

Preliminary Ranking
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	60.42	20-1322 C	Edmonds	Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park	\$500,000	\$4,115,549	\$4,615,549
2	59.83	20-1760 D	Lakewood	American Lake Park Waterfront Access Upgrades	\$500,000	\$884,920	\$1,384,920
3	57.83	20-1725 R	Bellingham	Little Squalicum Estuary	\$500,000	\$2,098,640	\$2,598,640
4	54.25	20-1709 D	Port of Bellingham	Fairhaven Small Watercraft Launch and Dock	\$500,000	\$1,391,200	\$1,891,200
5	53.33	20-1653 D	Snohomish County	Kayak Point Waterfront Improvements Phase 1	\$500,000	\$2,505,971	\$3,005,971
6	53.08	20-1302 D	Seattle	Terry Pettus Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$1,240,000	\$1,740,000
7	52.5	20-1557 D	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Nisqually State Park	\$500,000	\$2,197,772	\$2,697,772
8	50.75	20-1711 D	Port of Illahee	Waterfront Access Improvements	\$500,000	\$312,000	\$812,000
9	50.58	20-1841 C	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2	\$425,300	\$147,000	\$572,300
10	49.92	20-1474 D	Spokane County	Liberty Lake Regional Park Phase 1	\$500,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,900,000
11	49.58	20-1672 D	Mountlake Terrace	Ballinger Park Viewing Platform and Nature Trails	\$500,000	\$418,000	\$918,000
12	47.42	20-1483 C	Manson Park and Recreation District	Manson Bay Old Swim Hole Acquisition and Development	\$630,000	\$210,000	\$840,000
13	46.08	20-1751 R	Blaine	Marine Park Beach Naturalization	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$800,000
14	44.92	20-1758 D	Kirkland	David Brink Park Shoreline Renovation	\$500,000	\$811,600	\$1,311,600
14	44.92	20-1819 D	Port of Silverdale	Expand Silverdale Float Facilities and Enhance Beach	\$500,000	\$571,181	\$1,071,181
16	38.92	20-1530 D	King County	Marymoor Park Dock Replacement	\$500,000	\$642,128	\$1,142,128
17	33.67	20-1736 D	Port of Kingston	Guest Restroom Facility Replacement	\$172,200	\$57,400	\$229,600
18	31.33	20-1670 D	Port of Anacortes	Cap Sante Marina RV Park	\$500,000	\$650,985	\$1,150,985
Total					\$8,727,500	\$19,954,346	\$28,681,846

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		Point Range	0-10	0-15	0-10	0-20	0-5	0-10	0-5	0-5	0-10	0-10	-1-0	0-1	
1	20-1322 C	Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park	8.50	8.17	9.00	7.33	4.00	4.33		4.00	4.42	9.67	0.00	1.00	60.42
2	20-1760 D	American Lake Park Waterfront Access Upgrades		13.00		18.67		9.17			8.33	9.67	0.00	1.00	59.83
3	20-1725 R	Little Squalicum Estuary	14.00		18.00		8.67			8.83		7.33	0.00	1.00	57.83
4	20-1709 D	Fairhaven Small Watercraft Launch and Dock		12.25		14.33		8.67			8.50	9.50	0.00	1.00	54.25
5	20-1653 D	Kayak Point Waterfront Improvements Phase 1		13.00		14.67		8.17			8.50	8.00	0.00	1.00	53.33
6	20-1302 D	Terry Pettus Park Renovation		13.75		15.00		7.83			7.67	7.83	0.00	1.00	53.08
7	20-1557 D	Nisqually State Park		12.00		16.67		8.33			6.50	8.00	0.00	1.00	52.50
8	20-1711 D	Waterfront Access Improvements		11.75		14.67		7.50			7.33	8.50	0.00	1.00	50.75
9	20-1841 C	California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2		12.75		14.00		8.50	3.83		3.33	8.17	0.00	0.00	50.58
10	20-1474 D	Liberty Lake Regional Park Phase 1		12.25		13.67		8.67			7.83	7.50	-1.00	1.00	49.92

