softball fields, two adult softball fields, three T-ball fields, and 1 high school-sized baseball field. It also will include two parking lots, picnic shelters, restrooms, trails, disc golf and basketball courts. This site is the last undeveloped parcel of its size in the city limits. The City leases land from the school district, and the district is planning to build a new elementary school on that land, resulting in the loss of seven playfields. Oak Harbor will contribute more than \$1.6 million in cash, park impact fees, and donations of cash, equipment, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1817)

Othello

Grant Requested: \$347,000

Renovating Lions Park Infields and Restroom

The City of Othello will use this grant to renovate youth baseball/softball infields and restrooms in the Lions Park Athletic Complex. The City will upgrade four infields, install drainage at the backstop, reinforce the batting box, improve the irrigation, lay sod, replace bases and home plate, add signs, and renovate the restrooms and parking so they can be used by people with disabilities. Built in 1975, the fields now are marginally safe and difficult to manage. The fields also can create safety issues because of loose dirt, small rocks, a grass lip, and standing water. With these improvements, Othello will return to its former glory as a regional hosting site for youth sports and a draw for sports tourism. Othello will contribute \$116,515. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1473)

Sedro Woolley

Grant Requested: \$319,900

Revitalizing Winnie Houser Park

The City of Sedro Woolley will use this grant to redevelop and improve 9.5 acres used for soccer and other sports. Currently the fields are randomly placed. The City will move the soccer fields, organize the parking, and add a restroom, equipment storage area, and picnic area. The City also will install irrigation to provide better field conditions and extended playing time. Sedro Woolley will contribute \$137,100 in cash, equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1307)

Stanwood

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Renovating a Heritage Park Ball Field

The City of Stanwood will use this grant to renovate the northwest baseball/softball field in the Heritage Park Recreation Complex. The City will enlarge the field to allow for both kid and adult play, convert the infield to synthetic turf to allow use by people with disabilities, restore the outfield with new seeding, and renovate the drainage system. There are only nine baseball/softball fields in this service area, and most suffer from poor drainage. The lack of fields places games as a priority, limiting practices. In addition, people with special needs often must play in Everett because the existing fields are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stanwood will contribute \$496,700. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1981)

**Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Reservation
Developing Sports Courts in the Apas Goudy Housing Park**

Grant Requested: \$133,812

The Yakama Nation Housing Authority will use this grant to develop basketball courts and a volleyball court in the Apas Goudy Housing Park. Currently, the site is a nearly vacant lot with old playground equipment. When completed, the site will contain two junior basketball courts and one multi-sport court. Having the new courts would allow nearby Wapato to host and participate in area basketball tournaments, and would provide a place for youth to practice volleyball in the off season because there is no place on the reservation to do so without having to rent a venue. The Apas Goudy Housing Park consists of 88 houses, all of which are low-income. Without these facilities, Wapato youth may have to travel long distances through a limited bus system to another town to participate in outdoor sports. The Yakama Nation will contribute \$133,812 in another grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1984)

**Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Lighting A Field in Sehmel Homestead Park**

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to install field lights, add a walkway, and light the parking lot at Sehmel Homestead Park on the Gig Harbor Peninsula. The addition of lights will add 425 hours of playable time to the field for youth athletics. The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$380,500 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1932)

**Chehalis
Renovating the Recreation Park Ball Fields**

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate four ball fields in the 2.4-acre Recreation Park Sports Complex. The City will upgrade the fields to provide barrier-free access, install drainage and automated irrigation systems, replace and move the bull pens, lay infield top soil, replace the outfield sod with sand, and grade and seed the entire complex. The Recreation Park Sports Complex has a failing drainage system, broken irrigation lines, and thatch-like grass over clay soil, making it difficult, costly, and many times impossible to use following bad weather. Due to existing conditions, tournament participant numbers have dropped drastically. The sports complex is used by high school and competitive fast pitch teams, a youth sports league supporting more than 400 players, unscheduled pick-up games, and City-hosted tournaments that bring thousands of spectators and players. The project will revitalize an essential and well-used facility providing a functional, aesthetic complex that will save money, provide safe reliable fields, and extend the playing season. Chehalis will contribute \$515,000 in cash and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1820)

**South Bend
Installing Lighting at a Cheney Park Field**

Grant Requested: \$270,000

The City of South Bend will use this grant to install lights at the newly renovated synthetic turf Cheney Field in downtown South Bend. The lights will allow for extended play time for baseball and softball teams. The baseball/softball field underwent a complete renovation in 2017 using

private money. The fields currently are not lit. When completed, this field will be the only field with synthetic turf and lights in Pacific County. South Bend will contribute \$60,000 in donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1550)

Bellingham

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Building Fields in Squalicum Creek Park

The City of Bellingham will use this grant to build a baseball diamond and multipurpose sports field in Squalicum Creek Park. The City will grade the site, install drainage and irrigation systems, and add an infield, backstop, and pathways. The baseball outfield would contain part of the multipurpose field, which will provide an area for lacrosse, soccer, rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, and other outdoor play. The overall goal is to produce a fully-functional, regulation-sized youth baseball and outfield to meet the demands of outdoor youth play for the Bellingham service area and beyond. This the fourth phase of development. Bellingham will contribute \$842,254 in a voter-approved levy. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1670)

King's Way Christian Schools

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Converting the East Field to Synthetic Turf

King's Way Christian Schools in Vancouver will use this grant to renovate the east field, which consists of two full-size natural grass soccer fields, to synthetic turf fields complete with lights, accessible pathways, restrooms, and scoreboards. Youth athletics is growing rapidly and the east field's surface significantly restricts playability. Overuse and rain creates slippery, unsafe conditions for athletes during a large part of the year. The proposed improvements will convert the east field it into a 65,000 square foot synthetic facility for soccer, baseball and softball play complete. This project is vital to increase field availability and expand participation opportunities for over 4,500 youth athletes in our community. King's Way Christian Schools will contribute \$2,279,100 in donations of cash, and donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1906)

Lynnwood

Grant Requested: \$326,500

Developing a South Lynnwood Park Athletic Field

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department will use this grant to develop a basketball court and an artificial turf soccer field in South Lynnwood Park. This 4.2-acre park is along the regional Interurban Trail and in the heart of the South Lynnwood neighborhood, which is the city's most underserved area. The City will install an enclosed, artificial turf, youth-sized soccer field over the footprint of a poorly-situated and cracked basketball court. The City also will build a new basketball court by the tennis courts. The soccer field will be primarily for children's programs and leagues and the basketball court for teenagers' pick-up games, though both will be available for community play. The project includes containment netting for both amenities, and benches and shade trees for the soccer field. Lynnwood will contribute \$58,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1508)

Everett
Renovating Sport Courts in Forest Park

Grant Requested: \$126,546

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the tennis court, field hockey court, and adjacent parking area at Forest Park, in central Everett. The two courts will be repaired, resurfaced, and re-striped including striping for pickle ball. The City also will install four adjustable hoops to allow for one full and two half basketball courts. The renovation also will add parking and pathways to both courts that are accessible by people with disabilities. Finally, the City will install a solar compacting garbage can, a bottle filling water fountain, and a bike rack. Everett will contribute \$154,111. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2021)

Seattle
Converting a South Park Playfield to Synthetic Turf

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the natural turf playfield at the South Park Community Center into a full-size, synthetic turf, multiuse, lighted playfield. South Park has the highest youth population of any Seattle neighborhood, and its residents have about one-tenth the accessible green space available to the average King County resident. South Park also is one of Seattle's lowest income and most ethnically diverse communities, with 68.7 percent people of color. The park is underused because of an assortment of challenges including poor sight lines to and from key park elements, insufficient lighting at night, sports fields that do not meet league standards, and a lack of facilities that draw multigenerational use and spontaneous play. By focusing improvements in an under-resourced area with a high proportion of children and youth, this high-impact project addresses multiple recreational deficiencies and will allow people of all ages to improve their health. Seattle will contribute more than \$4.1 million in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1782)

Washougal
Building a Third Field in the George Schmid Memorial Park

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Washougal will use this grant to develop the third ball field at George Schmid Memorial Park. Development will include lighting for all three fields, building connecting sidewalks, and installing bleachers, dugouts, bullpens, and a scoreboard for the third field. The completed ballpark helps alleviate pressure on other local ball fields and assists with the possible loss of as many as three other fields used by East County Little League. Washougal will contribute \$377,350. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1222)

Snohomish County
Renovating a Field in Whitehorse Community Park

Grant Requested: \$25,000

Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to replace the outfield on the large baseball and adjacent softball fields, in Whitehorse Community Park, just north of Darrington. The field irrigation was provided by a well-based system, and as a result, were unable to be watered during dry summers. The turf has fallen into disrepair. After the 2014 Oso mudslide, the Town worked with Snohomish County to bring a municipal water line to the

field and hook the irrigation system up to a reliable system. Improvements to the fields will include fencing for a baseball bull pen and outfield, new spectator bleachers for both fields, a water fountain, and new dugout roofs. The 82-acre park has three baseball fields that support the local Darrington Junior Athletic Association teams, as well as several community-based and pick-up softball games. Snohomish County will contribute \$25,000 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2017)

Bellevue

Grant Requested: \$265,000

Replacing Synthetic Turf on a Wilburton Hill Community Park Sports Field

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to replace the synthetic turf on a multiuse athletic field and renovate the track surrounding the field in Wilburton Hill Community Park. The field is lighted, un-fenced, and open to the public year-round. It is used primarily for soccer, lacrosse, summer sport camps, and scheduled school activities. After several years of intensive programming, the field and surrounding track are showing wear. Bellevue will contribute \$657,628. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1187)

Mason County Support Services

Grant Requested: \$325,000

Replacing the Irrigation System in the Mason County Recreation Area

Mason County Support Services will use this grant to replace the irrigation system at its most visited park, the Mason County Recreation Area, in Shelton. The County will replace the main water line and add new irrigation lines, spray heads, valves, and pumps which will offer a better playing surface and use less water. The recreation area is open year-round and home to numerous leagues and tournaments for youth and adults. Mason County will contribute \$325,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1269)

Pasco

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Beginning Development of the A Street Sports Complex

The City of Pasco will use this grant to build three multiuse sports fields, a parking lot, and restroom, serving as first phase of development of the A Street sports complex, in east Pasco. By developing this city-owned vacant land into a beautiful sporting complex, the City will be able to accommodate the ever-growing demand for field space, and bring high quality fields to one of the region's most underprivileged areas. The fields will accommodate sports such as soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and Ultimate Frisbee. Pasco will contribute \$221,113. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1360)

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club

Grant Requested: \$74,880

Improving the Leavenworth Ski Hill

The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will use this grant to improve the Leavenworth Ski Hill by grading the small tow hill to improve safety and access usable terrain. The Leavenworth Ski Hill is 1 mile from downtown Leavenworth in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will contribute \$40,340 in cash, staff labor, and donations of

cash and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1880)

Des Moines

Grant Requested: \$107,202

Renovating Fields in the Des Moines Field House Park

The Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department will use this grant to renovate the playfields in the Field House Park. Work will include replacing an aged backstop and fence, adding bleachers to one field, installing a drainage system to the outfield, adding a drinking fountain to the park, and replacing a deteriorating utility shed. Field House Park is a multiuse sports complex and is Des Moines' most visited park. Poor drainage has caused cancellations of games, practices, and special events over the years. Des Moines will contribute \$107,202 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1788)

Everett

Grant Requested: \$52,828

Renovating Howarth Park's Tennis Courts

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the tennis courts and adjacent parking lot at Howarth Park. The courts will be repaired, resurfaced, and re-striped, including pickle ball striping for expanded use. Everett has too few courts for its population, based on recommended standards. Everett will contribute \$64,568. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2022)

Skagit County

Grant Requested: \$270,000

Renovating Skagit Valley Playfields

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate four baseball/softball fields in the Skagit Valley Playfields Complex, in Mount Vernon. Work will include converting the infields to multipurpose synthetic surfaces and buying temporary pitching mounds. The infield has limited use, reduces the length of the season, and increases the number of rain outs. The renovation will permit year-round play for baseball and softball. Youth sports are increasing each year, creating a demand for synthetic fields with improved drainage. Skagit County will contribute \$336,000 in a state appropriation, cash, and staff labor, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1531)

Everett

Grant Requested: \$93,491

Renovating the Tennis Court in American Legion Memorial Park

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the tennis court at American Legion Memorial Park. The court will be repaired, resurfaced, and re-striped including striping for pickle ball. The City also will add two adjustable hoops for two half-basketball courts, parking and a pathway for people with disabilities, a solar compacting garbage can, a bottle-filling water fountain, and a bike rack. American Legion Park is an 18.5-acre community park adjacent to a golf course and home to the Evergreen Arboretum. Everett has too few courts for its population, according to recommended standards. Everett will contribute \$140,236. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1975)

Seattle
Improving the Playfield Turf in Lower Woodland Park

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the synthetic turf on Playfield 2 in Lower Woodland Park. The heavily used field is a short walk from Green Lake Park, the most visited park in Seattle, and is lined for soccer, lacrosse, and Ultimate Frisbee. The field is nearing the end of its useful life. Over time, heavy use of synthetic turf leads to tears in the carpet, uneven distribution of infill material, and deterioration of carpet fibers. This reduces the playability and safety of the field. Seattle will contribute more than \$1.6 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1783)

Kent
Improving Service Club Park Drainage

Grant Requested: \$95,500

The City of Kent will use this grant to improve the drainage in Service Club Park, a baseball/softball complex with four fields, in the southeast corner of the city. The City will add supplemental drainage to the grass outfield in three fields. The work will reduce oversaturated outfield conditions and reduce the number of cancellations. Kent will contribute \$95,500. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1527)

Marysville
Renovating Cedar Field

Grant Requested: \$340,928

The Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department will use this grant funds to fully renovate the city's oldest youth baseball field, Cedar Field. The City will install a drainage system, infield and outfield turf, fencing, and lighting. Once completed, this facility will support boys and girls T-ball, baseball, softball, kick ball, and other recreational uses. Marysville will contribute \$371,929. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1511)

Arlington
Renovating Evans Park

Grant Requested: \$45,498

The City of Arlington will use this grant to renovate Evans Park. The City will grade and hydro seed the baseball outfield, update the ball field backstop and bleachers, re-roof the restrooms, and create pathways accessible to people with disabilities. Arlington will contribute \$50,498 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1943)

