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## WEDNESDAY, June 30, 2021

### OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

#### 9:00 a.m. Call to Order

*Chair Willhite*

- Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- Review and Approval of Agenda – June 30, 2021 **(Decision)**
- Remarks of the Chair
  - Retreat Summation

#### 9:20 a.m. 1. Consent Agenda **(Decision)**

*Chair Willhite*

- A. Board Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2021
- B. Time Extensions

Resolution 2021-18

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**9:25 a.m. 2. Director's Report**

- A. Director's Report
- B. Grant Management Report
- C. Grant Services Report
- D. Performance Report (written only)
- E. Fiscal Report (written only)

*Megan Duffy  
Marguerite Austin  
Kyle Guzlas  
Brent Hedden  
Mark Jarasitis*

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

*Chair Willhite*

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**BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS**

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**10:05 a.m. 3. Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium:**

*Marguerite Austin  
and Karl Jacobs*

- A. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)  
Resolution 2021-19
- B. Boating Facilities Program (BFP)  
Resolution 2021-20
- C. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)  
Program  
Resolution 2021-21
- D. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)  
Program  
Resolution 2021-22
- E. Recreational Trails Program (RTP)  
Resolution 2021-23
- F. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)  
Resolution 2021-24
- G. Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program  
Resolution 2021-25

**Public comment** will occur prior to adopting each individual resolution. Please limit comments to three minutes.

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**11:20 a.m. BREAK**

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**BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFING**

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**11:35 a.m. 4. 2020 Grant Cycle Survey Data**

*Brent Hedden*

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## BOARD BUSINESS: DECISION

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### 12:10 p.m. 5. Decision on Grant Evaluation Process for 2022

*Kyle Guzlas and  
Marguerite Austin*

#### Resolution 2021-26

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### 12:30 p.m. LUNCH

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## BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFING

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### 1:30 p.m. 6. Complimentary Uses Policy Briefing

*Adam Cole*

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## BOARD BUSINESS: REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

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### 2:15 a.m. 7. Rasing the Grant Amount of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

*Marguerite Austin*

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## BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

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### 2:45 p.m. 8. Policy Updates:

- SCORP Update
- YAF Stadium Account Funds

*Katie Pruitt  
Adam Cole*

### 3:15 p.m. 9. Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)

*Allison Dellwo*

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Please limit comments to three minutes.

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### 3:30 p.m. BREAK

### 3:45 p.m. 10. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program: State Parks Category – Evaluation Criteria Revisions

*Karl Jacobs*

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## BOARD BUSINESS: PARTNER REPORTS

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### 4:05 p.m. 11. State Agency Partner Reports (5 mins per report)

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

*Jon Snyder  
Angus Brodie  
Peter Herzog  
Amy Windrope*

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### 4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

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#### Next Meeting:

October 5-6, 2021, Regular Meeting, Online

# RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
<b>OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS</b>		
<b>Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call and Determination of Quorum</li> <li>Review and Approval of Agenda</li> <li>Recognition Resolutions</li> <li>Remarks of the Chair</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Member Shiosaki</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Member Gardow</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Approved</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><u>Resolution 2021-15</u></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Member Gardow</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Member Hix</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Approved</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><u>Resolution 2021-16</u></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Member Shiosaki</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Member Brodie</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Approved</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><u>Resolution 2021-17</u></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Member Burgess</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Member Shiosaki</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Approved</p>	
<b>1. Consent Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Board Meeting Minutes: January 26, 2021</li> <li>B. Time Extensions Requests</li> <li>C. Decision to hold the remainder of all 2021 Board Meeting virtually</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><u>Resolution 2021-05</u></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Member Shiosaki</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Member Gardow</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Approved</p>	<p><b>Task:</b> Complete time extensions for sponsors.</p> <p><b>Task:</b> Hold remainder of 2021 meetings online</p>

<b>2. General Board Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection on Director Selection Process</li> <li>• Onboarding New Director</li> <li>• Preparing for June Retreat</li> </ul>		<b>Task:</b> Hire a facilitator and obtain speaker(s) for the June 2021 board retreat
<b>3. Director's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Director's Report</li> <li>B. Legislative, Budget, &amp; Policy Update</li> <li>C. Grant Management Report</li> <li>D. Grant Services Report</li> <li>E. Communications Report</li> <li>F. Performance Report (Written)</li> <li>G. Fiscal Report (Written)</li> </ul>		
<b>BOARD BUSINESS: EXECUTIVE SESSION ON POTENTIAL ACTION</b>		
<b>Board Executive Session- On Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club Conversion</b>	<b>Decision</b> <u>Ratification of the KRRC Settlement</u> <b>Moved by:</b> Member Burgess <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Shiosaki <b>Decision:</b> Approved	<b>TASK:</b> Draft appropriate document for the decision.
<b>BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFING</b>		
<b>4. Policy Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCORP</li> <li>• Trail Plan</li> <li>• YAF Program with Revenues from Stadium</li> </ul> Road Usage Charge Implementation		
<b>BOARD BUSINESS: DECISION</b>		
<b>5. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)</b>	<b>Decision</b> <u>Resolution 2021-06</u>	

<p><b>Program: Approval of Ranked Lists</b></p>	<p><b>Moved by:</b> Member Hix  <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Gardow  <b>Decision:</b> Approved</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <u>Resolution 2021-07</u>  <b>Moved by:</b> Member Brodie  <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Shiosaki  <b>Decision:</b> Approved</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <u>Resolution 2021-08</u>  <b>Moved by:</b> Member Shiosaki  <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Burgess  <b>Decision:</b> Approved</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <u>Resolution 2021-09</u>  <b>Moved by:</b> Member Hix  <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Burgess  <b>Decision:</b> Approved</p>	
<p><b>6. Recreational Trails Program (RTP): Approval of Ranked List</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b>  <u>Resolution 2021-10</u>  <b>Moved by:</b> Member Brodie  <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Hix  <b>Decision:</b> Approved</p>	
<p><b>7. Boating Facilities Program (BFP): Approval of Ranked List</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b>  <u>Resolution 2021-11</u>  <b>Moved by:</b> Member Hix  <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Herzog  <b>Decision:</b> Approved</p>	

<b>8. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR): Approval of Ranked List</b>	<b>Decision</b> <u>Resolution 2021-12</u> <b>Moved by:</b> Member Brodie <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Hix <b>Decision:</b> Approved	<b>Task:</b> Hold time on one of the 2021 agendas to further discuss commercial uses/complimentary uses on funded projects
<b>9. Minor Revision to LWCF Compliance Criterion Proposed Revision</b>	<b>Decision</b> <u>Resolution 2021-13</u> <b>Moved by:</b> Member Shiosaki <b>Seconded by:</b> Member Gardow <b>Decision:</b> Approved	
<b>BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFING</b>		
<b>10.RCO's Approach to Cultural Resource Consultation and Tribal Relations</b>		
<b>11.Featured Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methow Conservancy, Lehman Uplands Conservation Easement</li> <li>• Port of Grapeview, Grapeview Property Acquisition, Development, and Boat Launch Renovation</li> </ul>		

<b>12.State Agency Partner Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor's Office</li> <li>• Department of Natural Resources</li> <li>• State Parks and Recreation Commission</li> <li>• Department of Fish and Wildlife</li> </ul>		
<b>13.Celebration and Goodbyes for Retiring Director Kaleen Cottingham</b>	<b>Decision</b> <u>Resolution 2021-14</u> <b>Moved by:</b> Member Hix <b>Decision:</b> Approved by acclimation	
<b>ADJOURN</b>		

*The next meeting will June 29-30, 2021. Online - Subject to change considering COVID*



## RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

**Date:** April 27, 2021

**Place:** Online

### Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members:

<b>Ted Willhite, Chair</b>	Seattle	<b>Shiloh Burgess</b>	Wenatchee
<b>Kathryn Gardow</b>	Seattle	<b>Angus Brodie</b>	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
<b>Michael Shiosaki</b>	Seattle	<b>Amy Windrope</b>	Designee, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
<b>Henry Hix</b>	Okanogan	<b>Peter Herzog</b>	Designee; Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

**This summary is to 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 meeting.**

### Call to Order

**Chair Ted Willhite** began the meeting by asking **Julia McNamara**, Board Administrative Assistant, to call roll determining quorum. Member Burgess was not present at the beginning of the meeting but joined shortly after roll call.