Advisory committee scores Questions 1-10; RCO staff scores Questions 11-12

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11	20-1672 D	Ballinger Park Viewing Platform and Nature Trails		11.75		13.33		8.00			7.33	8.17	0.00	1.00	49.58
12	20-1483 C	Manson Bay Old Swim Hole Acquisition and Development		11.25		15.67		7.17	3.17		3.17	7.00	0.00	0.00	47.42
13	20-1751 R	Marine Park Beach Naturalization	11.75		12.33		6.67			6.83		7.50	0.00	1.00	46.08
14	20-1758 D	David Brink Park Shoreline Renovation		11.25		12.00		7.50			7.17	6.00	0.00	1.00	44.92
14	20-1819 D	Expand Silverdale Float Facilities and Enhance Beach		10.75		13.67		7.00			6.33	6.17	0.00	1.00	44.92
16	20-1530 D	Marymoor Park Dock Replacement		9.75		10.67		6.00			5.33	7.17	-1.00	1.00	38.92
17	20-1736 D	Guest Restroom Facility Replacement		6.00		9.33		6.33			5.67	5.33	0.00	1.00	33.67
18	20-1670 D	Cap Sante Marina RV Park		4.50		9.00		5.50			5.00	6.33	0.00	1.00	31.33

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Edmonds

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Redeveloping Marina Beach Park

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to redevelop the 5-acre Marina Beach Park. The City will open Willow Creek, which historically contained salmon and now is being piped under the park. The creekbanks will have native plantings, trails, and interpretive signs. The City will create scenic overlooks, improve pathways, and install restrooms at two new entry plazas and a boat launch access point at a parking lot to improve access to Puget Sound for hand-carried boats. The overall goal is to enhance the natural function of the nearby marsh-estuary complex by connecting it to Puget Sound via Willow Creek. Edmonds will contribute more than \$4.1 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1322)

Lakewood

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Improving American Lake Park

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve the 5.5-acre American Lake Park. The city will build a boat launch, install a small shelter, replace a deteriorated stone retaining wall and bulkhead, add a restroom and entry plaza, and restore open spaces. In addition, the City will build a universally accessible walkway to the beach and boat launch as well as pathways to get people from the parking areas to the rest of the park. The goal of the project is to improve access to the lake and to the park itself. Located on the north side of the 1,200-acre American Lake and in an extremely low-income neighborhood, the park is the only community park in the area and the only park that provides a public boat launch and free waterfront access. Lakewood will contribute \$884,920 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1760)

Bellingham

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Expanding the Little Squalicum Estuary

The City of Bellingham will use this grant to expand the Little Squalicum estuary on Bellingham Bay. The City will excavate material and plant the area. The work will restore tidal and sedimentary processes, improve fish passage, and return 2.4 acres of saltmarsh, mudflat and estuary habitats to an area where these habitats have been lost. This project is in the Little Squalicum Park, which provides rare public access to, and scenic views of, Puget Sound. The estuary will provide paces for salmon to eat, grow, hide from predators, and rest. The estuary is used by Puget Sound Chinook salmon, which is a species listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as other salmon species. The City also will supplement the beach with excavated material to enhance areas nearby where forage fish, which

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salmon eat, spawn. The Little Squalicum is one of the last remaining locations available for estuary expansion in Water Resource Inventory Area 1, because of an increasingly urbanized shoreline with competing uses such as marinas, industry, and railways. Bellingham will contribute more than \$2 million in cash and local, state, and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1725)

Port of Bellingham

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building a Small Watercraft Launch and Dock in Fairhaven

The Port of Bellingham will use this grant to develop a small watercraft launch and dock in the Fairhaven neighborhood to provide access to Puget Sound. The launch, which will be next to the Community Boating Center, will be the first dock on saltwater in Whatcom County designed specifically for human-powered boats. The Port will install an 80-foot-long gangway, a floating dock and breakwater, and a universally accessible floating dock that will provide a smooth transition on and off the water for the smallest of boats. The new docks will be a safe distance from the Port's motorized launch, reducing conflicts between boaters and increasing safety, while providing access to Port-owned parking lots and restrooms. More than 9,000 kayakers, canoeists, rowers, and paddleboarder use the launch annually. The Port also will create a small pocket beach. The Port of Bellingham will contribute nearly \$1.4 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1709)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Kayak Point Park Waterfront