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Renovating a Nespelem Youth Athletic Field

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, in partnership with the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club, and the Cal Ripken Jr. Organization, will use this grant to renovate a youth athletic field in Nespelem. Work will include adding sod, bases, player benches, a sidewalk, dugout pads, foul poles, a backstop, and fencing. Providing a youth athletic field in Nespelem will bring back what was lost when the Lucy Covington Government Center was built. Nespelem youth have to travel at least a half-hour, and sometime as much as an hour and half, to reach other fields. Because Nespelem has many low-income families, traveling is a barrier for participating in youth

sports. The field currently sits idle and most of the grass has died off or been overtaken by weeds, and the field needs to be leveled and replanted. The Tribe will contribute \$155,134 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1916)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Developing Carousel Ranch Community Park

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to develop a synthetic turf field that will support multiple sports including, baseball, softball, soccer, football, lacrosse. The County also will install baseball and softball amenities, new lights, and soccer nettings. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$1.6 million in cash and a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1690)

Cowlitz County

Grant Requested: \$87,000

Improving the Riverside Park Soccer Field

The Cowlitz County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to improve the soccer facilities and remodel the bathrooms in Riverside Park. The soccer fields are uneven and create potential injuries for athletes. The County will grade the field, install drains, re-seed, and modernize the irrigation system. The restrooms were built in the 1970s and need to be upgraded to meet today's standards for people with disabilities. Riverside is heavily used by the local youth soccer groups, adult soccer leagues, home school groups, and families. But deteriorating field conditions are causing teams to play outside the community. Cowlitz County will contribute \$87,000 in cash, staff labor, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1552)

Omak

Grant Requested: \$315,000

Rebuilding a Skate Park in Eastside Park

The City of Omak will use this grant to demolish a skate park and build an upgraded one elsewhere in Eastside Park on the Colville Indian Reservation, across the Okanogan River from Omak's downtown. The city's master plan for the 76.6-acre park calls for four ball fields as a centerpiece of the park. To attain this goal, the skate park, which is in the center of the park, will be moved. This project is the first step in a multi-phase effort to redevelop Eastside Park. Omak will contribute \$35,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1551)

Oroville

Grant Requested: \$94,410

Renovating an Oroville Track

The City of Oroville will use this grant to renovate the track surface and the pole vault runway at a community all-weather track. The surface is cushioned to reduce the number of injuries. The track is open year-round and used by the students in Oroville and north central Washington. Oroville will contribute \$10,490 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1966)

Hoquiam
Lighting the Olympic Stadium

Grant Requested: \$225,900

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to install new lighting in the historic Olympic Stadium. City staff will replace 30-year-old lights with 156 new LED lights and all of the required electrical upgrades associated with it. The field is used by T-ball, youth baseball, soccer, and baseball teams. Hoquiam will contribute \$25,100. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1996)

Blackhills Community Soccer
Installing Synthetic Turf at Capital Soccer Fields

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Blackhills Community Soccer will use this grant to convert two of its eight soccer fields to synthetic turf fields in its Capital Soccer Fields complex in Tumwater. Courtesy of a separate grant, the club recently has installed stadium lights for these two fields. Recreational soccer in the area continues to grow. The new fields will meet the needs for more than 4,000 youths throughout the region. Blackhills Community Soccer will contribute \$534,000 in another grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1549)

Yelm
Improving Longmire Community Park Ball Fields

Grant Requested: \$247,680

The Yelm Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to repair and level portions of the ball fields in Longmire Community Park. The City also will improve the drainage and install spectator seating. The 13.4-acre park is the city's premier sports complex with three baseball/softball fields, three soccer-football fields, a restroom and concession building, a playground, and trails. Yelm will contribute \$185,805. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1747)

McCleary
Lighting Elma Ball Fields

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The City of Elma will use this grant to install lighting on two ball fields in the Ventron Field Complex off U.S. Highway 12 in Elma. The City will light one baseball and one softball field. The fields are used by Elma High School and organized and recreational youth leagues for practices and games. Adding lights will both increase the numbers of teams and the length of time that games and tournaments can be hosted there. McCleary will contribute \$39,000 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1546)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School
Developing a Grass Athletic Field

Grant Requested: \$126,083

Seton Catholic will use this grant to begin development of the second of two fields. The high school will seed grass for a practice field south of school, add fencing, install irrigation and sound systems, and buy bleachers and a large storage building to protect athletic equipment. The fields are used not only by the high school students, but also by Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teams, elementary school kids in Vancouver, and community clubs for

soccer, lacrosse, and youth football. The high school will contribute \$126,083 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#)
(18-2002)

Letters of Support or Concern, Large Grants Category

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-32
Youth Athletic Facilities: Small Grants Category
Approval of the Preliminary Ranked List of Projects for the 2019-21 Biennium**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, five Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Small Grants Category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all five YAF Small Grants category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, these YAF projects were evaluated by a team of local agency representatives and citizens using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the results of these evaluations are being considered in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant	Cumulative	
Rank	Score	and Type ¹				Match		Total
1	42.17	18-2026D	Holley Park Youth Athletic Fields	La Center	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
2	41.00	18-1921D	Culbertson Park Renovations	Long Beach	\$75,000	\$47,500	\$122,500	\$150,000
3	39.83	18-1482D	Prosser Competitive Pool Improvements	Prosser	\$50,792	\$41,558	\$92,350	\$200,792
4	36.00	18-2039D	Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track	Rj's Kids	\$74,609	\$74,610	\$149,219	\$275,401
5	35.33	18-2019D	Gable Park Athletic Field Lighting	Hoquiam	\$64,000	\$16,000	\$80,000	\$339,401
					\$339,401	\$254,668	\$594,069	

¹Project Type: D=development

State Map for Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category Projects



Youth Athletic Facilities Evaluation Criteria Summary

Youth Athletic Facilities Program, Renovation Category, provides for renovation of outdoor athletic facilities serving youth and communities.

Youth Athletic Facilities Criteria Summary					
Scored by	#	Title	Maximum Points	Multiplier	Total
Advisory Committee	1	Need and Need Satisfaction	5	3	15
Advisory Committee	2	Design and Budget	5	2	10
Advisory Committee	3	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	3	1	3
Advisory Committee	4	Facility management	3	1	3
Advisory Committee	5	Availability	5	1	5
Advisory Committee	6	Readiness to proceed	3	1	3
Advisory Committee	7	Support and Partnerships	5	2	10
RCO Staff	8	Matching shares	2	1	2
RCO Staff	9	Proximity to people	1	1	1
RCO Staff	10	Growth Management Act Preference	0	1	0
Total possible points = 52					

Youth Athletic Facilities Scoring Criteria

Advisory Committee Scored Criteria

1. **Need and Need Satisfaction.** What is the community's need for the proposed renovated youth athletic facility? To what extent will the project satisfy the needs in the service area?
2. **Design and Cost Estimate.** How well is the project designed? Does the cost estimate accurately reflect the scope of work?
3. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship.** Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity while protecting the integrity of the environment?
4. **Facility Management.** Does the applicant have the ability to maintain the facility? How will the applicant maintain the facility?
5. **Availability.** When the project is complete, how often will it be available for competitive youth sports in a calendar year?
6. **Readiness to Proceed.** What is the timeline for completing the project? Will the sponsor be able to complete the project within 3 years?
7. **Project Support and Partnerships.** To what extent do users and the public support the project?

RCO Staff Scored Criteria

8. **Matching Shares.** Is the applicant providing a matching share more than an amount equal to the grant amount requested?
9. **Proximity to People.** State law requires the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to give funding preference to projects in populated areas. Populated areas are defined as a town or city with a population of 5,000 or more, or a county with a population density of 250 or more people per square mile.³ Is the project in an area meeting this definition?
10. **Growth Management Act Preference.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?⁴

³Revised Code of Washington 79A.25.250

⁴Revised Code of Washington 43.17.250 (Growth Management Act preference required.)

Evaluation Scores
Small Grants Category
Youth Athletic Facilities
2019-2021

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Need and Need Satisfaction	Design and Budget	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Facility Management	Availability	Readiness to Proceed	Support and Partnerships	Matching Shares	Proximity to People	Growth Management Act Compliance	
Rank	Project Name											Total
1	Holley Park Youth Athletic Fields	12.50	8.33	2.83	2.67	4.50	3.00	8.33	0.00	1.00	-1.00	42.17
2	Culbertson Park Renovations	13.00	7.33	2.67	2.67	4.00	2.67	6.67	2.00	0.00	0.00	41.00
3	Prosser Competitive Pool Improvements	11.50	8.67	2.50	2.83	3.33	2.67	7.33	1.00	1.00	-1.00	39.83
4	Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track	8.50	7.33	2.33	2.17	4.00	2.67	8.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	36.00
5	Gable Park Athletic Field Lighting	10.00	6.67	2.67	2.83	4.17	2.67	5.33	0.00	1.00	0.00	35.33

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Questions 8-10.

Small Grants Project Descriptions

Youth Athletic Facilities

(In Rank Order) 2019-2021

La Center **Improving Drainage and Irrigation at Holley Park Ball Fields**

Grant Requested: \$75,000

The City of La Center will use this grant to install underground drainage and irrigation at two ball fields in Holley Park, an 11-acre community park. Holley Park is the city's busiest park and has three softball fields, two soccer fields, and a small multi-use field. The improvements will allow the city to extend the use of the fields. The new irrigation system is designed to be more efficient, saving water and providing consistent coverage. The new drainage system will redirect storm water away from the East Fork Lewis River and nearby wetlands, which are used by salmon, chum, steelhead, and bull trout. La Center will contribute \$80,025 in staff labor and park impact fees. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2026)

Long Beach **Renovating Culbertson Park**

Grant Requested: \$75,000

The City of Long Beach will use this grant to renovate Culbertson Park to make it more usable by people with disabilities. Work will include resurfacing the basketball and tennis courts, creating pickle ball courts, installing new dugouts, and upgrading pathways. In the center of town, the park hosts many summer softball and baseball tournaments, youth sports, and high school teams, and is used nearly year-round. Long Beach will contribute \$47,500 in cash and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1921)

Prosser **Improving Prosser's Competitive Pool**

Grant Requested: \$50,792

The City of Prosser will use this grant to improve the competition lap pool in the Prosser Aquatic Center in EJ Miller Park. The City will replace the starting blocks, pool cover, pump, and filter. The City also will install a public address system splitter, automatic scoring system, and entrance sign. These improvements will increase swimmer safety, enhance the individual and team athletic competitive experience, and improve timing accuracy for swimming events. The Prosser Aquatic Center has two pools, a competitive lap pool and a recreational pool. The competitive pool is used for training by the 115-member Piranhas swim team, is the site for weekly meets in the summer for eight regional teams, and hosts three high school girls swim teams. Prosser will contribute \$41,558 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1482)

Rj's Kids**Grant Requested: \$74,609****Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track**

RJ's Kids will use this grant to expand the Burton Adventure Recreation Center by building a pump track for competitive bicycling and skateboarding. The park currently has an indoor skate park, outdoor skate bowl, volleyball area, BMX and walking trails, and a Frisbee disc golf course. The improvements will enhance the terrain for beginners, amateurs, and professionals alike, and create a venue for competitive racing and judged events. Vashon–Maury Island in King County is abundant in parks, natural lands, and sports fields but lacks a community center for youth and young adults. The Burton Adventure Recreation Center unofficially fills that void. Rj's Kids will contribute \$74,610 in donations of cash and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2039)

Hoquiam**Grant Requested: \$64,000****Lighting the Gable Park Athletic Field**

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to install new ball field lighting at John Gable Park. The park does not have lighting to allow for evening soccer, T-ball, and softball. City staff will install LED lights on eight poles, lighting two fields. Hoquiam will contribute \$16,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2019)

Letters of Support or Concern, Small Grants Category

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED AGENDA AND ACTIONS

October 17-18, 2018

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
1. Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve October 2018 Meeting Minutes 	Decision <u>Resolution 2018-15</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Shiosaki Decision: Approved	No follow-up action requested.
2. Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report Legislative, Budget, and Policy Updates Grant Management Report Performance Update (<i>written only</i>) Financial Report (<i>written only</i>) 	Briefing/ Decision <u>Resolution 2018-33</u> – Leslie Connolly Moved by: All Seconded by: All Decision: Approved <u>Resolution 2018-34</u> – Darrell Jennings Moved by: All Seconded by: All Decision: <u>Approved</u>	Send recognition resolutions to absent members for signatures and mail to recipients.
3. State Agency Partner Reports (Briefings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor's Outdoor Recreation Advisor Department of Natural Resources State Parks and Recreation Commission Department of Fish and Wildlife 	Briefing	No follow-up action requested.
4. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach for presenting the ranked lists 	Briefing	No follow-up action requested.
5. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Habitat Conservation Account: Approval of Ranked Lists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Critical Habitat Category* <u>Resolution 2018-16</u> B. Natural Areas Category* <u>Resolution 2018-17</u> C. <u>Riparian Protection</u> Category* <u>Resolution 2018-18</u> 	Decision <u>Resolution 2018-16</u> Moved by: Member Stohr Seconded by: Member Gardow Decision: Approved <u>Resolution 2018-17</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Herzog Decision: Approved <u>Resolution 2018-18</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki	Further discussion around setting a cap for Urban Wildlife funding will be addressed in the program review during 2019.