Giving a land acknowledgement, Chair Willhite recognized that he was located on the traditional territories of the Stillaguamish, Duwamish, Muckleshoot, and the Squamish people, in what is now known as Seattle. He expressed his honor and respect for their people. Before moving forward, Chair Willhite requested a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion:** Approval of April 2021 Agenda

**Moved by:** Member Shiosaki

**Seconded by:** Member Gardow

**Decision:** **Approved**

Following the approval of the agenda, Chair Willhite asked the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB/board) members and the new Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Director, **Megan Duffy**, to introduce themselves in order of seniority. It was notable that two new members had joined, **Angus Brodie**, Department

of Natural Resources, and **Amy Windrope**, Department of Fish and Wildlife, replacing **Brock Milliern and Joe Stohr**.

Resolutions of recognition were read for the former members as well as departing RCO staff member, **Scott Chapman**, RCO Data Section Manager and PRISM extraordinaire.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-15

**Moved by:** Member Gardow

**Seconded by:** Member Hix

**Decision:** **Approved**

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-16

**Moved by:** Member Shiosaki

**Seconded by:** Member Brodie

**Decision:** **Approved**

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-17

**Moved by:** Member Burgess

**Seconded by:** Member Shiosaki

**Decision:** **Approved**

Next, Chair Willhite invited **Wyatt Lundquist**, Board Liaison, to cover Webinar Rules and Etiquette.

Chair Willhite closed by recognizing the great work accomplished by the legislature in the 2021 session, specifically calling out work surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### **Item 1: Consent Agenda**

**Chair Willhite** informed the audience of the items on the consent agenda, which included the board meeting minutes, time extensions requests, the decision to hold the remainder of all 2020 board meetings online and the cancellation of the board tour.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-05

**Moved by:** Member Shiosaki

**Seconded by:** Members Gardow and Brodie

**Decision:** **Approved**

## Item 2: General Board Discussion

**Chair Willhite** invited each board member to discuss retreat topics for the June 2021 board retreat. He noted that these topics must be within RCO staff's capacity to accomplish, within legislative rules and mandates, and align with RCO's policy work plan and core values.

Several topics arose, but ultimately the board agreed that the main topics should be diversity, equity, and inclusion, climate change, and the effects of the pandemic on public lands use.

The board also agreed that the June 2021 virtual retreat date would be led by a contracted facilitator and that RCO staff will obtain a speaker on one or more of the three topics.

## Item 3: Director's Report

### Director's Report

RCO Director **Kaleen Cottingham** provided a briefing on agency activities. She began by noting that there had been many recognitions of her work through organizations such as the North Olympic Land Trust, the Washington Association of Land Trusts, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition and the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA).

Next, Director Cottingham notified the board of staff changes. Due to Scott Chapman's retirement, an internal search for his replacement occurred and **Brent Hedden** was hired.

Addressing the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program funding, Director Cottingham explained that there was an expectation of funding to trickle down from the construction of the Seahawk's stadium, totaling around \$42 million.

Next, RCO Deputy Director **Scott Robinson**, provided an update on COVID-19 and the RCO's results from the statewide employee survey distributed by the Governor's Office.

Mr. Robinson said that most RCO staff continue to work from home, but there are safety protocols in place for in-office work and travel.

As for the survey results, Mr. Robinson noted that staff felt confident in working from home, had job satisfaction, and felt cared for. However, there are aspects that could be improved, including: more feedback from lead staff, imbedding inclusion in the workplace, and helping staff improve their daily work.

To close the report, Director Cottingham presented several performance metrics dating from 2007, when she started, to 2021. This included amounts received for projects from the capital budget, and dollars obtained in the state's operating budget.

### **Legislative, Budget, and Policy Update**

**Wendy Brown**, RCO Policy Director, provided a brief legislative update.

Beginning with the budgets, Ms. Brown noted that seven new tasks were assigned in the operating budget and two large projects within the capital budget.

Three tasks from the operating budget included:

- \$375,000 to perform an RCO recreation and conservation programs equity review.
- \$175,000 to improve equitable access to K-12 schools' fields and athletics facilities, and local parks agency facilities.
- \$690,00 to fund the Connections Program for two school districts.

Ms. Brown then displayed a table of the 2021-2023 capital budget, which totaled \$166,406,000 for all outdoor recreation and conservation programs. Newly funded programs and projects in this biennium are the Community Forest Pilot program, Outdoor Recreation Equity program, and the development of a Multimodal Trails Database.

Ms. Brown explained that the Statewide Multi-modal Trails Database project will develop a regularly updated database of paved and unpaved trails. The database will display a network of local, regional, and statewide trails that provide transportation alternatives and are available for public access.

The Outdoor Recreation Equity funds will be allocated to underserved communities for planning, technical assistance and predesign grants for outdoor recreation projects. This funding will also be allocated to several Trust for Public Land's partner projects.

Closing her report, Ms. Brown reviewed bills passed by the legislature. This included the Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC) extension bill (SB 5163) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) bill (SB 5159). While the Parks RX bill (SB 5292) did not pass, the policy from the bill was included as a budget proviso for the Washington State Department of Health.

### **Grant Management Report**

**Marguerite Austin**, RCO Section manager for the Recreation and Conservation Grants team, provided a briefing on the activities of her team.

Regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Ms. Austin noted that RCO grant managers have a quick turn-around on submitting applications to the National Park Service (NPS) before the end of June. The timeline for this grant processes was disrupted by last minute program changes made by the previous federal administration.

Staff are also working with applicants and preparing to issue agreements following the June 2021 meeting when the board will award grants. For the process to move forward, applicants are required to certify match and submit electronic authorization signatures.

Addressing the 2021 grant cycle, Ms. Austin informed the board that outreach is happening for the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program and the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership. As part of the outreach, two RCO outdoor grants managers will be guest presenters on May 27, 2021, for the Waggoneer Cruising Guide's live Seattle Boat Show event; they will share grant success stories and information about the RCO's boating programs.

Finally, Ms. Austin addressed planning for 2022. She explained that development of applicant eligibility and updates to all application materials are underway.

### **Grant Services Report**

**Kyle Guzlas**, Grant Services Section Manager, provided an update on grant service advisory committees.

He stated that during the 2020 grant cycle, there were 198 volunteers on RCO's 18 committees. These volunteers committed 4,877 hours of work reading/ranking grant applications. Moving into the 2022 grant cycle, 50 volunteer vacancies need to be filled and recruitment for these positions will begin in the summer of 2021. Mr. Guzlas noted that staff are working on a policy for offering volunteer stipends to advisory committee members and that he hoped to have this policy approved prior to the recruitment of new members.

In closing, Mr. Guzlas explained that analysis of grant cycle processes is on-going and that an update and request for approval will be provided to the board at the June meeting.

Following the presentation, **Member Gardow** asked about outreach to fill the volunteer vacancies and if social media will be utilized. Mr. Guzlas said that last year a new newsletter application was used, Facebook ads, and other means of outreach. He said that the same types of outreach will be used again this summer.