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to renovate the entire day-use area and a pier in Kayak Point Park on the eastern shores of the Salish Sea, near Stanwood. In the day-use area, the County will move parking and roads off the shoreline, build a berm along the shore with native plants, and raise the entire site for long-term sea level rise resilience. The County also will renovate the pier. The planned improvements are intended to preserve and improve public use while also enhancing the natural environment and addressing outdated infrastructure. Snohomish County will contribute more than \$2.5 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1653)

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Terry Pettus Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to replace the failing retaining walls, seating, and dock in Terry Pettus Park, the largest waterfront park on east Lake Union. The department also will improve the paths connecting the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop Trail and

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the access to the shoreline and dock for people using wheelchairs. This is the only park in Seattle's system that will provide free, waterfront access that is accessible to people with disabilities. Finally, the department will enhance landscaping features to improve lines of sight and safety. The park is popular for walking, biking, and participating in water activities and is a regional spot to launch hand-carried boats. The department also will restore native habitat and make shoreline improvements. The site is in disrepair with a deteriorating dock and corroded seating and retaining walls. Seattle will contribute \$1.2 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1302)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Requested: \$500,000 **Providing Access to the Nisqually River**

State Parks will use this grant to develop access to the Nisqually River in Nisqually State Park. State Parks will build a road to a small parking area near the river that will serve school groups, people with disabilities, and people with kayaks or rafts. A second parking area up the road will provide parking for vehicles with boat trailers. At a visitor area near the river, State Parks will install an interpretive kiosk, a toilet, and an interpretive trail that leads in one direction to a hand carry boat launch and a small beach for direct water access and in the other direction, to viewing platforms for people to see and learn about the river. Finally, State Parks will plant portions of the Nisqually River waterfront near the Ohop Creek confluence to improve habitat for salmon species, including Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, both of which are listed as at risk of extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. This will be one of the first day use facilities developed in this new state park. The project is designed to allow park visitors access to the river while also protecting and improving salmon habitat. State Parks will contribute nearly \$2.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1557)

Port of Illahee Grant Requested: \$500,000 **Improving Access to the Waterfront**

The Port of Illahee will use this grant to replace two recreational floats on the Illahee dock, expand parking, and improve pathways to the beach. The Illahee dock is a wood pier with gangways and two recreational floats, which have deteriorated and require immediate replacement. The upland area has a house, garage, and concrete boat ramp for small, nonmotorized boats. The Port will replace the floats in an improved configuration, demolish the house to expand parking, add new routes for people with disabilities, improve pathways to the beach, and install a toilet, educational signs, and viewpoints. The Port of Illahee will contribute \$312,000 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1711)

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Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District Developing California Creek Estuary Park

Grant Requested: \$425,300

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 12 acres along California Creek for a day-use park between Birch Bay and Blaine, on the district's Bay to Bay Trail. The land surrounds land already owned by the district and combined they conserve 888 feet of saltwater shoreline open to the public on Drayton Harbor. In addition, the district will add a restroom, kayak launch, interpretive kiosk, and trails to the day-use California Creek Estuary Park. The tidelands and estuary are prime habitat for many species of salmon, forage fish, and many other animals. The Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District will contribute \$147,000 in cash, voter-approved bonds, a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1841)

Spokane County Renovating Liberty Lake Regional Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to renovate the beach area in Liberty Lake Regional Park. The park has aging facilities, nearing the end of their life, and no facilities for people with disabilities at its beach area. The County will replace the dock with an expanded one that is accessible to people with disabilities and accommodates fishing. In addition, the County will install a new picnic shelter and replace a restroom. The County also will renovate parking, roads, and pathways to ensure they can be used by people with disabilities, including adding a kayak launch for people using wheelchairs. The work will create a new loading and unloading area for the beach, pave the beach access road, add a beach access pathway from the main parking lot, reconfigure the park entrance, install an automated parking ticket system, improve irrigation and stormwater, and add landscaping and interpretive signs. This project will significantly expand and diversify public access to Liberty Lake for activities such as sunbathing, swimming, fishing, wildlife viewing, and boating for visitors of all ability levels. Spokane County will contribute \$1.4 million in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1474)