<p>D. State Lands Restoration Category* <u>Resolution 2018-19</u></p> <p>E. Urban Wildlife Habitat Category* <u>Resolution 2018-20</u></p>	<p>Seconded by: Member Gardow Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-19</u> Moved by: Member Gardow Seconded by: Member Shiosaki Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-20</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Gardow Decision: Approved</p>	
<p>6. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Outdoor Recreation Account: Approval of Ranked Lists</p> <p>A. Local Parks Category* <u>Resolution 2018-21</u></p> <p>B. State Lands Development Category* <u>Resolution 2018-22</u></p> <p>C. State Parks Category* <u>Resolution 2018-23</u></p> <p>D. Trails Category* <u>Resolution 2018-24</u></p> <p>E. Water Access Category* <u>Resolution 2018-25</u></p>	<p>Decision</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-21</u> Moved by: Member Gardow Seconded by: Member Milliern Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-22</u> Moved by: Member Gardow Seconded by: Member Deller Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-23</u> Moved by: Member Gardow Seconded by: Member Herzog Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-24</u> Moved by: Member Herzog Seconded by: Member Shiosaki Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-25</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Milliern Decision: Approved</p>	<p>No follow-up action requested.</p>
<p>7. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farm and Forest Account: Approval of Ranked Lists</p> <p>A. Farmland Preservation Category* <u>Resolution 2018-26</u></p> <p>B. Forestland Preservation Category* <u>Resolution 2018-27</u></p>	<p>Decision</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-26</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Gardow Decision: Approved</p> <p><u>Resolution 2018-27</u> Moved by: Member Gardow Seconded by: Member Milliern Decision: Approved</p>	<p>Discussion in January on whether to conduct a supplemental grant round in the Forestland Preservation and Farmland Preservation categories.</p>

8. Proposed Revisions of the Board's Compliance Policies		No follow-up action requested.
9. RCO's Compliance Inspection Strategy		No follow-up action requested
10. Royal City Conversion: RCO #76-001A <u>Resolution 2018-28</u>	Decision Motion: Approve a waiver of need for retroactive appraisal review Moved by: Member Milliern Seconded by: Member Deller Decision: Approved The resolution was deferred	Board adopted a waiver of appraisal by motion, but deferred the Royal City conversion until the January board meeting to allow for further discussion.
11. Executive Session: Director's Evaluation (For Board Members Only)	Briefing	No follow-up action requested

DAY 2

12. Quick Safety Overview		
13. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA): Approval of Ranked List <u>Resolution 2018-29</u>	Decision <u>Resolution 2018-29</u> Moved by: Member Gardow Seconded by: Member Deller Decision: Approved	No follow-up action requested
14. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): Approval of Ranked List <u>Resolution 2018-30</u>	Decision <u>Resolution 2018-30</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Deller Decision: Approved	No follow-up action requested
15. Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF): Approval of Ranked List A. Large Category* <u>Resolution 2018-31</u> B. Small Category* <u>Resolution 2018-32</u>	Decision <u>Resolution 2018-31</u> Moved by: Member Deller Seconded by: Member Milliern Decision: Approved <u>Resolution 2018-32</u> Moved by: Member Shiosaki Seconded by: Member Gardow Decision: Approved	
16. Brief Overview of the Impact of the Recent Fires (Trends Over the Past Several Years) on Outdoor Recreation and Conservation		Further discuss how fires impact new land acquisitions and project use.
ADJOURN		

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: October 17 & 18, 2018

Place: Natural Resources Building, Olympia Campus, First Floor, Room 172, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members:

Ted Willhite, Chair	Seattle	Kathryn Gardow	Seattle
Mike Deller	Mukilteo	Brock Milliern	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Michael Shiosaki	Seattle	Peter Herzog	Designee, Washington State Parks
Danica Ready	Winthrop	Joe Stohr	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Excused: Member Danica Ready

It is intended that this summary be used with the materials provided in advance of the meeting. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) retains a recording as the formal record of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) meeting.

Opening and Call to Order

- Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Remarks of the Chair

Chair Willhite began the meeting at 9:00 am with a greeting to the board, to staff members and to the members of the public in the audience. Chair Willhite reminded attendees that TVW was recording a live feed that could be viewed online.

Item 1: Consent Agenda

The board approved the July 2018 meeting minutes, and the following agenda items: policy waiver request to waive appraisal requirements and increase limits on finding of value associated with a conversion at Liberty Lake's Rock Hill Park; draft delegation letter for the board to send on the Land and Water Conservation Fund reauthorization (if congress has not acted by the next board meeting); and, three time extension requests for:

- Department of Fish and Wildlife, Edmonds Fishing Pier Renovation, RCO #12-1160D
- Department of Natural Resources, Middle Fork Snoqualmie & Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas, RCO #12-1178A
- Tacoma Metro, The Peninsula at Point Defiance, RCO #12-1555D

Resolution 2018-15

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Shiosaki
Decision: Approved

Item 2: Director's Report

Director's Report:

Director Cottingham begins with the recognition of two longtime staff that left RCO. Darrell Jennings (present) and Leslie Connelly (absent). Board members spoke of positive memories about both the past staff members and then gave motion to approve two resolutions honoring each staff member. Both these items were moved up today on the agenda (was planned for day 2).

Resolution 2018-33 – Leslie Connelly

Moved by: All

Seconded by: All

Decision: Approved

Resolution 2018-34 – Darrell Jennings

Moved by: All

Seconded by: All

Decision: Approved

Director Cottingham introduced two folders of materials to be passed to the board. One folder on correspondence for the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club and a second folder on a Department of Natural Resources project that has been pulled off the agenda - RCO Project #18-1518 Dewatto NRCA 2018.

Director Cottingham then spoke about the new staff that have been hired in the last few months including: DeAnn Beck, Jesse Sims, Brianna Widner, Beth Auerbach, Allison Dellwo, Brian Carpenter, Chantell Krider, Julia Marshburn, and Ashley Arambul. This also include two promotions, Ben Donatelle and Justine Sharp.

Director Cottingham stated that four RCO operating budget requests and the RCO capital budget have been submitted and are being reviewed in the Governor's office. Other news included: The beginning of the fall grant round. Marguerite will provide an update during her report.

Director Cottingham talked about her annual NASORLO conference in New Hampshire where she was honored with a service award. RCO was invited to participate in a Results Washington meeting where the Governor was briefed on ecosystem services in the state. Director Cottingham talked about the work of this board, the match waiver policy work was presented as well as the Agency State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. And, Director Cottingham attended the Annual Centennial Accord Meeting a few weeks ago. It was a productive meeting between governmental staff and state tribes.

Legislative Update:

Wendy Brown, RCO Policy Director, gave an update to the board. Budgets have been submitted. We have our normal capital budget request for RCFB and the SRFB. And in addition we have submitted four operating budget decision packages related to salmon and invasive species. And, we have requested \$1.8 million in new general funds.

Wendy gave an update on legislatively directed projects. The Public Lands Inventory update – We have hired ESRI to do the work. As part of that contract we have included the project for Recreational Assets of Statewide Significance. Looking at where gaps exist and investments strategies. The workgroup had their first meeting and their first order of business is to define the vocabulary of what these terms mean. The work will be data driven, putting together a list of facilities and activities that are ready and available to the public for recreation. The report will be bottom up and top down, meaning it will have both qualitative and quantitative information as part of this assessment.

The third project is the Hiking, Biking, and Walking study. This is a legislatively-mandated economic analysis and health impacts assessment of trail-based activities. We have contracted with the University of

Washington to do a health impact study. We are currently putting together a request for proposals (RFP) for a consultant to do the economic impact assessment.

The fourth study is in response to the JLARC report. In their last study measuring outcomes of land acquisitions and regulations, JLARC directed OFM and RCO to work together to develop a plan to identify how agencies can measure performance based outcomes of habitat acquisition. RCO staff member Ben Donatelle is taking lead and has already met with agencies and other groups. The report is due December 31 of this year.

Ben Donatelle has also been assigned to review the WWRP Riparian and Urban Wildlife Habitat Categories to update the policies and criteria governing those categories. He will also be looking at how to bring in climate change to the policies and criteria. Ben will be putting together a work group. If anyone is interested in helping with this effort contact Ben for more information.

Grant Management Report:

Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Grants Section Manager, provided an update on the work her staff completed since the last reporting period. In August, grant proposals completed final evaluation. This is the process whereby applicants are evaluated, scored and ranked for recommendations towards funding. Staff and advisory committee members reviewed proposals in: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Boating Infrastructure Grants, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and Youth Athletic Facilities grant programs. Staff held post-evaluation meetings with advisory committee members to discuss results, recommendations and changes for the next grant round.

Fiscal Report: Written Only

Performance Report: Written Only

Item 3: State Agency Partner Report

- Jon Snyder, Governor's Outdoor Recreation Policy Advisor, gave an update of his work to the board. Jon spoke about the Ruckelshaus Study (about recreational permits and fees), which has three possible proposals are emerging.
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Brock Milliern, gave an update about the DNR budget requests. The agency asked for general funds for recreation programs to try to bolster staff and law enforcement officers. Currently there are twelve officers for 6 million acres. They hope to add 2 additional officers. DNR hopes to hire some Puget Sound Corp workers, similar to Washington Conservation Corp WCC program. Tom Bugert was recently hired to be a senior advisor to the Commissioner of Public Lands. And finally, DNR is in the process of hiring a new recreational policy manager to replace Glen Glover.
- State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks), Peter Herzog, gave an update to the board. State Parks and the operating budget was submitted. Many people moving to the state and Parks feeling the pinch as they are a significant part of the state's recreation infrastructure, and need help with the maintenance of facilities. Parks generates \$120,000,000 in revenue and needs guidance from the legislature on how and where to spend that money. Parks is working on trying to get Wi-Fi access at some state parks and is focused on Junior Ranger programs and bringing a diversity of other programs into the state parks systems. Self-generating revenue comes from:

Discover Pass, camping fees, vehicle license fees, vacation rentals and other funds including donations.

- Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), Joe Stohr, updated the board on recent activities. DFW has a new director, Kelly Susewind. Director Susewind grew up in Aberdeen, attended Washington State University and worked for Ecology for 22 years. Staff are excited to have him as the new director. On the budget front, DFW is facing a \$32 million dollar deficit. The agency has received positive support from their working group to increase work with Habitat, Shoreline Management, and Forestry services.

Item 4: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Framework

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, greeted the board and began his presentation on the framework of the WWRP program.

First applications were accepted in 1990, with 7 categories. Today we have 12 categories. Total investment from 1991 to today has been \$1.46 billion dollars statewide. WWRP is RCO's largest grant program. Money allocated into the WWRP are divided into these funded area:

- 45% Outdoor Recreation Account
- 45% Habitat Conservation Account,
- 10% to Forest/Farmland Account

At the last meeting the board directed RCO to request \$130 million dollars for the 2019-2021 biennium for the WWRP program.

WWRP recruits approximately 70 to 80 volunteers to serve on our advisory committees to evaluate and rank the applications received in each WWRP category. These volunteers help keep the program successful. These volunteers are knowledgeable in conservation and recreation areas.

This grant cycle RCO received 273 applications requesting \$196 million. This represents an increase of 12% in the number of applications received from the previous grant cycle. Of the 273 WWRP applications, 261 were evaluated by the various advisory committees. Under the new match reduction policy: 62 of these projects qualified for a match reduction; 40 took advantage of the reduction.

Deputy Robinson concluded his presentation by asking the board to consider the entire list of projects, to ensure we have an adequate number of alternates, in the event future money is available.

BREAK 10:50-11:00

Item 5: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Habitat Conservation Account: Approval of Ranked Lists

A. Critical Habitat

Kim Sellers, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Critical Habitat category. There were 10 projects requesting \$21.8 million dollars with \$8.7 million dollars in matching funds. The top ranked project is Cowiche Watershed #18-1334 from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The project is located 15 miles east of the City of Yakima in Yakima County.

Kim Sellers concluded her presentation to the board by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Critical Habitat Category.

Resolution 2018-16 – Critical Habitat

Moved by: Member Stohr
Seconded by: Member Gardow
Decision: Approved

B. Natural Areas

DeAnn Beck, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Natural Areas category. There were 11 projects requesting \$17.5 million dollars. This year, 2 projects were from state agencies (DNR), 4 from local agencies and 5 projects from non-profit nature conservancies. The top ranked project for this category is the Lacamas Prairie natural Area. Project #18-1520 with the Department of Natural Resources.

Deann Beck concluded her presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Natural Areas Category.

Resolution 2018-17 – Natural Areas

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Herzog
Decision: Approved

C. Riparian Protection

Beth Auerbach, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Riparian Protection category. There were 15 projects requesting \$13.5 million dollars with \$24 million dollars invested. The top ranked project is the Hoh River Restoration Conservation Area, project #18-1249, with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). TNC is proposing to acquire 8 miles of river and tributary streambank. The acquisition is part of a vision for a Hoh River Recreation and Conservation Area linking a 30-mile corridor of riparian habitat from the Olympic National Park to the National Marine Sanctuary.

Beth stated that one project submitted by the Department to Natural Resources (DNR), Dewatto NRCA 2018 (RCO 18-1518) has been pulled from consideration so the agency can spend more time engaging the public.

Beth Auerbach concluded her presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Riparian Protection Category.

Public comment

Laurie Iddings, Dewatto Bay Landowner opposed to the DNR project.

Resolution 2018-18 – Riparian Protection

Moved by: Member Shiosaki
Seconded by: Member Gardow
Decision: Approved, as amended (Dewatto NRCA 2018 project removed)

D. State Lands Restoration

Alison Greene, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the State Lands Restoration category. There were 22 projects requesting \$5.15 million dollars. The top ranked project is the Department of Natural Resources Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve, #18-1862. This project is located in Clark County, just north of the city of Camas.

Alison concluded her presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP State Lands Restoration Category.

Member Stohr explained that they had some opposition to the Quilemene Wildlife Area Restoration project. Not recommending withdrawal of the project. But rather committed to continue discussions. Offered a tour to new county commissioners to view the land.

Resolution 2018-19 – State Lands Restoration

Moved by: Member Gardow

Seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Decision: Approved

E. Urban Wildlife

DeAnn Beck, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Urban Wildlife category. There were 11 projects requesting \$17.5 million dollars. The top ranked project, #18-1524, is the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources. Mount Si is located east of Seattle near the city of North Bend.

Another purpose of this category is to provide support for public enjoyment of wildlife. All of the projects proposed offer opportunities for low-impact recreation and wildlife viewing including hiking, birding, educational visits.

DeAnn Beck concluded her presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Urban Wildlife Category.

Resolution 2018-20 – Urban Wildlife

Moved by: Member Deller

Seconded by: Member Gardow

Decision: Approved

LUNCH 12:20 - 12:54

**Item 6: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Outdoor Recreation Account:
Approval of Ranked Lists**

A. Local Parks

Beth Auerbach, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Local Parks category. There were 91 projects requesting \$40 million dollars, with \$125 million dollars of investment and over 600 acres in acquisitions. There were 37 applications (42% of the total projects) that qualified for the match reduction program and of those, 26 of the sponsors used the benefit.