**Chair Willhite** thanked Mr. Guzlas for his work and the researching the incorporation of a stipend for volunteers.

## **BREAK 11:01AM-11:16AM**

### **Board Executive Session- On Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club Conversion**

**Chair Willhite** noted that the executive session would last for 20 minutes from 11:20AM-11:35AM through Zoom, and per the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), no decisions would be made inside of the executive session.

Following the session, **Director Cottingham** explained the RCO settlement agreement with the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club (KRRC), for failing to resolve a conversion KRRC would be responsible for repaying \$19,000 over the next four years with the first payment due by June 28, 2021, in the amount of \$1,000. If they fail to make payment, there will be a 12 percent interest rate of accrual. As they are in repayment, they are not eligible to apply for any other RCO grants and must comply with all local regulations.

The Board was then asked to ratify this settlement.

*General Public Comment: No comment at this time*

**Motion:** Ratification of the KRCC settlement

**Moved by:** Member Burgess

**Seconded by:** Member Shiosaki

**Decision:** **Approved**

### **Director's Report Continued**

#### **Communications Report**

**Susan Zemek**, RCO Communications Manager, provided a briefing on implementation of the agency 6-year communications plan.

The goals of this plan are to build support for RCO's mission, strengthen agency partnerships, and promote RCO's leadership, innovation, and continual improvement.

To accomplish these goals, communications staff has distributed 15 news releases, posted 618 social media stories, reached just under 300,000 people on Facebook, and engaged 45,822 users through RCO's website. Many videos, social media posts, new releases, and conferences are often in partnership with other agencies. Communications staff also uses the director's blog and various publications to promote the agency's missions.

Ms. Zemek explained how the communications team measures success through media coverage, number of social media followers, the number of website visits from social media, event participation, and newsletter engagement.

Looking forward, the communications team intends to complete the following:

- Targeted outreach to underserved communities.
- Enhanced two-way social media.
- Redesign the director's newsletter.
- Implement graphics standards in more publications.
- Distribute an internal communications survey.
- Create a writing style guidelines document.

Following the report, **Member Burgess** asked Ms. Zemek who is the targeted audience?. Ms. Zemek explained that RCO targets the sponsors who are applying for grants and those who could potentially recreate on RCO-funded lands.

#### **Item 4: Policy Updates**

##### **SCORP**

**Katie Pruitt**, RCO Planning and Policy Specialist, provided a briefing on the Statewide Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). She noted that an overview of the plan can be found on the [SCORP landing-page](#).

Ms. Pruitt explained that the SCORP plan is required by NPS to be updated every five years to unlock funding from Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF). The updated plan is due in December 2022, and RCO is waiting for federal funding approval to create the updated version.

To bring the board up to date on the process, Ms. Pruitt explained that: the steering committee had met twice; communication between Eastern Washington University and RCO is ongoing to get the demand survey created and launched by late fall of 2021; outreach will be carried out summer of 2021; and SCORP includes the update of other plans such as the Trails plan, the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) plan, the YAF plan, and the Non-highway Off Road Vehicles activities (NOVA) plan.

Director Cottingham suggested that the board continue to be involved in the SCORP update process as it helps guide funding decisions made by RCFB.

##### **Trail Plan**

**Ben Donatelle**, RCO Natural Resource Policy Specialist, provided a briefing on the Trails plan, which falls under the SCORP.

He explained that there is a planning committee to advise RCO on the plan update concerning trails related issues.

The three components that the committee will tackle include:

1. Need assessment, system priorities, and funding strategies.
2. Trail inventory and data system.
3. State trail designation system.

The planning committee has met once, and will meet again on May 3 to identify issues, challenges, and opportunities for engagement. In the summer of 2021, the SCORP plan, alongside the trails plan, will launch public engagement and input.

Finally, Mr. Donatelle highlighted the work of the communications team, who created a landing page for the SCORP and Trails plan update process.

### **YAF Program Revenues from Stadium**

**Adam Cole**, RCO Policy Specialist, provided a briefing on the Stadium and Exhibition Center Excess Revenues, or Youth Athletic Facilities Account funding. Mr. Cole explained that RCO has two YAF programs, one is a board program and the other one comes through the excess revenue account of the Seahawks stadium bond sales that happened 30 years ago. These bonds expired this year and an excess amount estimated at around \$42 million dollars shall, if available, be competitively invested in community athletic facilities for local governments and nonprofits. This funding comes from a non-appropriated account that the RCO director shall make policy and funding decisions on per RCW.

Following Mr. Cole's report, **Member Windrope** asked for clarification on the spending timeframe. Mr. Cole reiterated that funding can be allocated over many years and is not required to be spent in one biennium but must be allocated based on the population of a city or county. Member Windrope asked if the money could be placed in an account that would increase the money through investment. **Director Cottingham** explained that unallocated funds are always at risk of being re-appropriated by the legislature.

**Member Gardow** asked if bond funding from the YAF Seahawk's funding had come through more than once. Director Cottingham clarified that funding in the amount of \$10 million had initially been given by Paul Allen to the RCO through this account when the bonds were initially offered publicly.

### **Road Usage Charge Implementation**

**Adam Cole**, RCO Policy Specialist, provided a brief synopsis of the Road Usage Charge. This implementation may affect two RCO programs, the BFP and NOVA, which are currently funded through gas tax revenues.

Mr. Cole noted that these two programs need to be monitored and considered in the transition toward the road usage charge, which the Washington State Transportation



Commission has included in their plan to retain such “refund programs.” However, the funding for the refund programs will be decided by the legislature.

Mr. Cole plans to continue updating the board as more information about the road usage charge arises.

#### **LUNCH: 12:27PM-1:15PM**

#### **Item 5: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program: Approval of Ranked Lists**

**Brian Carpenter and Dan Haws**, RCO Grants Managers, presented the NOVA Program, which provides grants for [education and enforcement](#) and [trails](#).

The NOVA Program has four categories: Education and Enforcement, Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle. In 2020, there were 112 applications requesting just under \$15.8 million. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Haws provided details on each category.

For the Education and Enforcement category, there are 33 projects on the ranked list requesting just over \$5 million. The number one ranked proposal in this category was from the US Forest Service for their Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol project ([20-2292](#)). This is a popular destination with approximately one million visits per year. This project will fund 10 seasonal front country rangers.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-06

**Moved by:** Member Hix

**Seconded by:** Member Gardow

**Decision:** **Approved**

Next, Mr. Haws presented the Nonhighway Road category. He explained that there are 23 projects on the ranked list, requesting \$2.8 million. The top ranked proposal in this category was from the US Forest Service for the Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Maintenance ([20-2350](#)).

**Member Gardow** asked for the definition of “front country”. Mr. Haws clarified that the term refers to trails, trailheads, campgrounds, and other recreation areas that are easily accessible by vehicle.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-07

**Moved by:** Member Brodie

**Seconded by:** Member Shiosaki

**Decision:** **Approved**

Mr. Carpenter presented the Nonmotorized category. In this category there were 29 total project proposals with a request for almost \$3.9 million. The top project in this category was through the US Forest Service for the Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance ([20-2179](#))

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-08

**Moved by:** Member Shiosaki

**Seconded by:** Member Burgess

**Decision:** **Approved**

Closing the item, Mr. Haws covered the Off-Road Vehicle category, which focuses on motorized off-road recreational use, excluding snowmobiles. There were 27 project proposals submitted, totaling \$4 million dollars. The top ranked proposal was submitted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Reiter Foothills Forest Maintenance and Operations ([20-2104](#)).

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-09

**Moved by:** Member Hix

**Seconded by:** Member Burgess

**Decision:** **Approved**

#### **Item 6: Recreational Trails Program (RTP): Approval of Ranked Lists**

**Jesse Sims**, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, provided a briefing on the [Recreational Trails Program](#) (RTP).