Mountlake Terrace Building a Viewing Platform and Trails in Ballinger Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to build a viewing platform and a series of connecting nature trails in Ballinger Park, which is in southwest Mountlake Terrace. The viewing platform will be built on Lake Ballinger in the southwest corner of the park connected by trails to the more sensitive portions of the park. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$418,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1672)

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Manson Park and Recreation District Expanding Manson Bay Park

Grant Requested: \$630,000

The Manson Park and Recreation District will use this grant to buy and then develop .17 acre next to Manson Bay Park, a property known locally as the "Old Swim Hole." Buying the land will enable the district to conserve dwindling waterfront park space in an area that is closed because of severe erosion and safety hazards. The district will restore the rapidly eroding shoreline, build a waterfront boardwalk, and add a dock to give nonmotorized watercraft access to Lake Chelan. The project area is unique in offering swimming and water access for both people and dogs, as part of a no-leash play area. The Manson Park and Recreation District will contribute \$210,000 in donations of equipment, labor, and land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1483)

Blaine Revitalizing Marine Park Beach

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Blaine will use this grant to rebuild the beach in Marine Park, which is highly visible from the Peace Arch Border Crossing, the third busiest on the nation's border with Canada. The City will replace failing shoreline armoring and establish a naturally functioning shoreline with pocket beaches of sand, gravel, and cobbles nestled between boulder headlands on Semiahmoo Bay. The City also will build access and viewpoints to the tidelands and saltwater. The project's goals are to create near-shore habitat for fish and other wildlife, create public access, and protect infrastructure and park improvements. The project is ranked as the number one capital project on Blaine's Strategic Economic Initiative. Blaine will contribute \$300,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1751)

Kirkland Renovating the Shoreline in David Brink Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Kirkland will use this grant to renovate the shoreline along Lake Washington in David Brink Park. The City will remove part of a bulkhead and create two pocket beaches with native plants and terraced rock walls. In addition, the City will install a new seat wall and viewing area, replace the stairs to the beach and part of the concrete bulkhead, remove derelict pilings near the shoreline, resurface the pier with grated decking, create a universally accessible pathway loop, and install signs to educate visitors about the shoreline restoration project. The goal is to enhance access to the lake. Kirkland will contribute \$811,600. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1758)

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Port of Silverdale

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Adding a New Float in Silverdale and Restoring the Beach

The Port of Silverdale will use this grant to build a float and gangway in the "Old Town" Silverdale marina for hand-carried boats. The Port will install an 82-foot-long gangway from the existing pier leading to a new float that will be open to all non-motorized watercraft. The float will feature a low freeboard for easy access in and out of the water. Installing the new gangway will improve access during low tides and allow for use by people with disabilities. In addition, the Port will clean up derelict rock debris on the beach and restore the natural beach habitat to support species, including salmon, listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. The Port of Silverdale will contribute \$571,181 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1819)

King County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Replacing a Dock in Marymoor Park

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to replace a well-used dock at the mouth of the Sammamish River near the north end of Lake Sammamish in King County's Marymoor Park. The County will replace the 100-foot-long dock used annually by more than 3,000 kayakers, paddle boarders, and rowers, with a 200-foot-long dock and boat ramp. King County will contribute \$642,128 from a voter-approved tax levy and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1530)

Port of Kingston

Grant Requested: \$172,200

Replacing a Marina Restroom

The Port of Kingston will use this grant to replace its 1960s restroom, which is upland from the Port's marina and guest dock, with one that is accessible to people with disabilities. The restroom will be a prefabricated facility open to all port visitors. The Port of Kingston will contribute \$57,400. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1736)

Port of Anacortes

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing the Cap Sante Marina RV Park

The Port of Anacortes will use this grant to develop a recreational vehicle (RV) park in the Cap Sante Marina. The current RV park is a gravel lot with 22 spaces and no utility hook-ups, forcing drivers to run their motors for electrical power. The Port will create 25 spaces with hedges for privacy, add a garbage and recycling area, and install utility hook-ups for sewer, water, cable, and power. The hook-ups will eliminate the reliance on generators and reduce noise and air pollution. The Port also will collect and treat stormwater and pave roads and pathways. The new

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RV park will connect visitors to the marina restroom and laundry services and to waterfront parks and regional trails. The Port of Anacortes will contribute \$1.8 million in cash and a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1670)