The top ranked project, #18-1953, is the Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park. The project is located in the town of Wilkeson, which is in Northeast Pierce County, near Mt Rainier National Park.

This application will expand the town's existing park with pop art features designed by a specialized firm out of Seattle.

Beth Auerbach concluded her presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Local Parks Category.

Resolution 2018-21 – Local Parks

Moved by: Member Gardow
Seconded by: Member Milliern
Decision: Approved

B. State Lands Development

Dan Haws, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the State Lands Development and Renovation category. There were 20 projects requesting \$4.7 million dollars, with \$5.4 million dollars in total investment. The top ranked project is Raging River State Forest #18-1446 from the Washington Department of Natural Resources. The project is located near Issaquah in King County, 20 miles east of Seattle. This is Phase 3 of construction for this project.

Dan Haws concluded his presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP State Lands Development Category.

Resolution 2018-22 – State Lands Development

Moved by: Member Gardow
Seconded by: Member Deller
Decision: Approved

C. State Parks

Karl Jacobs, Senior Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the State Parks category. There were 18 projects requesting \$22.7 million dollars with \$800,000 dollars in matching funds. The top ranked project is Inholdings and Adjacent Properties #18-1839. This project is a little different than other acquisition projects. It is intended to provide a flexible source of funding to acquire a number of small, critical properties. It will allow State Parks to take advantage of opportunities that arise throughout the next biennium. These properties are usually small, relatively low-cost parcels that are within or adjacent to our existing parks.

Karl Jacobs concluded his presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP State Parks Category.

Resolution 2018-23 – State Parks

Moved by: Member Gardow
Seconded by: Member Herzog
Decision: Approved

D. Trails Category

Brian Carpenter, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Trails category. There were 34 projects requesting \$30 million dollars with \$28 million dollars in matching funds. The top ranked project is Ferry County Rail Trail, Phase 5, #18-1959 from Ferry County.

Brian Carpenter concluded his presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Trails Category.

Resolution 2018-24 – Trails Category

Moved by: Member Herzog
Seconded by: Member Shiosaki
Decision: Approved

E. Water Access Category

Rory Calhoun, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Water Access Category. There were 16 projects requesting just over \$10 million dollars. The top ranked project is Nemah Tidelands Access, #18-1344, a land acquisition project sponsored by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Calhoun explained that this project would allow better access to public tidelands already owned by the state and provide more opportunity for local and nonlocal recreational shellfish harvesting. Adding that shellfish available on the beach include pacific oysters and hard shell steamer clams.

Rory Calhoun concluded his presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Water Access Category.

Resolution 2018-25 – Water Access Category

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Milliern
Decision: Approved

Public comment:

Tracey Peikosky, City of Bothell

**Item 7: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Farm and Forest Account:
Approval of Ranked Lists**

A. Farmland Preservation

Karl Jacobs, Senior Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Farmland Preservation category. There were 16 projects requesting \$5.07 million dollars, with \$6.7 million dollars in matching funds. The top ranked project is French Slough Farm, #18-1839 from the PCC Farmland Trust. The project is located in Snohomish County.

Karl Jacobs concluded his presentation by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Farmland Preservation Category.

Resolution 2018-26 – Farmland Preservation

Moved by: Member Milliern
Seconded by: Member Gardow
Decision: Approved

B. Forestland Preservation

Kim Sellers, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Forestland category. There was 1 project requesting \$350,000 dollars with \$360,400 million dollars in matching funds. The project is Busy Wild Creek Forestland Protection, #18-1886, from the Nisqually Land Trust. The project is located near Eatonville, and part of the Nisqually watershed area.

Kim Sellers concluded her presentation to the board by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the WWRP Forestland Preservation Category.

Resolution 2018-27 – Forestland Preservation

Moved by: Member Gardow

Seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Decision: Approved

Item 8: Proposed Revisions of the Board's Compliance Policies

Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist, presented proposed changes to the board's compliance policies based on feedback from the April 2018 board meeting and from sponsors. Revising compliance policies has been identified as a priority in the agency's policy work plan. The board's compliance policies were last updated in 2007. Staff proposes policy revisions to streamline the approval process by modifying the approval level for common and non-controversial conversions; to provide flexibility in the timeframe for a non-permanent, non-conforming use; and to identify potential exceptions to conversion.

In April, staff identified the following areas for policy revision:

- Expand the RCO director's authority to approve conversions;
- Identify actions that may be considered as exceptions to conversions;
- Modify the 180-day limit for a temporary closure or non-conforming use;
- Establish a timeframe for a sponsor to complete the conversion process; and
- Modify the high-risk sponsor designation policy to encourage prompt resolution of conversions.

The revised proposal for policy changes includes:

- Expanding the director's authority to approve common and non-controversial conversions;
- Extending the non-permanent, non-conforming use time limit; and
- Identifying actions that may be considered as exceptions to conversions.

Next Steps, staff will incorporate comments from the board into proposed policy changes and distribute for public comment. Staff will review public comments, identify potential changes, and bring final policy recommendations for board decision at the January 2019 meeting.

Item 9: RCO's Compliance Inspection Strategy

Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist, gave the board a brief update on the agency's re-development of its compliance inspection strategy. RCO is re-developing our strategy for compliance inspections. The purpose of the inspection strategy is to implement a sustainable approach that ensures and promotes compliance at all RCO funded sites.

RCO staff strive to inspect a project area for compliance every five years. RCO has established a process and tools for compliance inspections. However, a strategic approach for implementing and focusing staff efforts and improving those tools for compliance inspections has not existed. The compliance portfolio continues to grow as do the pressures on funded project areas.

The strategy must be broad in order to encompass the spectrum of projects and project types funded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), and the Recreation and Conservation Office (Office).

The revised strategy will be based on improvements to the PRISM Compliance Workbench, a prioritized inspection plan for staff, the addition of new staff with a focus on compliance inspections, and increasing the use of other types of available information and technology.

Next steps, over the next six months, staff will be putting the strategy outlined above into play within the agency. Staff will provide an update at a future board meeting.

Item 10: Royal City Conversion: RCO # 76-001A

Myra Barker, Compliance Specialist, presented a request from the City of Royal City for approval of a conversion that occurred in 1994 when the property was sold for private development as affordable multi-family housing.

Royal City is located in Grant County, approximately 22 miles southwest of Moses Lake and about 17 miles from the Columbia River. Primarily a farming community, the city is governed by a mayor and city council and is supported by four staff. The city has one park, Lions Park, a 1.49-acre site that offers a play structure, covered pavilion, restrooms, basketball court, open grassy areas, pathways, and parking.

- Conversion
 - Converted 8.35 acres
 - Appraised Value: \$25,000
 - Type of conversion
 - Conveying property rights and ineligible use of project area
- Replacement property
 - 1 acre
 - Appraised Value: \$26,100
 - Will expand Lions Park

Request for Waiver:

The city received RCO approval to obtain a retrospective value appraisal for the conversion and replacement properties to reflect the date of the conversion. The city has obtained an appraisal report for the conversion property and an appraisal report for the proposed replacement property. An appraisal review is underway for the proposed replacement property.

The city is requesting the board waive the policy requiring an appraisal review for the conversion property. The appraised value of the conversion property is \$25,000. The city has not yet been able to obtain the services of an appraiser interested in providing a review due to the retrospective nature of the appraisal.

Next Steps:

The board approved waiving the appraisal review. A decision on the conversion was deferred until the January 2019 meeting for the city to provide information on the future plan for proposed replacement property.

No action was taken on the resolution (deferred). However, board member Milliern moved to approve the appraisal review waiver.

Moved by: Member Milliern

Seconded by: Member Deller

Decision: Motion Approved

Public comment.

Shilo Christianson, Royal City, WA

Item 11: Executive Session: Director's Evaluation (For Board Members Only)

The board went into executive session for purposes of a personnel action. The subject matter of the review was for RCFB Board to complete the Director's Evaluation. The board moved the meeting to room 205 for the remainder of the day. From 3:41 pm to 5:00 pm.

The chair of the board returned to the meeting room to end the executive session and recess the meeting for the day.

RECESS 5:00 PM

DAY 2 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Call to Order

- Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- Member Ready was absent and excused from the meeting.
- Deputy Director Robinson represented RCO on behalf of Director Cottingham.
- Chair Willhite welcomed everyone and reminded the members and audience that the meeting is being broadcast by TVW.
- Comment from Chair Willhite, as a follow up on Royal City, we would like to see it back on the next meeting agenda. Shiloh Christensen, with the city, would be welcome to attend the future meeting by phone. Chair Willhite stated that he spoke with Myra Barker ahead of time and she assured him that they do plan to follow up.
- Chair Willhite commented that Director Cottingham will be absent for day 2, as she is committed elsewhere.

General Public Comment

No Comment

Item 12: Safety Overview

Wyatt Lundquist, Board Liaison, presented an overview of the safety program for the agency and the Natural Resources Building. On October 18th, 2018 at 10:18 am, Washington State will participate in the National Earthquake Safety Program by having the Great Shakeout, an Earthquake Drill.

Wyatt Lundquist, went over safety and evacuation procedures for meetings in room 172. He presented to the board information on fire safety, earthquake safety, and active shooter safety information. And explained the safety back pack for emergencies. Pack is stocked with band aids, aspirin, hand warmers, and emergency foil blankets.

Item 13: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA): Approval of Ranked List

Alison Greene, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) category. There were 15 projects requesting \$6.6 million dollars, with \$15.2 million dollars in matching funds. The top ranked project is #18-2003, Harry Todd Park Phase II, from the City of Lakewood.

Alison Greene concluded her presentation to the board by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Category.

Resolution 2018-29 – ALEA

Moved by: Member Gardow
Seconded by: Member Deller
Decision: Approved

Item 14: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): Approval of Ranked List

Marguerite Austin, Grants Section Manager, presented the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). There were 18 projects requesting \$7.6 million dollars, with \$31.2 million dollars in matching funds. The top ranked project is South Park Playground and Spray Park, #18-1781 from the city of Seattle. The project is located in the South Park Neighborhood, just south of Georgetown and across the Duwamish River, just north of the city of Tukwila.

Marguerite Austin, concluded her presentation to the board by asking the board to approve the ranked list of projects for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Category.

Resolution 2018-30 – LWCF

Moved by: Member Milliern
Seconded by: Member Deller
Decision: Approved

Item 15: Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF): Approval of Ranked List

Jesse Sims, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) category. New this year are two tracks for funding in the YAF program: the large grant category and the small grant category. There were 51 large grant projects requesting \$13.8 million dollars, with \$46.8 million dollars in matching funds. There were 5 small grant projects requesting approximately \$340,000, with approximately \$255,000 dollars in matching funds. The top ranked large grants project is Civic Park Athletic Field, #18-1334 from the City of Edmonds.

Jesse Sims, concluded his presentation to the board by asking the board to approve both the large grants and small grants ranked list of projects for the Youth Athletic Fields Category.

Public comment.

Judith Neary, designer, Vashon Island. Appreciative of the availability of YAF grants

Resolution 2018-31 – Large Grant Category

Moved by: Member Deller
Seconded by: Member Herzog
Decision: Approved

Resolution 2018-32 – Small Grant Category

Moved by: Member Shiosaki
Seconded by: Member Gardow
Decision: Approved

Item 16: Brief Overview of the Impact of the Recent Fires (Trends Over the Past Several Years) on Outdoor Recreation and Conservation

Brock Milliern with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, gave a 10-15 minute talk of high level fire trends and anecdotal things with DNR assets, and invited all to talk about the future of fires and its effects on outdoor recreation.

Brock distributed a handout for reference (DNR Protection Fires, # of acres that burn year by year Brock stated that DNR does see a short term benefit from fires to the local economy. However, fires bring a longer term instability to that same economy. Brock then raised the question, "How do we enhance economic development around this?" and the board entered into a discussion ultimately deciding there needs to be further discussion around how to incorporate fire impacts into the grants process.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. by Chair Willhite. The next meeting is scheduled January 22 & 23, 2019 – Olympia, WA

Approved by:


Theodore Willhite, Chair


Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-15
October 17-18, 2018 - Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following October 17-18, 2018, Consent Agenda items are approved:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - July 18-19, 2018 Meeting Summary
- B. Policy Waiver Request: Waive Appraisal Requirement and Increase Limit on Finding of Value associated with a conversion at Liberty Lake's Rock Hill Park
- C. Draft Delegation letter for Board to send on the Land and Water Conservation Fund reauthorization (if congress hasn't acted by board meeting)
- D. Time Extension Requests
 - Department of Fish and Wildlife, Edmonds Fishing Pier Renovation, RCO #[12-1160D](#)
 - Department of Natural Resources, Middle Fork Snoqualmie & Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas, RCO #[12-1178A](#)
 - Tacoma Metro, The Peninsula at Point Defiance, RCO #[12-1555D](#)

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: October 11, 2019

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-16
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2021 biennium, ten Critical Habitat category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all ten Critical Habitat category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and community support, and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these Critical Habitat category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and agency or organization representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-065, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of critical habitat needs and their evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitat and the demonstrated need to protect it for fish and wildlife, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Critical Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Critical Habitat category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Stohr

Resolution seconded by: Member Gardow

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date: 10-17-18

**Table 1: Critical Habitat Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021**

Resolution: 2018-16

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	44.29	18-1334A	Cowiche Watershed	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
2	41.14	18-1452A	Spiva Butte Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$341,900	\$344,900	\$686,800	\$4,341,900
3	38.86	18-1277A	Mount Adams Klickitat Canyon Phase 3	Columbia Land Trust	\$3,000,000	\$4,232,900	\$7,232,900	\$7,341,900
4	38.14	18-1358A	Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,100,000		\$1,100,000	\$8,441,900
5	37.86	18-1371C	Cashmere Canyon Preserve	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	\$977,426	\$2,061,331	\$3,038,757	\$9,419,326
6	36.57	18-1333A	South Sound Prairies	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$12,419,326
7	32.71	18-1791A	Twisp Uplands Conservation Easements	Methow Conservancy	\$2,056,622	\$2,056,622	\$4,113,244	\$14,475,948
8	32.29	18-1336A	Simcoe	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,235,000		\$4,235,000	\$18,710,948
9	29.14	18-1340A	Goat Mountain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$155,000		\$155,000	\$18,865,948
10	28.43	18-1357A	Hoffstadt Hills	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	\$21,865,948
					\$21,865,948	\$8,695,753	\$30,561,701	