The RTP provides funds to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trails and facilities that provide a backcountry experience for motorized and nonmotorized uses. This grant program is separated into two categories – Education and General. General includes maintenance and development projects.

This grant program received 58 project proposals, with 49 in the General category and 9 in the Education category. Eligible applicants included federal, state, and tribal governments, as well as qualified nonprofit organizations.

For the Education category, the top ranked Education project was the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trailhead Ambassadors ([20-2282](#)). This project would fund two full-time positions to teach positive stewardship behaviors to trail users in the Snoqualmie area.

In the General category, Mr. Sims shared that the two top-ranked proposals were submitted by the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance for their Western ([20-2099](#)) and Eastern Washington ([20-2100](#)) Volunteer Trail Maintenance projects.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-10

**Moved by:** Member Brodie

**Seconded by:** Member Hix

**Decision:** **Approved**

#### **Item 7: Boating Facilities Program (BFP): Approval of Ranked Lists**

**Dan Haws** returned to provide a briefing on the [Boating Facilities Program](#). This program has two categories: Local and State.

To apply, each applicant must have a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan and first-time applicants are required to provide a legal opinion.

For the Local Agency category, Mr. Haws explained that there were fourteen project proposal submissions, totaling just over \$9.5 million. The top-ranked local project proposal was submitted by the city of Kennewick for the Columbia Park Boat Launch Boarding Float Rehabilitation ([20-2323](#)).

In the State Agency category, Mr. Haws stated that there were eleven project proposals submitted with a total funding request of \$9.2 million. The top-ranked project was submitted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Lakebay Marine Acquisition and Planning ([20-2425](#)).

Following the presentation, **Member Gardow** asked if all the projects will be funded. Director Cottingham clarified that the RCFB will approve all the funded projects in June 2021.

*Public Comment: No comment*

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-11

**Moved by:** Member Hix

**Seconded by:** Member Herzog

**Decision:** **Approved**

#### **Item 8: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR): Approval of Ranked List**

**Michelle Burbidge**, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, presented an overview of the [Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program](#).

This year there were seven application submitted requesting \$527,533. The top-ranked project proposal was submitted by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Swakane Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range ([20-1995](#)).

*Public Comment: No comment*

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-12

**Moved by:** Member Brodie

**Seconded by:** Member Hix

**Decision:** **Approved**

### **Item 9: Minor Revision of LWCF Compliance Criterion Proposed Revision**

**Myra Barker**, RCO Compliance Specialist, covered a revision to the LWCF) compliance criterion addressed by applicants seeking new project approval. This revision would make it clear that the scored question is based on an unapproved conversion.

Ms. Barker explained that this criterion was adopted in 2009 to comply with NPS policy, which is tied to applicant eligibility. This eligibility looks to determine how applicants have protected existing recreation resources, and how applicants operate and maintain areas to acceptable standards.

During the project review process RCO reviews the compliance record for each of an applicant's funded projects to determine a criterion score. In the 2020 grant round there were 522 projects reviewed for 24 different applicants. Early in the application process, applicants are advised of the score and the rationale behind it. If an applicant reaches out to RCO to begin resolving the conversion, their score can improve from negative 2 to negative 1. From the 2020 grant round, there were 5 applicants who received a score of negative one and 18 applicants with a score of zero.

To view the changes in criterion, see [memorandum nine, page three](#).

When opened to discussion, **Member Shiosaki** requested the definition of a "high-risk sponsor". Ms. Barker explained it is when a sponsor has one or more unresolved conversions; a combined grant award of one million dollars or 25 percent of their portfolio with RCO; or a conversion that has been unresolved for two or more years after notification by RCO. **Director Cottingham** clarified that only the board can classify a sponsor as high-risk.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-13

**Moved by:** Member Shiosaki

**Seconded by:** Member Gardow

**Decision:**      **Approved**

**BREAK: 2:33-2:50**

### **Item 10: RCO's Approach to Cultural Resource Consultation and Tribal Relations**

**Sarah Thirtyacre**, Cultural Resources Program Coordinator, provided an overview of RCO's cultural resource responsibilities, the regulations RCO works within, and highlighted a long-term project that she has been working on.

Cultural resources are defined as any prehistoric or historic remains or indicators of past human activities, such as artifacts, sites, structures, or objects included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Cultural resource management must follow state and federal laws. These laws include [Section 106](#) , previously the [Governor's Executive Order 05-05](#), now the [Governors Executive Order 21-02](#), and RCWs [68.50.645](#), [27.44.055](#), [68.60.055](#), [27.44](#), and [27.53](#). Ms. Thirtyacre noted that Executive Order 05-05 was rescinded in April 2021 and replaced by Executive Order 21-02.

Ms. Thirtyacre then provided an overview of RCO's culture resources review process. She detailed that all projects are reviewed for impacts on both archaeological and historical resources with assistance from cultural staff at the Washington Department of Transportation. Contracts include language concerning cultural resources, and RCO grant managers ensure sponsor compliance before proceeding with a project.

Both state and federal regulations direct RCO to consider cultural resources early in the planning phase. This can be difficult for projects funded by the RCFB as most programs do not fund stand-alone planning projects, which is unlike grants given by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). The grant manuals provide guidance for cultural resource compliance.

Ms. Thirtyacre provided details on a 2015 project, sponsored by Tacoma Metro Parks that was funded through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)-Water Access Category. This project is known as Owen Beach. The land the project resides on is an important Puyallup village site and ancestral land to the following tribes: the Squaxin Island Tribe, Nisqually Indian Tribe, and Puyallup Tribe. Numerous restoration projects have occurred on the land and it is still accessed by the tribes today for a variety of uses including the annual canoe journey.

When open to discussion, **Member Herzog** asked if funding resources can be expended as part of the consultation, or not? Ms. Thirtyacre explained that grant funds can be spent on planning and design.

**Chair Willhite** noted that the relationship between Tribal Governments and the nation is important.

### **Item 11: Featured Projects**

**Kim Sellers**, RCO Outdoor Grants Manager, provided an overview of two featured projects.

#### **Methow Conservancy Lehman Uplands Conservation Easement (16-1699)**

According to Ms. Sellers, this is the Methow Conservancy's second largest land protection project in the history of the Conservancy, totaling 1,025 acres. Funding for this project was provided through the WWRP- Critical Habitat category. Located between Winthrop and Twisp, this project intersects between WDFW, DNR, and private lands that have conservation easements. While this land supports the largest mule deer population, cattle typically graze on this land. Grazing practices for the area allow up to 50 percent of Bluebunch Wheatgrass to be grazed, while rotating during growing seasons.

For this project, grazing will be allowed at 40 percent, with a grazing regime that cycles between no grazing allowed during the growing season, grazing allowed during the growing season, and complete rest for a year or two depending on how the land responds. This plan was developed with help from the Natural Resource Conservation Services.

#### **Port of Grapeview, Grapeview Property Acquisition Development, and Board Launch Renovation (18-2420, 16-2774, 14-1866)**

Ms. Sellers stated that the Port of Grapeview had received four grants from RCO BFP, totaling approximately \$1.6 million.

The Port of Grapeview is in Mason County on the north end of Case Inlet, directly across from Reach Island, which protects the port from strong winds. The first grant in 1993 was for overflow parking for vehicles with trailers. In 2014, they received a grant to repave the entrance road and in 2016, they used grant funds to buy property adjacent to the boat launch for much needed amenities. With their 2018 grant, the Port is currently developing amenities that include accessible parking with turnaround, restrooms and showers, and a pump out station.

In closing, Ms. Sellers mentioned that the port received the Washington Public Port Association's Creative Partnership Award. A video related to this award can be viewed online.