¹Project type: A=acquisition C=combination

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-17
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Natural Areas Category, 2019-21, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, seven Natural Areas category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all seven Natural Areas category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these Natural Areas category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of habitat needs and their evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitats and the demonstrated need to protect it, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species; and maintain fully functioning ecosystems,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Natural Areas Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Natural Areas category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Herzog

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Natural Areas Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-17

Rank	Project Number and		Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant	Applicant	Cumulative	
	Score	Type ¹			Request	Match	Total	Total
1	43.63	18-1520A	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,418,639		\$3,418,639	\$3,418,639
2	42.75	18-1526A	Steptoe Butte Proposed Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,238,510		\$1,238,510	\$4,657,149
3	41.25	18-1523A	Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,681,010		\$2,681,010	\$7,338,159
4	38.63	18-1519A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,259,317		\$1,259,317	\$8,597,476
5	37.38	18-1517A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,017,883		\$3,017,883	\$11,615,359
6	35.75	18-1522A	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,358,437		\$3,358,437	\$14,973,796
7	34.75	18-1423A	Maloney Creek Old Growth Acquisition	Forterra	\$1,343,375	\$1,551,500	\$2,894,875	\$16,317,171
					\$16,317,171	\$1,551,500	\$17,868,671	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-18
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Riparian Protection Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifteen Riparian Protection category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all fifteen Riparian Protection category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10b, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Riparian Protection category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and state and local agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) that considers the riparian habitat benefits and relationship to existing plans, thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects include acquisitions that provide habitat benefits for a variety of species, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity; protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Riparian Protection Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Riparian Protection category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by: Member Gardow

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Riparian Protection Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-18

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	102.90	18-1249A	Hoh River Recreation and Conservation Area	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,487,600	\$1,487,600	\$2,975,200	\$1,487,600
2	98.00	18-1521A	Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$767,739		\$767,739	\$2,255,339
3	95.80	18-1654A	Skookum Valley Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,755,339
4	95.70	18-1343A	Grayland Property	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$4,255,339
5	93.20	18-1899C	Saltese Flats Wetland Protection and Restoration	Ducks Unlimited Vancouver	\$473,000	\$475,203	\$948,203	\$4,728,339
6	92.30	18-1373A	Skookum Creek Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$864,260	\$1,098,000	\$1,962,260	\$5,592,599
7	89.40	18-1518A	Dewatto Proposed Natural Resources Conservation Area ²	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$3,531,081		\$3,531,081	\$9,123,680
8	86.90	18-1529A	Lower Big Beef Creek Acquisition	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	\$1,572,330	\$1,847,550	\$3,419,880	\$10,696,010
9	86.10	18-1918A	Lake Kapowsin Riparian Phase 1	Forterra	\$856,187	\$856,188	\$1,712,375	\$11,552,197
10	85.80	18-1327A	Raging River Natural Area	King County Water and Land Resources Division	\$850,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,800,000	\$12,402,197
11	85.40	18-1868A	Lower Elwha River Protection Priority Number 4	North Olympic Land Trust	\$107,233	\$262,536	\$369,769	\$12,509,430
12	84.30	18-1911C	Clallam Bay Acquisition	North Olympic Land Trust	\$38,770	\$94,920	\$133,690	\$12,548,200
13	80.50	18-1329A	Chehalis Floodplain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$12,748,200
14	80.40	18-1478A	Salmonberry Creek and Wetland Protection	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$520,000	\$13,008,200
15	75.20	18-1448A	Zackuse Creek Property Acquisition	Sammamish	\$581,325	\$591,325	\$1,172,650	\$13,589,525
					\$13,589,525	\$10,423,322	\$24,012,847	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination
²Washington Department of Natural Resources has withdrawn this project.

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-19
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twenty-two State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all twenty-two State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10b, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby, supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects restore existing state lands to self-sustaining functionality, and their evaluation included the uniqueness or significance of the habitat, threat, and demonstrated need, thereby supporting the board's objectives to help sponsors maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of State Lands Restoration and Enhancement category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Gardow

Resolution seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-19

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	48.67	18-1862R	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area Preserve Prairie and Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$160,000		\$160,000	\$160,000
2	47.78	18-1894R	Camas Meadows Forest and Rare Plant Restoration 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$117,500		\$117,500	\$277,500
2	47.78	18-1777R	South Sound Prairie Oak Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$434,375		\$434,375	\$711,875
4	47.22	18-1893R	San Juan Island Prairie and Bald Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$121,000		\$121,000	\$832,875
5	45.56	18-1664R	Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve Forest and Meadow Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$106,300		\$106,300	\$939,175
6	44.89	18-1669R	Columbia Hills Grassland Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$91,300		\$91,300	\$1,030,475
7	44.11	18-1221R	Damon Point Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$170,000	\$28,000	\$198,000	\$1,200,475
8	43.89	18-1900R	Back Rock Lake Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$212,490		\$212,490	\$1,412,965
9	43.56	18-1903R	Quilomene Wildlife Area Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$93,172		\$93,172	\$1,506,137
10	42.11	18-1774R	Rock Creek Cleman Ridge Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$296,161		\$296,161	\$1,802,298
10	42.11	18-1847R	Scotch Creek Riparian Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$92,400		\$92,400	\$1,894,698
12	42.00	18-1937R	Sherman Creek Forest Restoration Prescribed Burning	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$460,000		\$460,000	\$2,354,698
13	41.67	18-1979R	L.T. Murray Teanaway Valley Unit Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$207,500	\$90,500	\$298,000	\$2,562,198
14	41.33	18-1987R	Ragged Ridge Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$207,033		\$207,033	\$2,769,231
15	41.22	18-1830R	Wenas Watershed Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$647,950		\$647,950	\$3,417,181
16	40.44	18-1924R	Puget Trough Lowland Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$129,150		\$129,150	\$3,546,331
17	40.00	18-1999R	Saint Edward State Park Restoration	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$294,300		\$294,300	\$3,840,631
18	38.22	18-1980R	Chelan Wells Post Fire Shrub-steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$229,282		\$229,282	\$4,069,913
19	38.11	18-1753R	Yakima River Pond 4 and 5 Floodplain Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$407,000		\$407,000	\$4,476,913
20	35.00	18-1721R	Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$60,000		\$60,000	\$4,536,913
21	34.44	18-1723R	Gloyd Seeps Invasive Tree Control and Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$116,000		\$116,000	\$4,652,913
22	32.78	18-1793R	Mount Saint Helens Riparian Restoration and Stabilization	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$5,152,913
					#####	\$118,500	\$5,271,413	

¹Project type: R=restoration

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-20
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, eleven Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects are being considered for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all eleven Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Habitat Conservation Account*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans; and

WHEREAS, these Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens, a nonprofit organization, and state and local agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of habitat needs, and the evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitat and the demonstrated need to protect it for fish and wildlife, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Gardow

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Urban Wildlife Habitat Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-20

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	66.86	18-1524A	Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$4,768,585		\$4,768,585	\$4,768,585
2	60.00	18-1525A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,831,729		\$1,831,729	\$6,600,314
3	58.86	18-1308A	Mica Peak North Acquisition	Spokane County	\$1,210,442	\$1,310,242	\$2,520,684	\$7,810,756
4	56.71	18-1608A	Silver Creek Prairie Habitat Acquisition	Capitol Land Trust	\$843,000	\$843,000	\$1,686,000	\$8,653,756
5	56.57	18-1282A	The Wild Heart of Spokane	Dishman Hills Conservancy	\$803,700	\$803,700	\$1,607,400	\$9,457,456
6	56.00	18-1662A	Gazzam Nature Preserve Phase 7	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$2,448,994	\$2,449,000	\$4,897,994	\$11,906,450
7	52.29	18-1698A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,565,000	\$2,065,000	\$12,406,450
8	50.86	18-1961A	Kitsap County Parks Illahee Preserve Acquisition	Kitsap County	\$595,000	\$851,700	\$1,446,700	\$13,001,450
9	50.14	18-1931A	Strawberry Point Nature Preserve	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$1,737,310	\$1,737,310	\$3,474,620	\$14,738,760
10	47.86	18-1461A	East Hylebos Watershed Conservation Acquisition	Federal Way	\$2,165,500	\$6,726,270	\$8,891,770	\$16,904,260
11	43.14	18-1714A	Anderson Creek Headwaters Acquisition	Whatcom Land Trust	\$621,750	\$622,250	\$1,244,000	\$17,526,010
					\$17,526,010	\$16,908,472	\$34,434,482	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-21
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, ninety-one Local Parks category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all ninety-one Local Parks category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10a, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Local Parks category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and local agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for recreation, thereby supporting board priorities in the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Local Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21* and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Local Parks category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Gardow

Resolution seconded by: Member Milliern

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Local Parks Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-21

Rank	Score	Project Number		Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant		Cumulative
		and Type ¹					Match	Total	
1	71.07	18-1952D		Bacon and Eggs Skateable Art Skate Park	Wilkeson	\$30,024	\$20,017	\$50,041	\$30,024
2	67.71	18-1320D		South Lynnwood Park Renovation	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000	\$530,024
3	67.43	18-1630D		Bidwell Park Phase 3 Development	Spokane County	\$500,000	\$871,000	\$1,371,000	\$1,030,024
4	65.93	18-1245D		Lincoln Park Revitalization	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400	\$1,530,024
5	65.71	18-1923D		Fort Steilacoom Park Trail Access Upgrades	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$571,312	\$1,071,312	\$2,030,024
6	64.29	18-1370D		Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433	\$2,530,024
7	64.07	18-1609D		Natural Scenic Recreation Area Trailhead and Park	Skagit County	\$298,338	\$306,338	\$604,676	\$2,828,362
8	63.71	18-1528D		Lions Park Sprayground	Olympia	\$500,000	\$1,095,500	\$1,595,500	\$3,328,362
9	63.43	18-1649D		Warren Avenue Neighborhood Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$500,000	\$498,000	\$998,000	\$3,828,362
10	63.21	18-1284D		Gateway Park Phase 3 Splash Pad	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$497,800	\$497,800	\$995,600	\$4,326,162
11	62.93	18-1736D		Chehalis Recreation Park Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643	\$4,826,162
12	62.86	18-1251A		Little Baseball Association Woods Boulevard Road Parcel Acquisition	Olympia	\$1,000,000	\$4,684,834	\$5,684,834	\$5,826,162
13	62.57	18-1247C		Kenzie's Landing	Wenatchee	\$1,000,000	\$1,469,700	\$2,469,700	\$6,826,162
14	62.14	18-1582D		Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120	\$7,326,162
15	61.57	18-1419D		Electric City Ice Age Park	Electric City	\$257,649	\$257,650	\$515,299	\$7,583,811
16	61.43	18-1666D		Hesse Recreation Park Phase 1	Ferry County	\$108,900	\$12,100	\$121,000	\$7,692,711
17	60.71	18-1668D		Puyallup Valley Sports Complex Field Improvement	Puyallup	\$461,150	\$461,150	\$922,300	\$8,153,861
18	59.86	18-1679A		George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	\$235,415	\$238,077	\$473,492	\$8,389,276
19	59.57	18-1586D		Smokiam Park Basketball Court Improvements	Soap Lake	\$211,445	\$23,494	\$234,939	\$8,600,721
20	59.14	18-1697D		Evergreen Playfield Number 1 Turf Conversion	Mountlake Terrace	\$500,000	\$1,087,000	\$1,587,000	\$9,100,721
20	59.14	18-1745D		Centennial Fields All Inclusive Playground	Snoqualmie	\$497,000	\$497,500	\$994,500	\$9,597,721
22	58.07	18-1474D		Little Mountain Skills Park and Trails Facility	Mount Vernon	\$500,000	\$534,900	\$1,034,900	\$10,097,721
23	58.00	18-1687D		North Image Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	\$500,000	\$1,958,303	\$2,458,303	\$10,597,721

23	58.00	18-2030D	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	Gig Harbor	\$500,000	\$3,795,000	\$4,295,000	\$11,097,721
25	57.71	18-1938D	Nespelem Community Park	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$379,677	\$42,187	\$421,864	\$11,477,398
26	57.64	18-1773D	Tenino City Park Core	Tenino	\$297,966	\$198,644	\$496,610	\$11,775,364
27	57.57	18-1958D	Keller Community Park Redevelopment	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$500,000	\$87,920	\$587,920	\$12,275,364
28	57.29	18-1680D	Skamania Courthouse Plaza Revitalization	Skamania County	\$500,000	\$222,800	\$722,800	\$12,775,364
28	57.29	18-1637D	Everson City Park Improvements	Everson	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$13,075,364
30	56.93	18-1934D	Lions Park Renovation	College Place	\$500,000	\$805,926	\$1,305,926	\$13,575,364
31	56.57	18-1555D	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Phase 2	Airway Heights	\$500,000	\$552,783	\$1,052,783	\$14,075,364
32	56.43	18-1270D	George Schmid Memorial Ballpark Improvements	Washougal	\$500,000	\$1,761,042	\$2,261,042	\$14,575,364
32	56.43	18-1785D	North Rainier Landbanked Site Park Development	Seattle	\$500,000	\$586,060	\$1,086,060	\$15,075,364
34	56.14	18-1715D	Rainier View Park Covered Court	Sumner	\$500,000	\$380,000	\$880,000	\$15,575,364
35	55.21	18-1869D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000	\$15,769,364
36	54.93	18-1904D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$15,869,364
37	54.86	18-1592D	Glacier View Neighborhood Park	Everett	\$500,000	\$1,517,044	\$2,017,044	\$16,369,364
38	53.29	18-1306D	Memorial Park Revitalization	Sedro Woolley	\$500,000	\$342,123	\$842,123	\$16,869,364
39	54.36	18-1787D	Metalworks Skate Park	Ferndale	\$450,980	\$68,480	\$519,460	\$17,320,344
40	54.29	18-1260D	Stan and Joan Cross Park Phase 1	Pierce County	\$500,000	\$1,116,736	\$1,616,736	\$17,820,344
41	54.00	18-1459D	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	Monroe	\$500,000	\$2,005,000	\$2,505,000	\$18,320,344
41	54.00	18-1701D	Tennant Trailhead Park Phase 1 Development	King County	\$400,000	\$412,000	\$812,000	\$18,720,344
43	53.50	18-2055D	Horseshoe Lake Americans with Disabilities Act Revitalization	Woodland	\$378,747	\$378,748	\$757,495	\$19,099,091
44	53.21	18-1207A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$315,325	\$315,325	\$630,650	\$19,414,416
45	53.14	18-1740D	Foss Central Park	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$2,109,450	\$2,609,450	\$19,914,416
46	52.14	18-1859D	Lake Burien School Memorial Park Design and Construction	Burien	\$500,000	\$1,083,953	\$1,583,953	\$20,414,416
47	52.00	18-1855A	Winthrop Open Space Park Acquisition	Winthrop	\$488,000	\$326,900	\$814,900	\$20,902,416
48	51.71	18-1513D	Dungeness Recreation Area Enhancement	Clallam County	\$500,000	\$670,000	\$1,170,000	\$21,402,416
48	51.71	18-1953D	South Kitsap Regional Park Phase 1D Expansion	Kitsap County	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$21,602,416
50	51.43	18-1429D	Chewelah Spray Park	Chewelah	\$495,000	\$55,000	\$550,000	\$22,097,416

51	51.36	18-1208D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000	\$22,550,116
52	50.43	18-1297D	Allan Yorke Park East Ballfield with Lighting	Bonney Lake	\$500,000	\$2,845,504	\$3,345,504	\$23,050,116
52	50.43	18-1798D	Lummi Nation Community Park Phase 1	Lummi Nation	\$500,000	\$1,782,195	\$2,282,195	\$23,550,116
54	50.36	18-1889D	North Alder Street Park Splash Pad	Ellensburg	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$245,000	\$23,670,116
54	50.36	18-1455D	Splash Pad at Municipal Swimming Pool	Grandview	\$139,600	\$60,000	\$199,600	\$23,809,716
56	50.14	18-1279D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500	\$24,309,716
56	50.14	18-1879D	Ilwaco City Park Renovation Phase 2	Ilwaco	\$364,715	\$120,312	\$485,027	\$24,674,431
56	50.14	18-1882D	Battle Point Park KidsUp Playground	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$500,000	\$505,500	\$1,005,500	\$25,174,431
59	50.07	18-1263D	Lions Park Splash Pad	Othello	\$490,403	\$61,156	\$551,559	\$25,664,834
60	49.93	18-1422C	Rotary Morrow Community Park	Poulsbo	\$400,000	\$333,570	\$733,570	\$26,064,834
61	49.57	18-1990D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Development	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251	\$26,564,834
62	49.43	18-1275A	Benton City Sports Complex Acquisition	Benton City	\$582,000	\$388,674	\$970,674	\$27,146,834
63	48.86	18-2164A	Washougal Schmid Property Acquisition	Washougal	\$304,744	\$304,745	\$609,489	\$27,451,578
64	48.79	18-1722D	Whitehorse Park Restroom and Shower Building	Snohomish County	\$350,000	\$470,500	\$820,500	\$27,801,578
65	48.64	18-1756C	Riverview Park Acquisition and Development	Snoqualmie	\$516,000	\$950,467	\$1,466,467	\$28,317,578
66	48.43	18-1754A	Sakai Park	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$1,000,000	\$3,496,281	\$4,496,281	\$29,317,578
66	48.43	18-1612A	Van Gasken Sound View Park	Des Moines	\$684,632	\$696,287	\$1,380,919	\$30,002,210
68	48.29	18-1322D	Heritage Park Phase 4 Renovation	Stanwood	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$700,000	\$30,502,210
69	48.07	18-1538D	Toppenish Pioneer Park Improvement	Toppenish	\$396,200	\$99,051	\$495,251	\$30,898,410
70	47.86	18-1962C	Five Acre Woods Park	Lake Forest Park	\$732,875	\$802,904	\$1,535,779	\$31,631,285
71	47.50	18-1992D	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	Whatcom County	\$500,000	\$1,066,000	\$1,566,000	\$32,131,285
72	47.29	18-1955D	Averill Field Development	Snohomish	\$418,237	\$278,825	\$697,062	\$32,549,522
73	46.86	18-1458D	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Phase 1	Mukilteo	\$486,000	\$487,000	\$973,000	\$33,035,522
74	46.64	18-1331A	New Community Park Road 48 and Court Acquisition	Pasco	\$292,865	\$292,865	\$585,730	\$33,328,387
75	46.50	18-1553D	Carrie Blake Playground Redevelopment	Sequim	\$273,393	\$120,000	\$393,393	\$33,601,780
76	46.43	18-1262C	Frontier Park Acquisition and Trail Development	Pierce County	\$500,000	\$510,429	\$1,010,429	\$34,101,780
77	46.07	18-1764C	Sweetwater Creek Protection and Restoration	Port of Allyn	\$520,333	\$534,259	\$1,054,592	\$34,622,113
78	45.86	18-1591D	Maple Falls Park Trailhead	Whatcom County	\$378,099	\$309,354	\$687,453	\$35,000,212
79	44.93	18-1956A	Barnum Point County Park Expansion	Island County	\$575,000	\$607,475	\$1,182,475	\$35,575,212

80	44.86	18-1644D	Curtin Creek Community Park Phase 1 Development	Clark County	\$500,000	\$5,659,001	\$6,159,001	\$36,075,212
81	44.29	18-1361C	A Street Sports Complex Phase 2	Pasco	\$535,000	\$203,029	\$738,029	\$36,610,212
82	43.93	18-2001D	South Whidbey Fairgrounds Campground Redevelopment	Port of South Whidbey	\$168,000	\$180,000	\$348,000	\$36,778,212
83	43.64	18-1858A	Lewis River Ranch	Clark County	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$37,778,212
84	43.57	18-1735D	Eagle Ridge Park Nature Themed Playground	Lake Stevens	\$135,234	\$135,234	\$270,468	\$37,913,446
85	42.93	18-2006D	Peninsula Gardens Playground and Spray Park	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$500,000	\$1,077,500	\$1,577,500	\$38,413,446
86	40.14	18-2013D	Carnegie Park and Veterans Memorial	Snohomish	\$266,431	\$266,430	\$532,861	\$38,679,877
87	39.50	18-1977D	Island Lake East Playground	Kitsap County	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$38,754,877
88	38.86	18-1224D	Lobe Field 1 Improvements Phase 2 Synthetic Turf	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$1,458,484	\$1,958,484	\$39,254,877
89	37.50	18-1974D	Long Lake Park Improvements	Kitsap County	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$39,379,877
90	34.93	18-1696D	Carousel Ranch Community Park Development	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$1,525,001	\$2,025,001	\$39,879,877
91	33.71	18-1454D	Frontier Heights Park Walking Paths and Parking	Lake Stevens	\$126,148	\$126,149	\$252,297	\$40,006,025
					\$40,006,025	\$85,063,624	\$85,063,624	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination, D=development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-22
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Lands Development and Renovation Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, twenty State Lands Development and Renovation category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all twenty State Lands Development and Renovation category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10a, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program-Outdoor Recreation Account*, and

WHEREAS, these State Lands Development and Renovation category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and local and state agency representatives using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve development and renovation of public access sites on state lands, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of State Lands Development and Renovation category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Gardow

Resolution seconded by: Member Deller

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: State Lands Development and Renovation Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-22

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	58.00	18-1446D	Raging River State Forest Phase 3 Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$640,000	\$320,000
2	57.50	18-1949D	McKenny Camp and Trailhead Renovation and Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$146,300	\$8,500	\$154,800	\$466,300
3	56.20	18-1860D	Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area Boulder-Greider	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$286,315	\$25,150	\$311,465	\$752,615
4	55.30	18-1733D	Tiger Mountain State Forest View Shelter and Trail Connections	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$325,000	\$206,500	\$531,500	\$1,077,615
5	55.00	18-1447D	Green Mountain State Forest Phase 1 Trail System Expansion	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$140,000	\$460,000	\$1,397,615
6	54.40	18-1614D	Morning Star Sustainable Backcountry Toilets	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$216,000	\$20,150	\$236,150	\$1,613,615
7	53.90	18-1951D	Ebey Island Recreation Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$232,000		\$232,000	\$1,845,615
8	53.40	18-1457D	Nisqually River Water Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$290,000		\$290,000	\$2,135,615
9	52.30	18-1610D	Lake Tahuya Public Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$310,000		\$310,000	\$2,445,615
10	52.20	18-1181D	Shumaker Grade and Snyder Bar Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$260,000		\$260,000	\$2,705,615
11	51.90	18-1724D	Blue Lake (Wannacut) Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$223,000		\$223,000	\$2,928,615
12	49.80	18-1603D	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$62,760		\$62,760	\$2,991,375
13	49.60	18-1965D	Roses Lake Access Redevelopment Phase 2	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$3,316,375
14	47.00	18-2058D	Liberty Lake Public Access Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$89,000		\$89,000	\$3,405,375
15	46.50	18-2045D	Little Spokane River Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$178,000		\$178,000	\$3,583,375
16	46.20	18-1727D	Buzzard Lake Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$183,000		\$183,000	\$3,766,375
17	46.00	18-1712D	Beebe Springs Facilities Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$3,966,375
18	44.50	18-2224D	Pond 1, 2, 3, and 6 Toilet Replacement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$251,000		\$251,000	\$4,217,375
19	43.40	18-2048D	Oak Creek Elk Viewing Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$196,490		\$196,490	\$4,413,865
20	42.60	18-1831D	Pond 4 and 5 Fishing Access Improvements	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$320,000		\$320,000	\$4,733,865
					\$4,733,865	\$720,300	\$5,454,165	

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-23
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, seventeen State Parks category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all seventeen State Parks category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these State Parks category projects were evaluated by a team comprised of State Parks staff, local agency representatives, and a citizen volunteer using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve acquisition and development of properties for public outdoor recreation, thereby supporting priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Parks Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor this ranked list of State Parks category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Gardow

Resolution seconded by: Member Herzog

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: State Parks Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-23

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	76.40	18-1839A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	75.43	18-1480A	Moran State Park Wilcox Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,226,800	\$409,600	\$1,636,400	\$2,226,800
3	74.17	18-1510D	Dosewallips River Campsite Relocation	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,513,892	\$225,000	\$1,738,892	\$3,740,692
4	73.03	18-1840D	Palouse to Cascades Connection Malden and Rosalia	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,741,699	\$80,000	\$1,821,699	\$5,482,391
5	72.17	18-1844D	Kopachuck Beach Area Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,236,000		\$1,236,000	\$6,718,391
6	72.03	18-1843D	Palouse to Cascade Tekoa Trestle Deck and Rails	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,633,119	\$83,775	\$1,716,894	\$8,351,510
7	71.00	18-1760D	Willapa Hills Trail Development 6 Miles Raymond to Menlo	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,994,000		\$1,994,000	\$10,345,510
8	68.17	18-1845D	North Head Lighthouse Access Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$429,440	\$10,600	\$440,040	\$10,774,950
9	65.40	18-1703A	Spring Bay Property Obstruction Pass State Park	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,899,475	\$500	\$1,899,975	\$12,674,425
10	59.53	18-1942A	Mount Spokane Day Mountain Inholding	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$698,705		\$698,705	\$13,373,130
11	59.07	18-1890A	Flaming Geyser Nelson Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$914,000		\$914,000	\$14,287,130
12	59.00	18-1891A	Green River Gorge Butt Property	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$873,000		\$873,000	\$15,160,130

13	58.50	18-1842A	Miller Peninsula Jones Trust Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,041,898	\$1,000	\$1,042,898	\$16,202,028
14	58.40	18-1704A	Youngren Property Moran State Park	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$474,000	\$500	\$474,500	\$16,676,028
15	57.47	18-2038D	Lake Wenatchee Pedestrian Bridge	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$3,092,000		\$3,092,000	\$19,768,028
16	56.43	18-1892C	Haley Property Initial Park Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,517,055		\$1,517,055	\$21,285,083
17	54.73	18-1841A	Willapa Hills Trail Marwood Farms	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$744,102		\$744,102	\$22,029,185
18	53.50	18-2037A	Joemma Beach Camp Taylor Property ²	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$710,000		\$710,000	\$22,739,185
					\$22,739,185	\$810,975	\$23,550,160	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination D=development
²Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has withdrawn this project.

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-24
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2021 biennium, thirty-four Trails category project proposals are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all thirty-four Trails category project proposals meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Trails category project proposals were evaluated by an independent team of evaluators representing state and local agency agencies and citizens-at-large using evaluation criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-04-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire, construct or renovate non-motorized recreational trails, thereby supporting priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*, and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Trails Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Trails category projects for funding consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Herzog

Resolution seconded by: Member Shiosaki

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Trails Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-24

Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	72.46	18-1959D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 5	Ferry County	\$376,000	\$45,000	\$421,000	\$376,000
2	71.63	18-1558D	Spruce Railroad Trail Final Phase	Clallam County	\$1,999,950	\$2,185,050	\$4,185,000	\$2,375,950
3	65.79	18-1267D	Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Development	Pierce County	\$709,000	\$709,000	\$1,418,000	\$3,084,950
4	64.83	18-1319D	Olympic Discovery Trail Hill Street Segment	Port Angeles	\$1,421,700	\$609,300	\$2,031,000	\$4,506,650
5	63.04	18-1355D	Non-motorized Bridge at the Park at Bothell Landing	Bothell	\$1,080,300	\$1,278,000	\$2,358,300	\$5,586,950
5	63.04	18-1960D	Don Kardong Bridge Rehabilitation	Spokane	\$726,000	\$726,000	\$1,452,000	\$6,312,950
5	63.04	18-1691D	Lake to Sound Trail Segment C Gap Development	King County	\$600,000	\$1,062,901	\$1,662,901	\$6,912,950
8	62.04	18-1243D	Grass Lake Nature Park Trail Construction	Olympia	\$1,190,000	\$1,645,000	\$2,835,000	\$8,102,950
9	61.88	18-1749D	CrossTown Trail in Lake Boren Park	Newcastle	\$480,775	\$480,775	\$961,550	\$8,583,725
10	61.04	18-2059D	Palouse to Cascade Ellensburg to Renslow Surfacing	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,609,680	\$150,000	\$1,759,680	\$10,193,405
11	59.79	18-1304A	Little Badger Mountain Missing Link Public Ridge Trail	Richland	\$2,350,000	\$2,423,300	\$4,773,300	\$12,543,405
12	59.42	18-1475D	Redmond Central Connector Phase 3	Redmond	\$700,000	\$3,914,000	\$4,614,000	\$13,243,405
13	59.17	18-1699A	Riverwalk Trail Phase 5 Acquisition	Puyallup	\$223,020	\$223,020	\$446,040	\$13,466,425
14	59.13	18-1305D	Glover Park Trail	Spokane	\$1,328,446	\$1,328,446	\$2,656,892	\$14,794,871
15	58.88	18-1667C	Winthrop RiverWalk Phase 2	Winthrop	\$545,000	\$366,000	\$911,000	\$15,339,871
16	58.63	18-1261D	Foothills National Recreation Trail Trailheads Development	Pierce County	\$1,161,428	\$1,161,429	\$2,322,857	\$16,501,299
17	58.58	18-1846D	Yakima River Greenway Trail Expansion	Yakima County	\$698,000	\$315,000	\$1,013,000	\$17,199,299
18	58.13	18-2036D	Willapa Hills Trails Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$635,120	\$10,000	\$645,120	\$17,834,419
19	58.04	18-1946D	Whitehorse Trail Repair and Resurface	Snohomish County	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000	\$18,884,419
20	57.63	18-1604D	Evergreenway Route North Bend Community Connection	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,985,700	\$850,000	\$2,835,700	\$20,870,119
21	56.63	18-1989C	Brezee Creek Trail Extensions	La Center	\$310,314	\$322,325	\$632,639	\$21,180,433
22	56.17	18-2035D	Lake Whatcom Park Trailhead and Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$500,000	\$741,243	\$1,241,243	\$21,680,433