## **Item 12: State Agency Partner Reports**

### **Governor's Office**

Covering the past legislative session, **Jon Snyder** noted several provisos. State Parks received \$85,000 to work with the Commission for African American Affairs to convene a workgroup to discuss barriers to inclusion for Black Washingtonians for outdoor recreation; \$90,000 went to Western Washington University to study outdoor school and how to expand it; and \$18 million passed for outdoor education for summer activities to address learning gaps resulting from the pandemic. Looking at the Department of Commerce's local and community project list, Mr. Snyder mentioned that it's the largest list in the capital budget. This year, 36 percent went to parks, trails, and restoration projects.

### **Department of Natural Resources**

**Angus Brodie** provided an update concerning DNR.

To begin, he noted that a recruitment for a new division manager to replace Brock Milliern will be advertised soon.

From the legislative session, he explained that House Bill 1168, concerning wildfire and forest health in Washington state passed, that recreation funding was maintained from the last biennium with just over \$3 million, and that the Puget Sound Corp was funded at \$4 million. He also mentioned Senate Bill 5425, requiring DNR and WDFW to address the use of electric bicycles on public lands.

Addressing programs, Mr. Brodie explained that DNR will be collaborating with partners on NOVA funding, that the Community Forest Program received limited funding this biennium, and that the conservation programs funding was maintained.

In closing, Mr. Brodie said that DNR is sponsoring a research program to understand the impacts of recreation on elk habitat in the Cascades. WDFW, State Parks, and multiple tribal governments will collaborate on this project.

### **State Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Peter Herzog** covered State Park's budget. The largest boost was to the general fund, where they received an additional \$19 million or a 49 percent increase. This funding will allow for the hiring of 92 fulltime positions.

It was also notable that State Parks went from an 80/20 split to a 76/24 split, meaning that State Parks continues to have to earn 76 percent of its funding, while 24 percent is allocated by legislature.



State Parks also received funding for a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion coordinator and funding to work with the Commission for African American Affairs on the barriers that Black Americans face through outdoor recreation.

From the capital budget, Mr. Herzog explained that 40 projects will be funded through \$65 million dollars in bond capacity, with \$11 million of that funding put toward the Nisqually State Park.

### **Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Amy Windrope** opened with bills that passed related to WDFW, including the PILT bill and an indemnification bill that allows the federal government to assist with salmon restoration projects.

The Legislature also assigned WDFW a proviso, allotting \$2.3 million to be spent on recovery in shrub-steppe regions by rebuilding fences, providing hay for cattle, and recovering sage grouse and pigmy rabbits.

\$2.8 million allocated to WDFW will be used to hire seven new enforcement officers and other funding sources will fund the acquisition of land and improvement and maintenance of hatcheries.

Finally, Member Windrope noted that WDFW is also working with tribes and federal partners on creating a recreation strategy.

### **Item 13: Celebration and Goodbyes for Retiring Director Kaleen Cottingham**

**Chair Willhite** invited all RCFB members and several members of the public to speak in recognition of Director Kaleen Cottingham's retirement from state service. Members of the public included **Peter Mayer**, Director of State Parks, **Jennifer Papich** with WRPA, **Hannah Clark** with WWRC, and **Bill Chapman**, a former RCFB Chair.

**Motion:** Resolution 2021-14

**Moved by:** Member Hix

**Decision:** **Approved by acclamation**

In closing, **Director Cottingham** said that leaving a job she loves is the hardest thing she has ever done. She said she has had a lot of fun and many adventures and even admitted that her favorite part of the job was working with RCO's boards. She closed by noting her appreciation for all the members who have volunteered on RCO boards.

### **ADJOURN- Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm**

*The next meeting will June 29-30, 2021. Online - Subject to change considering COVID*



**Approved by:**

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Ted Willhite, Chair

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## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Time Extension Requests

**Prepared By:** Recreation and Conservation Outdoor 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:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

**Resolution:** 2021-18 (Consent Agenda)

**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 requests for time extensions 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 sponsors are requesting extensions to continue the agreements 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;

### **Plan Link**

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

### **Staff Recommendation**

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

### **Attachments**

A. Time Extension Requests for Board Approval

***Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife***

<b>Project number and type</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Grant program</b>	<b>Grant funds remaining</b>	<b>Current end date</b>	<b>Extension request</b>
14-1092 Acquisition	Taneum Creek Riparian	WWRP – Riparian Protection	\$1,611,490 (94.8%)	6/30/2021	9/30/2021

**Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requests a 3-month time extension to complete this project.

WDFW has spent many years negotiating the acquisition of riparian habitat within the Taneum Wildlife Area. At issue was the amount of land that the landowner was willing to sell. They have finally come to an agreement and have recorded a boundary line adjustment with the county. Further, they have completed the formal relocation of a tenant. As WDFW moved towards closing on the property this spring, there was an unexpected issue with the title that was just recently resolved.

With all obstacles finally settled, WDFW is now ready to close on the property. Extending this project through September will ensure there is adequate time for WDFW to finalize the purchase of approximately 318 acres of riparian habitat and associated uplands and complete the post-closing work.

***City of Castle Rock***

<b>Project number and type</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Grant program</b>	<b>Grant funds remaining</b>	<b>Current end date</b>	<b>Extension request</b>
16-2411 Planning	Al Helenberg Boat Launch Safety Improvements	BFP- Local	\$12,300 (10.0%)	6/30/2021	6/30/2022

**Reasons for Delay and Justification of Request**

The City of Castle Rock requests a one-year time extension to complete this project.

Castle Rock applied for permits for the project in July 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the permitting agencies did not conduct site visits for most of 2020 resulting in significant delays in receiving comments for this project. Castle Rock now has comments from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the

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Department of Ecology (DOE). The city's engineering consultant team has met with WDFW and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss the comments that were questioning the design. WDFW and DNR have requested further evaluation of the design and use of alternate construction materials. The additional evaluation will take time and will need to be re-submitted to the agencies for review and comment prior to the agencies issuing the permits. In addition, Castle Rock is still waiting for the US Army Corps of Engineers to issue the Section 404 dredge/fill and Section 10 permits and DOE's Section 401 water quality permit.

With approval of this extension, Castle Rock feels confident it will secure all required permits, meet the remaining milestones, and finish the project by next year.

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## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Recreation and Conservation Office Report (Director's Report)

**Prepared By:** Megan Duffy, Marguerite Austin, Kyle Guzlas, Wendy Brown, Mark Jarasitis, Susan Zemek, and Brent Hedden

#### Summary

This memo summarizes key agency activities.

#### Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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### Agency Updates



#### Former Director Receives Award Acknowledging Her Career

When Kaleen Cottingham announced her retirement as director, she received an outpouring of love. Many organizations gave her special awards, created goodbye videos, and toasted her accomplishments. One of the organizations is the Washington Recreation and Parks Association, which presented her with the Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding career. Staff also created a photo scrapbook full of some of the best "Kaleen moments."

#### RCO Wins Zo8 Wellness Award

RCO has won the Zo8 Wellness Award from the Washington State Health Care Authority. The award is given to agencies that build a wellness program. The unusual name of the award has deeper meaning. "Zo" has a Greek root that means life and the "8" stands for the eight steps in the state's wellness program plan template. To build a



wellness program, agencies must get leadership support, form a team, collect information, make a plan, promote activities, create policies, evaluate progress, and share results. Some of the activities the RCO Wellness team implemented are Weekly Virtual Meditation Sessions, Wellness Walks, Water Drinking Challenge, and updated online resources.

### **Washington State Trails Conference Planning Underway**

The Washington State Trails Coalition is making plans to host a State Trails Caucus this fall, tentatively on October 28. Jesse Sims, outdoor grants manager, has been working with the coalition to plan this virtual event, which will focus on our shared love of trails in all forms and by all modes of travel. More information will be posted on the [coalition's Web site](#).