23	55.29	18-1626D	Port Townsend Loop Trail Construction	Port Townsend	\$131,182	\$56,221	\$187,403	\$21,811,615
24	54.71	18-1594D	Edmonds Waterfront Trail	Edmonds	\$750,000	\$844,543	\$1,594,543	\$22,561,615
25	53.46	18-1915D	Pipeline Trail Connections	Metropolitan Parks District of Tacoma	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$23,561,615
26	52.96	18-1362D	Sacajawea Heritage Trail Safety Upgrades	Pasco	\$203,500	\$250,000	\$453,500	\$23,765,115
27	52.79	18-2034D	Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve Trail Development	Whatcom County	\$138,693	\$143,841	\$282,534	\$23,903,808
28	52.50	18-1435D	Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail Missing Link	Lynden	\$853,548	\$569,032	\$1,422,580	\$24,757,356
29	52.13	18-1930D	Cle Elum Hanson Ponds Trail	Cle Elum	\$304,500	\$130,500	\$435,000	\$25,061,856
30	51.88	18-1302D	Yakima Greenway Extension Yakima River Pedestrian Bridge	Yakima County	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$4,600,000	\$27,361,856
31	51.00	18-1812D	Ocean Shores High Dune Trail	Ocean Shores	\$868,736	\$372,316	\$1,241,052	\$28,230,592
32	49.38	18-1928D	Columbia Plateau Trail Martin Road to Lamont	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,133,000	\$80,000	\$1,213,000	\$29,363,592
33	45.63	18-1613D	Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Reconnection	Ellensburg	\$300,000	\$270,000	\$570,000	\$29,663,592
34	43.33	18-2029C	North Bend Tanner Trail Rails to Trails	North Bend	\$372,644	\$399,097	\$771,741	\$30,036,236
					\$30,036,236	\$28,011,339	\$58,047,575	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination, D=development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-25
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-2021**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-2021 biennium, sixteen Water Access category projects are being considered for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all sixteen Water Access category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Account*; and

WHEREAS, these Water Access category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and state and local agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for recreational access to water, thereby supporting priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Water Access Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Water Access category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Milliern

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Water Access Projects
Preliminary Ranking
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-25

Rank	Score	Project Number and Types ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	59.22	18-1344A	Nemah Tidelands Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	57.61	18-1456D	Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Access Development Phase 1	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$634,460	\$1,070,800	\$1,705,260	\$1,634,460
2	57.61	18-1619A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Properties Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$2,988,286	\$3,988,286	\$2,634,460
4	56.22	18-1935A	Lopez Channel	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806	\$3,044,460
5	56.00	18-1272D	Green Lake Dock Replacement and Restrooms	Seattle	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,564,460
6	55.78	18-1947C	California Creek Estuary Park Acquisition	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000	\$4,022,460
6	55.78	18-1759D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$626,718	\$650,000	\$1,276,718	\$4,649,178
8	54.33	18-1507D	Meadowdale Beach Park Access Development	Snohomish County	\$1,000,000	\$8,148,207	\$9,148,207	\$5,649,178
9	54.00	18-1278A	Benton City Riverfront Park Acquisition	Benton City	\$81,650	\$20,413	\$102,063	\$5,730,828
10	53.44	18-1536D	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Natural Area Access	Kenmore	\$1,700,000	\$1,714,891	\$3,414,891	\$7,430,828
11	52.33	18-1854D	Mack Lloyd Park Water Access	Winthrop	\$176,000	\$118,000	\$294,000	\$7,606,828
12	51.00	18-1442D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Viewing	Kenmore	\$665,916	\$665,917	\$1,331,833	\$8,272,744
13	50.94	18-1283A	Taylor Bay Acquisition Phase 2	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$204,500	\$204,500	\$409,000	\$8,477,244
14	49.22	18-1653D	Lakeside Park Renovations	Chelan	\$666,158	\$444,106	\$1,110,264	\$9,143,402
15	48.17	18-1908C	South 116th Street at Green-Duwamish River	Tukwila	\$827,520	\$206,880	\$1,034,400	\$9,970,922
16	43.33	18-1663D	High Bridge Park Community Development	Skamania County	\$92,668	\$44,332	\$137,000	\$10,063,590
					\$10,063,590	\$17,667,138	\$27,730,728	

¹Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination, D=development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-26
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, sixteen Farmland Preservation category projects are being considered for funding from the Farm and Forest Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, all sixteen Farmland Preservation category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10f, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Farmland Preservation*, including criteria regarding viability for continued agricultural production and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, these Farmland Preservation category projects were evaluated by a team of citizens, farmers, and local and state agency representatives using criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all of the farmland projects meet criteria that demonstrate preference for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goal to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's fully functioning ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – WWRP, Farmland Preservation Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Farmland Preservation category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by: Member Gardow

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Farmland Preservation Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-26

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	50.56	18-1420A	French Slough Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$952,400	\$2,175,600	\$3,128,000	\$952,400
2	48.89	18-1421A	Rengen Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$527,000	\$527,000	\$1,054,000	\$1,479,400
3	48.56	18-1376A	Mountain View Dairy	PCC Farmland Trust	\$778,711	\$793,289	\$1,572,000	\$2,258,111
4	47.33	18-2060A	McLeod Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$175,000	\$191,300	\$366,300	\$2,433,111
5	46.44	18-1944A	Dungeness Farmland Phase 2	North Olympic Land Trust	\$559,771	\$559,772	\$1,119,543	\$2,992,882
6	45.67	18-2015A	Roper Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$100,000	\$117,800	\$217,800	\$3,092,882
7	45.56	18-1503A	Kaukiki Farmland Preservation	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$3,242,882
8	43.56	18-1632A	Eagleson Farmland Easement	Blue Mountain Land Trust	\$284,500	\$284,500	\$569,000	\$3,527,382
9	43.22	18-1418A	Getchell Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$111,200	\$111,200	\$222,400	\$3,638,582
10	41.78	18-1625A	TeVelde Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$75,000	\$92,800	\$167,800	\$3,713,582
11	39.56	18-2052A	Skagit River Maple Farm	Skagit County	\$69,125	\$69,125	\$138,250	\$3,782,707
12	38.22	18-1705A	Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement	Okanogan Land Trust	\$729,363	\$729,364	\$1,458,727	\$4,512,070
13	38.11	18-1861A	Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch	Okanogan Land Trust	\$215,775	\$215,775	\$431,550	\$4,727,845
14	37.33	18-2051A	Bell Farm	Skagit County	\$222,875	\$222,875	\$445,750	\$4,950,720
15	37.17	18-2050A	Olson Family Farms	Skagit County	\$60,375	\$60,375	\$120,750	\$5,011,095
16	35.44	18-2049A	Nelson Lewis Farm	Skagit County	\$57,875	\$57,875	\$115,750	\$5,068,970
					\$5,068,970	\$6,708,650	\$11,777,620	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-27
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Forestland Preservation Category, Project List, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, one Forestland Preservation category project is being considered for funding from the Farm and Forest Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP); and

WHEREAS, the one application submitted in the Forestland Preservation category projects meets program eligibility requirements as stipulated in *Manual 10c, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: Forestland Preservation*, including criteria regarding county tax designation as either forestland or timberland; and

WHEREAS, this Forestland Preservation category project was reviewed by a team of citizens and government representatives using criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the review process; and

WHEREAS, this review occurred through a written review process, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the forestland project meets criteria for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goal to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's fully functioning ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the project list depicted in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Forestland Preservation Category, Preliminary Project List, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the project list for the Forestland Preservation category for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Gardow

Resolution seconded by: Member Milliern

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-17-18

Table 1: Forestland Preservation Projects
Preliminary Ranking
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-27

Rank		Project Number and Type ¹		Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	N/A	18-1886A		Busy Wild Creek Forestland Preservation	Nisqually Land Trust	\$350,000	\$360,400	\$710,400	\$350,000
						\$350,000	\$360,400	\$710,400	

¹Project type: A=acquisition

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-28
Conversion Request: Royal City, Royal City Park (RCO #76-001A)**

WHEREAS, the City of Royal City used a state Bonds grant to acquire property for a future park; and

WHEREAS, the city converted the property acquired; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this conversion, the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property is adjacent to the city's park, has an appraised value that is greater than the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the board approves waiving the policy for an appraisal review of the conversion property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property will provide an opportunity to expand the city's only park, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the conversion and replacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board the Board authorizes the Director to execute the necessary amendments.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: 10-17-18

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-28**

WHEREAS, the City of Royal City used a state Bonds grant to acquire property for a future park; and

WHEREAS, the city converted the property acquired; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this conversion, the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property is adjacent to the city's park, has an appraised value that is greater than the converted property; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property will provide an opportunity to expand the city's only park, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the board approves waiving the policy for an appraisal review of the conversion property;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the board deferred action on the conversion and replacement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board will consider the request at their January 2019 meeting.

Resolution moved by: Member Milliern

Resolution seconded by: Member Deller

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: 10-17-18

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-29
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifteen Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) program projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all fifteen ALEA projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 21, *Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Grant Program*; and

WHEREAS, these ALEA projects were evaluated by a team of citizens and state and local agency representatives using evaluation criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's goal to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as party of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting policies in the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding for both conservation and recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of ALEA projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: Member Gardow

Resolution seconded by: Member Deller

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-18-18

Table 1: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-29

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	61.0	18-2003D	Harry Todd Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$776,718	\$1,276,718	\$500,000
2	59.5	18-1646D	Kitsap Lake Fishing Dock and Park Renovation	Bremerton	\$438,200	\$441,200	\$879,400	\$938,200
3	56.1	18-2031A	Lopez Channel Shoreline	San Juan County Land Bank	\$410,000	\$412,806	\$822,806	\$1,348,200
4	56.0	18-1504C	Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$2,389,394	\$2,889,394	\$1,848,200
5	55.5	18-1618A	Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Acquisition	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$1,000,000	\$3,049,986	\$4,049,986	\$2,848,200
6	55.4	18-1988D	104th Avenue Southeast Green River Park Property Development	Auburn	\$500,000	\$626,251	\$1,126,251	\$3,348,200
7	52.9	18-1945C	California Creek Estuary Park Development	Blaine-Birch Bay	\$458,000	\$458,000	\$916,000	\$3,806,200
8	52.2	18-1752R	Mukilteo Waterfront Promenade Shoreline Enhancement	Mukilteo	\$500,000	\$598,000	\$1,098,000	\$4,306,200
9	50.5	18-1963R	Lowman Beach Park Restoration	Seattle	\$500,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,650,000	\$4,806,200
10	49.9	18-2033D	Chinook Wind Public Access	Tukwila	\$157,200	\$157,200	\$314,400	\$4,963,400
11	49.6	18-2004D	Riverfront Park Suspension Bridge Renovation	Spokane	\$500,000	\$1,229,751	\$1,729,751	\$5,463,400
12	49.3	18-1535C	Squire's Landing Waterfront and Open Space Access	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$2,914,891	\$3,414,891	\$5,963,400
13	49.1	18-1244A	Washougal River Waterfront Expansion	Washougal	\$74,988	\$74,989	\$149,977	\$6,038,388
14	48.6	18-2023D	Adams Street Waterfront Park	Hoquiam	\$156,500	\$156,500	\$313,000	\$6,194,888
15	46.9	18-1437D	Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Nature Viewing	Kenmore	\$500,000	\$831,833	\$1,331,833	\$6,694,888
					\$6,694,888	\$15,267,519	\$21,962,407	

¹Project Types: A=acquisition, C=combination of two or more acquisition, development, or restoration elements, D=development, R=restoration

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2018-30
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, eighteen Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all eighteen projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 15, *Land and Water Conservation Fund*; and

WHEREAS, these LWCF projects were evaluated by advisory committee members using the Open Project Selection Process approved and adopted by the National Park Service and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings as part of the competitive selection process outlined in Washington Administrative Code 286-13-020, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquisition development or renovation of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Resolution moved by:

Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by:

Member Deller

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date:

10-18-18

**Table 1: Land and Water Conservation Fund
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
2019-2021**

Resolution: 2018-30

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total
1	50.50	18-1781D	South Park Playground and Spray Park	Seattle	\$500,000	\$2,884,756	\$3,384,756	\$500,000
2	49.13	18-1622A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,517,500	\$2,017,500	\$1,000,000
2	49.13	18-1657D	William Shore Pool Warm Water Exercise Pool	William Shore Pool District	\$500,000	\$2,934,500	\$3,434,500	\$1,500,000
4	48.13	18-1834D	South Lynnwood Park Renewal	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000	\$2,000,000
5	48.00	18-1819D	Chehalis Recreation Park Upgrade Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643	\$2,500,000
6	45.75	18-1379D	Downtown Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433	\$3,000,000
6	45.75	18-1274D	Green Lake Community Boathouse	Seattle	\$500,000	\$995,000	\$1,495,000	\$3,500,000
8	45.13	18-1335D	Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	Mountlake Terrace	\$250,000	\$255,000	\$505,000	\$3,750,000
9	44.63	18-1250D	Lincoln Park Renovation	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400	\$4,250,000
10	43.38	18-2024D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$4,350,000
11	43.13	18-1581D	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120	\$4,850,000
11	43.13	18-2000D	Marine View Park Accessibility Improvements	Normandy Park	\$363,604	\$363,605	\$727,209	\$5,213,604
13	42.50	18-1212A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$298,000	\$298,000	\$596,000	\$5,511,604
14	41.63	18-1828D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000	\$5,705,604
15	41.38	18-1481D	Mother Nature's Window Park	Marysville	\$500,000	\$870,591	\$1,370,591	\$6,205,604
16	41.25	18-1941D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500	\$6,705,604
17	38.88	18-1505D	Meadowdale Natural Areas and Infrastructure Improvements	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$596,441	\$1,096,441	\$7,205,604
18	37.50	18-1957D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000	\$7,658,304
					\$7,658,304	\$31,255,789	\$38,914,093	

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-31
Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Approval of the Preliminary Ranked List of Projects for the 2019-21 Biennium**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, fifty-one Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Large Grants Category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all , fifty-one YAF Large Grants category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, these YAF projects were evaluated by a team of local agency representatives and citizens using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the results of these evaluations are being considered in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire, develop, and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities - Large Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Resolution moved by: Member Deller

Resolution seconded by: Member Milliern

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (*underline one*)

Date: 10-18-18

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant		Cumulative
Rank	Score	and Type ¹				Match	Total	Total
1	48.17	18-1380D	Civic Park Athletic Fields Development	Edmonds	\$350,000	\$10,887,005	\$11,237,005	\$350,000
2	47.67	18-2075D	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Phase 1	Gig Harbor	\$350,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,850,000	\$700,000
3	46.50	18-1326D	Allan Yorke Park Athletic Field with Lighting	Bonney Lake	\$350,000	\$2,995,504	\$3,345,504	\$1,050,000
4	46.17	18-1451D	Zakheim Youth Sports Complex	Spokane Youth Sports Association	\$350,000	\$1,840,000	\$2,190,000	\$1,400,000
5	45.00	18-1246D	Lincoln Park Soccer-Lacrosse Field Construction	Wenatchee	\$263,192	\$321,808	\$585,000	\$1,663,192
5	45.00	18-1383D	Warren Avenue Playfield Lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements	Bremerton	\$350,000	\$117,000	\$467,000	\$2,013,192
7	43.83	18-1802D	Lummi Nation Community Park	Lummi Nation	\$350,000	\$1,932,195	\$2,282,195	\$2,363,192
8	42.50	18-1636D	Bidwell Park Youth Athletic Facility Development	Spokane	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,613,192
9	42.33	18-1601D	Airway Heights Recreation Complex Development	Airway Heights	\$350,000	\$702,783	\$1,052,783	\$2,963,192
10	41.67	18-1431D	Evergreen Playfield Turf Conversion	Mountlake Terrace	\$350,000	\$1,237,000	\$1,587,000	\$3,313,192
11	41.50	18-1539D	Stevens Field Number 2 Synthetic Infield and Lights	Olympia	\$349,999	\$837,401	\$1,187,400	\$3,663,191
12	41.33	18-1684D	Puyallup Valley Sport Complex Field Improvement	Puyallup	\$322,000	\$600,300	\$922,300	\$3,985,191
13	41.17	18-1693D	Moshier Memorial Park Sports Field Improvements	Burien	\$350,000	\$973,521	\$1,323,521	\$4,335,191
14	41.00	18-1460D	Lake Tye Park Synthetic Fields Renovation	Monroe	\$350,000	\$2,155,000	\$2,505,000	\$4,685,191
15	40.83	18-1817C	Harbor Heights Land Acquisition and Development	Oak Harbor	\$350,000	\$1,637,600	\$1,987,600	\$5,035,191
16	40.50	18-1473D	Lions Park Infields and Restroom Renovation	Othello	\$347,000	\$116,515	\$463,515	\$5,382,191
16	40.50	18-1307D	Winnie Houser Park Revitalization	Sedro Woolley	\$297,000	\$160,000	\$457,000	\$5,679,191
16	40.50	18-1981D	Heritage Park Ball Field Renovation Phase 4	Stanwood	\$350,000	\$496,700	\$846,700	\$6,029,191
19	40.33	18-1984D	Yakama Nation Housing Authority Apas Goudy Youth Athletic Facility	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	\$133,812	\$80,000	\$213,812	\$6,163,003
19	40.33	18-1932D	Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Lights	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$350,000	\$380,500	\$730,500	\$6,513,003
21	40.17	18-1820D	Chehalis Recreation Park Ballfields Renovation	Chehalis	\$350,000	\$515,000	\$865,000	\$6,863,003
22	40.00	18-1550D	Cheney Park Field Lighting	South Bend	\$270,000	\$60,000	\$330,000	\$7,133,003

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant		Cumulative	
Rank	Score	and Type ¹				Match	Total	Total	Total
23	39.33	18-1670D	Squalicum Creek Park Phase 4	Bellingham	\$350,000	\$842,254	\$1,192,254	\$7,483,003	
23	39.33	18-1906D	East Field Turf Conversion	King's Way Christian Schools	\$350,000	\$2,279,100	\$2,629,100	\$7,833,003	
25	39.00	18-1508D	South Lynnwood Park Athletic Field	Lynnwood	\$326,500	\$58,500	\$385,000	\$8,159,503	
25	39.00	18-2021D	Forest Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$126,546	\$154,111	\$280,657	\$8,286,049	
27	38.67	18-1782D	South Park Playfield Turf Conversion and Lights	Seattle	\$350,000	\$3,900,000	\$4,250,000	\$8,636,049	
27	38.67	18-1222D	George Schmid Field Number 3 and Ballpark Lighting	Washougal	\$350,000	\$377,350	\$727,350	\$8,986,049	
29	38.33	18-2017D	Whitehorse Community Park Field Renovation	Snohomish County	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$9,011,049	
30	38.17	18-1187D	Wilburton Park Synthetic Sports Field Renovation	Bellevue	\$265,000	\$657,628	\$922,628	\$9,276,049	
30	38.17	18-1269D	Mason County Recreation Area Irrigation	Mason County	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$650,000	\$9,601,049	
32	37.50	18-1360D	A Street Sports Complex Phase 1	Pasco	\$350,000	\$221,113	\$571,113	\$9,951,049	
33	37.33	18-1880D	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Ski Hill Youth Facility Improvements	Leavenworth Winter Sports Club	\$74,880	\$40,340	\$115,220	\$10,025,929	
33	37.33	18-1788D	Des Moines Field House Park Field Renovation	Des Moines	\$107,202	\$107,202	\$214,404	\$10,133,131	
35	37.17	18-2022D	Howarth Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$52,828	\$64,568	\$117,396	\$10,185,959	
36	37.00	18-1531D	Skagit Valley Playfields Artificial Turf Infields	Skagit County	\$270,000	\$336,000	\$606,000	\$10,455,959	
37	36.67	18-1975D	Legion Park Sport Court Renovation	Everett	\$93,491	\$140,236	\$233,727	\$10,549,450	
38	35.83	18-1783D	Lower Woodland Park Playfield Number 2 Turf Improvements	Seattle	\$350,000	\$1,627,000	\$1,977,000	\$10,899,450	
38	35.83	18-1527D	Service Club Park Drainage	Kent	\$95,500	\$95,500	\$191,000	\$10,994,950	
40	35.67	18-1511D	Cedar Field Turf and Lighting Improvement	Marysville	\$340,928	\$371,929	\$712,857	\$11,335,878	
41	35.33	18-1943D	Arlington Evans Baseball Field Renovation	Arlington	\$45,498	\$50,498	\$95,996	\$11,381,376	
42	35.17	18-1916D	Nespelem Youth Athletic Field	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$350,000	\$155,134	\$505,134	\$11,731,376	
42	35.17	18-1690D	Carousel Ranch Community Park	Snohomish County	\$350,000	\$1,680,001	\$2,030,001	\$12,081,376	
44	34.17	18-1552D	Riverside Park Soccer Field Improvement	Cowlitz County	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$174,000	\$12,168,376	

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Large Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Cumulative	
Rank	Score	and Type ¹					Total	Total
45	32.50	18-1551D	Omak Eastside Park Redevelopment Phase 1	Omak	\$315,000	\$35,000	\$350,000	\$12,483,376
46	32.33	18-1966D	Oroville Community Health and Fitness Track	Oroville	\$94,410	\$10,490	\$104,900	\$12,577,786
47	32.17	18-1996D	Olympic Stadium Lighting	Hoquiam	\$225,900	\$25,100	\$251,000	\$12,803,686
47	32.17	18-1549D	Capital Soccer Fields Field Turf	Blackhills Community Soccer	\$350,000	\$534,000	\$884,000	\$13,153,686
49	31.00	18-1747D	Longmire Park Improvements	Yelm	\$226,995	\$185,805	\$412,800	\$13,380,681
50	30.17	18-1546D	Elma Ballfield Lighting	McCleary	\$350,000	\$39,000	\$389,000	\$13,730,681
51	29.50	18-2002D	Development of Seton Catholic Grass Athletic Field	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School	\$126,083	\$126,083	\$252,166	\$13,856,764
					\$13,856,764	\$46,846,774	\$60,703,538	

¹Project Type: C=combination, D=development

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2018-32
Youth Athletic Facilities: Small Grants Category
Approval of the Preliminary Ranked List of Projects for the 2019-21 Biennium**

WHEREAS, for the 2019-21 biennium, five Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Small Grants Category projects are being considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, all five YAF Small Grants category projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

WHEREAS, these YAF projects were evaluated by a team of local agency representatives and citizens using Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria thereby supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the results of these evaluations are being considered in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the preliminary ranked list of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category, Preliminary Ranked List of Projects, 2019-21*.

Resolution moved by: Member Shiosaki

Resolution seconded by: Member Gardow

Adopted/~~Defeated~~/~~Deferred~~ (underline one)

Date: 10-18-18

Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities, Small Grants Category
Preliminary Ranked List of Projects
 2019-2021

Resolution: 2018-31

Project Number			Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant	Cumulative	
Rank	Score	and Type ¹				Match		Total
1	42.17	18-2026D	Holley Park Youth Athletic Fields	La Center	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
2	41.00	18-1921D	Culbertson Park Renovations	Long Beach	\$75,000	\$47,500	\$122,500	\$150,000
3	39.83	18-1482D	Prosser Competitive Pool Improvements	Prosser	\$50,792	\$41,558	\$92,350	\$200,792
4	36.00	18-2039D	Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track	Rj's Kids	\$74,609	\$74,610	\$149,219	\$275,401
5	35.33	18-2019D	Gable Park Athletic Field Lighting	Hoquiam	\$64,000	\$16,000	\$80,000	\$339,401
					\$339,401	\$254,668	\$594,069	

¹Project Type: D=development



WASHINGTON STATE

Recreation and Conservation
Funding Board

A Resolution to Recognize the Contributions of

Leslie Connelly

To the Residents of Washington State

WHEREAS, Leslie Connelly joined the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office in January 2004 and skillfully served the agency through October 2017, helping the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board select more than 2,100 of the best projects, valued at more than \$620 million; and

WHEREAS, she continually took on new challenges across the agency, including serving as the union steward, an outdoor grants manager in both the Salmon and Recreation and Conservation Sections, the compliance specialist, and a policy team member; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized as a specialist in all things acquisition, was the founder and leader of the A-Team, and was sought out often by staff to answer complex, "what if" acquisition scenarios; and

WHEREAS, her clear thinking and organizational skills enabled her to lead the effort to rewrite the agency's administrative rules to ensure they reflected the agency's current practices and original legislative intent, and to lead her coworkers in an effort to organize and write an operations manual for the outdoor grants managers to ensure there was consistency in work across the agency; and

WHEREAS, she completed the agency's statewide recreation and conservation plan, which included trails and boating plans, and will serve Washingtonians for decades to come, creating a legacy of her leadership;

WHEREAS, she represented the agency at several state and national conferences, serving as a speaker to share the agency's good work; and

WHEREAS, throughout all these different roles, she tackled her work with thoughtfulness, good humor, and talent; and

WHEREAS, she decided to pursue even more challenges and is sorely missed by her coworkers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington and in recognition of Leslie's dedication and service, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on October 17, 2018

Mike Deller
Citizen Member

Kathryn Gardow
Citizen Member

Danica Ready
Citizen Member

Michael Shiosaki
Citizen Member

Ted Willhite
Citizen Member

Peter Herzog
Washington State Parks
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Brock Milliarn
Department of Natural Resources

Joe Stohr
Department of Fish and Wildlife



WASHINGTON STATE

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

A Resolution to Recognize the Contributions of

Darrell Jennings

To the Residents of Washington State

WHEREAS, Darrell Jennings joined the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office in May 1996 as a young parks professional and avid WSU Cougars fan; and

WHEREAS, he thoughtfully and skillfully served the agency through May 2018, helping the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board select more than 3,600 of the best projects, valued at more than \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, he led the agency's trail efforts, coordinated initial development of a state trails database, served as liaison to the Washington State Trails Coalition and as the state trails coordinator, secured national recognition for Washington's Recreational Trails Program; and was filmed taking the director on a wild, off-road vehicle trip, all in the name of "work;" and

WHEREAS, he participated on several teams that enhanced PRISM, developed and implemented statewide recreation plans, and updated the agency's administrative codes and policies; and

WHEREAS, he coordinated the national review of our federal recreation programs, created the after work "safety" meetings, envisioned the compliance team, wrote a federal grant to map all boating facilities for, and never stopped advocating for using GIS to manage grants; and

WHEREAS, he used his knowledge and wisdom to train many staff members in the RCO ways, creating a legacy of his leadership for years to come; and

WHEREAS, his calm demeanor and organizational skills kept the Recreation and Conservation Section running smoothly, and his boss in line, year after year; and

WHEREAS, he decided to go where the real budget action is and is sorely missed by his coworkers and many people in state, federal, and local agencies and nonprofits across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington and in recognition of Darrell's dedication and service, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington
on October 17, 2018

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