### **News from the Boards**

The **Salmon Recovery Funding Board** met June 2. The agenda included preparing for the 2023-2025 budget request to the Legislature and hearing a climate subcommittee update. The board also made decisions on implementation and funding for the targeted investments policy, funding allocations for the 2021 grant round, 2021-22 capacity funding, the monitoring spending plan, and delegation of authority for contracting.

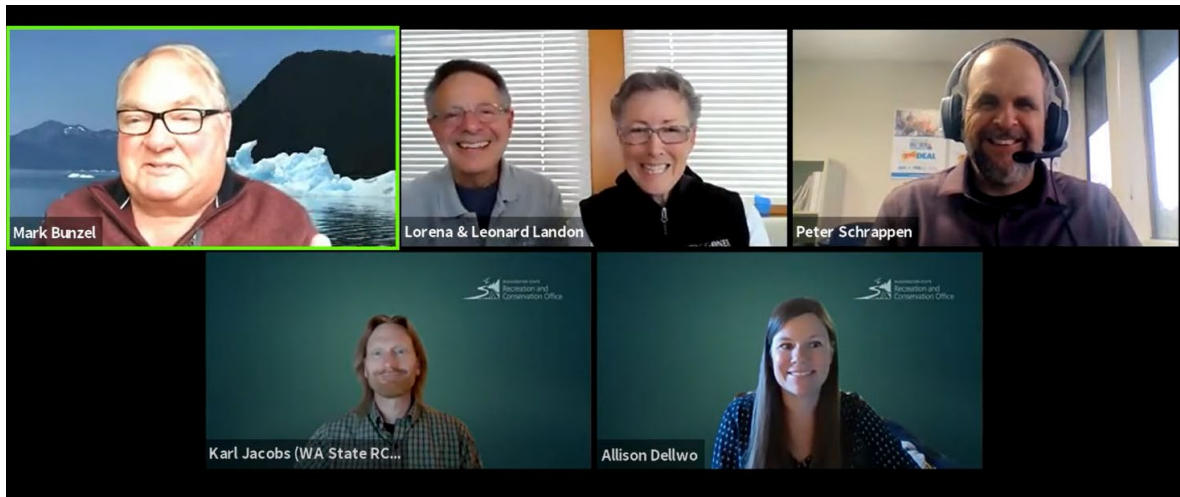
The **Washington Invasive Species Council** met June 10. The agenda included the new threat of Japanese beetle to agriculture and trade, and invasive species survey results.

## **Grant Management Section**

### **Live Broadcast for Boaters**

Allison Dellwo and Karl Jacobs were featured guests on the Seattle Boat Show's Webcast on May 27, 2021. Almost 50 people tuned in to the 60-minute live broadcast hosted by the Waggoner Cruising Guide and the Northwest Marine Trade Association. Their presentation, which highlighted the board's boating programs, was designed to enlighten the boating public about grants that directly benefit boaters. The presentation featured the current top ranked state agency project, the Department of Natural Resources' Lakebay Marina Acquisition and Planning ([20-2425](#)), and showcased several projects that have benefited from the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) or a Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) over the years. [The full broadcast is available online](#). The board will review BIG grant proposals and award BFP grants at the June meeting.





*Mark Bunzel, Leonard Landon, and Lorena Landon (Waggoner Cruising Guide); Peter Schrappe (Northwest Marine Trade Association); Karl Jacobs and Allison Dellwo (RCO)*

## Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants



*Pending Federal Approval: City of Spokane, Riverfront Park South Suspension Bridge ([19-1752](#))*

RCO is accepting applications for the national Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program. This federal grant program, which has \$150 million available nationwide, is designed to complement the Land and Water Conservation Fund by creating new opportunities for outdoor play in urban areas. Projects must showcase how they support close-to-home recreation opportunities that connect youth to public lands.

The program, administered by the National Park Service (NPS), will provide up to \$5 million (including administrative costs) for a single project, and there is no limit to the number of applications a state can submit. State and local governments may apply; however, applicants must represent a jurisdiction of at least 50,000 people and be within or contiguous to a designated urbanized area. RCO's application deadline is July 21. Following RCO's LWCF Advisory Committee review, RCO's director will authorize submittal of proposals to NPS for the national competition in September 2021.



## Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants

Per board delegated authority, RCO's director has awarded grants for 22 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects. The nine top ranked projects were submitted to the National Park Service in April for federal fund approval. The remaining 13 projects will be submitted to NPS by July 30, 2021, with an anticipated start date of October 1.



Match for many of the projects will be secured following board approval of state matching grants at the June meeting. The board-approved final ranked list and the director-approved grant awards are shown in Attachment A.

## Grants for Boating

Applicants submitted three proposals for the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program by the May 17 preapplication deadline. BIG is a federal grant program that provides funds to develop and renovate boating facilities targeting guest recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Grants also may be used for boater education. Additional information about the program and the grant proposals submitted will be shared at the upcoming board meeting. See Item 9.

## Protecting Farmland

Kim Sellers recently completed a survey providing information on Washington State's Farmland Preservation activity. In 2020, applicants purchased 13 agricultural easements, protecting nearly 5100 acres of farmland. The success of these projects stems in part from the \$4.4 million in grants awarded by the board for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Farmland Preservation Category. With landowner donations, other grants, and local resources, the investment totals more than \$9 million.



*Jefferson Land Trust, Serendipity Farm ([16-1637](#))*



The American Farmland Trust's State PACE Program Survey allows the trust to track the status of farmland protection across the United States and build support for important conservation efforts. Washington is one of 28 states with an active farmland protection program.

## Using Additional Delegated Authority to Address Emerging Issues

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board delegated authority to the director to make project specific decisions necessary to address impacts caused by the pandemic or the economic downturn, provided the decisions are consistent with the program purpose, the intent of adopted policies, and in line with any statutory limitation. The board requested a summary of the director's decisions. The RCO director approved one waiver request during this reporting period.

The director approved a request to remove the ten percent non-state, non-federal match requirement for 2020 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects. The board approved this change for all other grant programs. LWCF was overlooked because the board delegated authority to the director to award grants and implement projects pending Congressional and Legislative funding authority. To ensure consistency with the board's intent and waiver of local match for 2020 applicants, the director approved this change. As LWCF is a federal grant program, applicants must still provide a 50 percent match; however, with this approval, applicants with limited resources can use state grants to match the federal funds.

## Project Administration

Staff administer outdoor recreation and habitat conservation projects as summarized in the table below. "Active" projects are under agreement and are in the implementation phase. "Director Approved" projects include 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 projects under agreement.

Program	Active Projects	Director Approved Projects	Total Funded Projects
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	22	0	22
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	53	1	54
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)	6	0	6
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	11	0	11
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	19	0	19
No Child Left Inside	21	0	21
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	100	0	100

Recreation & Conservation Office Recreation Grants (RRG)	4	0	4
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	35	0	35
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	185	2	187
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	35	3	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>497</b>

### Viewing Closed Projects

Attachment B lists projects that closed between April 1- May 31, 2021. Click on the project number to view the project description, grant funds awarded, and other information (e.g., photos, maps, reports, etc.)

## Grant Services Section

### No Child Left Inside

#### Program Purpose

The Washington State Legislature created the No Child Left Inside grant program to provide underserved youth with quality opportunities to experience the natural world.

This Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks) grant program is intended to empower local communities to engage youth in outdoor education and recreation experiences, and focuses on serving youth with the greatest needs. Youth work to improve their overall academic performance, self-esteem, personal responsibility, community involvement, personal health, and understanding of nature. Since 2015, Parks has partnered with the Recreation and Conservation Office to administer and manage this grant program.

#### Grant Limits

Tier 1 - \$5,000-\$25,000\* (no match required)

*\*Tier 1 - Grants in this category are open only to programs and organizations that did not receive NCLI funding in the 2016 or 2018 grant cycles.*

Tier 2 - \$5,000-\$75,000 (25% match required)

Tier 3 - \$75,001-\$150,000 (25% match required)

#### 2021 Final Applications

Funding Program	Number of Applications	Grant Request	Sponsor Match	Total
Tier 1	42	\$922,045	\$774,847	\$1,645,892

Tier 2	52	\$2,899,547	\$3,749,057	\$6,648,604
Tier 3	23	\$3,037,555	\$5,439,106	\$8,476,661
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>\$6,859,147</b>	<b>\$9,963,010</b>	<b>\$16,771,157</b>

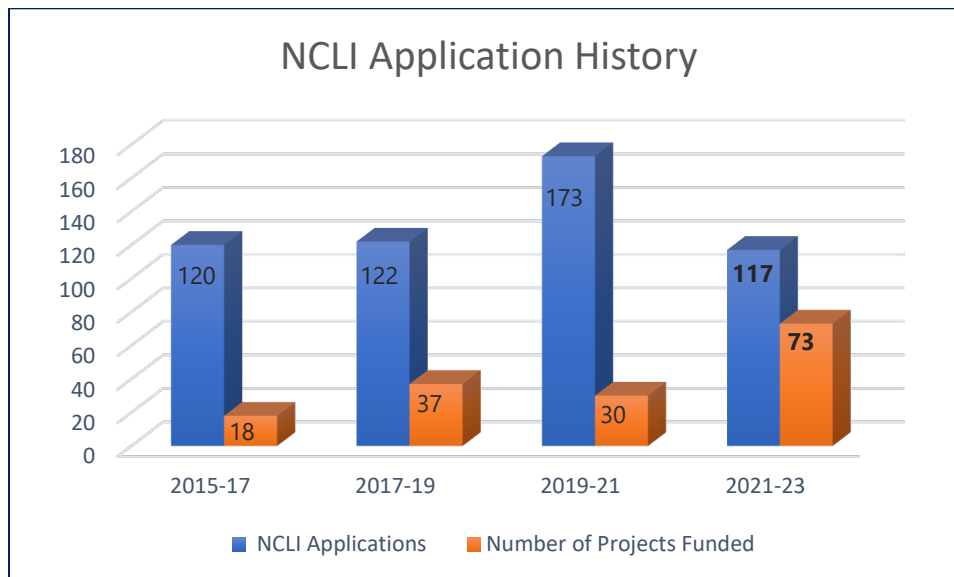
### 2021 Funded Projects

This year's historic funding level by the legislature of \$4.5 million provides grants to 73 projects and will help more than 50,000 kids spend about 1.5 million hours outside. See Attachment C for complete grant award information.

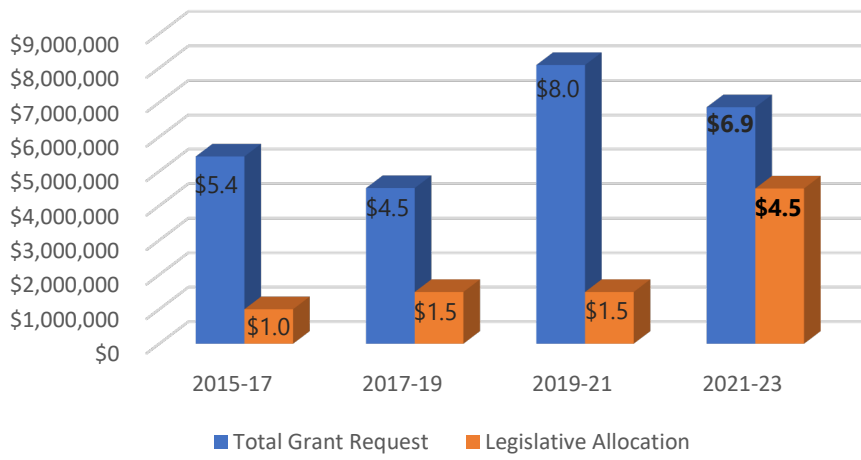
Funding	Amount	Projects Funded	% of Tier
Tier 1	\$590,247	26	62%
Tier 2	\$1,806,619	32	62%
Tier 3	*\$1,917,734	15	65%*
<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,314,600</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62%</b>

\*Includes a partial grant award

### Application History



### Funding Request and Legislative Allocation



## Fiscal Report

For July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020, actuals through April 30, 2021 (Fiscal Month 22). Percentage of biennium reported: 91.7 percent. The "Budget" column shows the state appropriations and any received federal awards.

Grant Program	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	Includes Re-appropriations 2019-2021	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% of Budget	Dollars	% Expended of Committed
<b>Grant Programs</b>							
ALEA	\$17,027,288	\$16,335,074	96%	\$692,214	4%	\$5,570,046	34%
BFP	\$32,120,671	\$29,175,849	91%	\$2,944,822	9%	\$8,238,350	28%
BIG	\$4,517,560	\$4,517,560	100%	\$0	0%	\$704,902	16%
FARR	\$1,432,948	\$1,077,774	75%	\$355,174	25%	\$194,464	18%
LWCF	\$13,182,370	\$13,182,370	100%	\$0	0%	\$4,145,419	31%
NOVA	\$21,330,670	\$20,361,760	95%	\$968,910	5%	\$8,879,788	44%
RTP	\$8,834,003	\$8,494,221	96%	\$339,782	4%	\$3,238,814	38%
WWRP	\$160,689,144	\$154,557,635	96%	\$6,131,509	4%	\$49,667,899	32%
RRG	\$12,711,254	\$12,419,691	98%	\$291,563	2%	\$4,780,339	38%
YAF	\$16,533,125	\$15,793,583	96%	\$739,542	4%	\$5,283,375	33%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$288,379,033</b>	<b>\$275,915,517</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>\$12,463,516</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$90,703,396</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Administration</b>							
General Operating Funds	\$9,669,554	\$9,669,554	100%	\$0	0%	\$7,611,381	79%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$298,048,587</b>	<b>\$285,585,071</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>\$12,463,516</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$98,314,777</b>	<b>34%</b>

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, 2019-June 30, 2021, actuals through April 30, 2021 (Fiscal Month 22).

Percentage of biennium reported: 91.7%.

Program	Biennial Forecast		Collections
	Estimate	Actual	% of Estimate
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	\$18,225,570	\$16,583,700	91.0%
Nonhighway, Off-Road Vehicle Program (NOVA)	\$13,324,901	\$12,216,106	91.7%
Firearms and Archery Range Rec Program (FARR)	\$560,800	\$520,160	92.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,111,271</b>	<b>\$29,319,966</b>	<b>91.3%</b>

### 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.

FARR revenue is from \$2.16 of each concealed pistol license fee.

These figures reflect the most recent revenue forecast in March 2021. The next forecast will be in June 2021.








### WWRP Expenditure Rate by Organization (1990-Current)

Agency	Committed	Expenditures	% Expended
Local Agencies	\$324,794,709	\$305,701,141	94%
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$217,666,636	\$198,583,186	91%
Department of Natural Resources	\$181,220,084	\$150,364,569	83%
State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$151,113,922	\$130,350,966	86%
Nonprofits	\$43,665,775	\$29,727,798	68%
Conservation Commission	\$4,570,758	\$1,537,847	34%
Tribes	\$2,241,411	\$741,411	33%
<b>Other</b>			
Special Projects	\$735,011	\$735,011	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$926,008,306</b>	<b>\$817,741,929</b>	<b>88%</b>

## Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2021

The following performance data are for recreation and conservation projects in fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). Data current as of June 3, 2021.

### Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Fiscal Year-to-Date	Status	Notes
Grant agreements mailed within 120 days of funding	90%	<b>67%</b>		18 of 27 agreements were mailed to sponsors within 120 days.
Grants under agreement within 180 days of funding	95%	<b>85%</b>		22 of 26 projects were under agreement within 180 days.
Progress reports responded to within 15 days	90%	<b>87%</b>		RCFB staff received 799 progress reports and responded to them in an average of 8 days.
Bills paid in 30 days	100%	<b>100%</b>		1,013 bills have come due and all were paid within 30 days. On average, staff paid bills within 15 days.
Projects closed within 150 days of funding end date	85%	<b>72%</b>		53 of 74 projects have closed on time.
Projects in Backlog	5	<b>20</b>		There are 20 RCFB projects in the backlog
Compliance inspections done	125	<b>4</b>		There have been 4 worksites inspected.





**Land and Water Conservation Fund**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Grant Award
1	48.64	20-1276 A	Spokane County	Make Beacon Hill Public	\$500,000	\$2,711,500	\$3,211,500	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	46.14	20-1363 D	Othello	Lions Park Pride Rock Playground	\$500,000	\$509,000	\$1,009,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
3	45.55	20-1833 D	Seattle	North Rainier Land Banked Park	\$500,000	\$2,618,428	\$3,118,428	\$1,500,000	\$500,000
4	45.27	20-1648 D	Poulsbo	Play for All at Raab Park	\$370,000	\$379,824	\$749,824	\$1,870,000	\$370,000
5	45.05	20-1389 D	Pierce County	Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements	\$500,000	\$13,609,000	\$14,109,000	\$2,370,000	\$500,000
6	44.45	20-1763 D	Lakewood	Wards Lake Park Enhancements Phase 1	\$500,000	\$1,460,430	\$1,960,430	\$2,870,000	\$500,000
7	43.09	20-1731 D	Renton	Gene Coulon Beach Park Trestle Bridge	\$500,000	\$999,572	\$1,499,572	\$3,370,000	\$500,000
8	42.91	20-1828 D	Seattle	Maple Wood Playfield Renovation	\$500,000	\$2,801,615	\$3,301,615	\$3,870,000	\$500,000
9	42.73	20-1746 D	Gig Harbor	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Pickle Bo Spot	\$500,000	\$2,664,100	\$3,164,100	\$4,370,000	\$500,000
10	41.73	20-1431 D	Garfield Park and Recreation District	Garfield Pool Upgrades	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,870,000	\$500,000
11	40.77	20-1345 D	Sedro Woolley	Olmsted Park Development	\$500,000	\$807,000	\$1,307,000	\$5,370,000	\$500,000
12	40.45	20-1618 D	University Place	Cirque Park Renovation	\$363,628	\$363,629	\$727,257	\$5,733,628	\$363,628
13	40.23	20-1360 D	College Place	Lions Park Trails and Fishing Pond	\$500,000	\$889,233	\$1,389,233	\$6,233,628	\$500,000
14	40.09	20-1286 A	Monroe	East Monroe Heritage Site	\$500,000	\$2,317,500	\$2,817,500	\$6,733,628	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>



## Land and Water Conservation Fund

### Final Ranked List and Grant Awards

#### 2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Grant Award
15	40.05	20-1888 D	Walla Walla	Heritage Square Park Redevelopment	\$500,000	\$1,973,181	\$2,473,181	\$7,233,628	\$500,000
16	40	20-1643 D	Mountlake Terrace	Evergreen Playfield Infield Turf and Lights Phase 2	\$500,000	\$979,000	\$1,479,000	\$7,733,628	\$500,000
17	39.09	20-1818 D	Lake Stevens	Eagle Ridge Park Development	\$428,210	\$566,990	\$995,200	\$8,161,838	\$428,210
18	39.05	20-1798 A	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Narrows Park West Acquisition	\$500,000	\$2,600,000	\$3,100,000	\$8,661,838	\$500,000
19	38.91	20-1858 C	Covington	Jenkins Creek Park Expansion	\$500,000	\$2,918,360	\$3,418,360	\$9,161,838	\$500,000
20	38.55	20-1943 D	Chelan	Lakeside Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$687,596	\$1,187,596	\$9,661,838	\$500,000
21	35.32	20-1533 C	King County	Little Lake Forest Trailhead Amenities	\$500,000	\$826,065	\$1,326,065	\$10,161,838	\$500,000
22	32.91	20-1305 D	Zillah	Zillah Splash Park	\$255,170	\$255,170	\$510,340	\$10,417,008	\$255,170
23	29.86	20-1671 D	Port of Anacortes	Cap Sante Marina RV Park	\$500,000	\$1,811,971	\$2,311,971	\$10,917,008	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$10,917,008</b>	<b>\$45,249,164</b>	<b>\$56,166,172</b>		<b>\$10,417,008</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition, C=Combination (acquisition and development), D=Development

<sup>2</sup>Grant applicant withdrew this project proposal. Not a current priority.

## Projects Completed and Closed from April 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021

Project Number <sup>i</sup>	Project Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed On
<a href="#">18-1779D</a>	Van Rippers Resort Transient Moorage	Van Rippers Resort	Boating Infrastructure Grant, Tier 1	5/6/2021
<a href="#">16-2266D</a>	Lake Campbell Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Boating Facilities Program, State	5/18/2021
<a href="#">16-2412D</a>	Long Lake Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Boating Facilities Program, State	4/29/2021
<a href="#">16-2467D</a>	Lawrence Lake Access Redevelopment	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Boating Facilities Program, State	4/5/2021
<a href="#">16-1584D</a>	Hale Park Phase 2 Development	Wenatchee	Land and Water Conservation Fund	4/20/2021
<a href="#">16-1665D</a>	Kiwanis Methow Park Renovation Phase 1	Wenatchee	Land and Water Conservation Fund	4/20/2021
<a href="#">18-1657D</a>	William Shore Pool Warm Water Exercise Pool	William Shore Pool District	Land and Water Conservation Fund	4/19/2021
<a href="#">19-1050E</a>	Guardians of the Sea: Boat-Based Education	The Salish Sea School	No Child Left Inside, Tier 1	5/10/2021
<a href="#">19-1181E</a>	Ocean Shores Summer Fun Program	Ocean Shores	No Child Left Inside, Tier 1	5/13/2021
<a href="#">19-1207E</a>	Outdoor Education Workshops at Camp Mariposa	Lifeline Connections	No Child Left Inside, Tier 1	5/13/2021
<a href="#">19-1288E</a>	Seattle Rock Climbing Program	Peak 7 Adventures	No Child Left Inside, Tier 1	5/26/2021
<a href="#">16-2522E</a>	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol 2017-19	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Education and Enforcement	5/18/2021

Project Number <sup>i</sup>	Project Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed On
<a href="#">16-2698P</a>	Entiat Valley Comprehensive Plan	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Off-Road Vehicle	5/6/2021
<a href="#">19-1791E</a>	Trail Safety and Etiquette Pilot Education Campaign	King County	Recreational Trails Program, Education	4/28/2021
<a href="#">16-2524M</a>	Evans Creek Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance: 2017-19	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Recreational Trails Program, General	5/6/2021
<a href="#">14-1090A</a>	Heart of the Cascades 2014	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Critical Habitat	4/14/2021
<a href="#">16-1765A</a>	Trout Lake Valley Phase 3	Columbia Land Trust	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farmland Preservation	4/29/2021
<a href="#">16-1866A</a>	Anders Orchard, Methow Valley, Acquisition	Methow Conservancy	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farmland Preservation	4/22/2021
<a href="#">18-1705A</a>	Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement	Okanogan Land Trust	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Farmland Preservation	4/27/2021
<a href="#">16-1680A</a>	Covington SoCo Park Phase 2	Covington	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Local Parks	4/28/2021
<a href="#">18-1251A</a>	LBA Woods Boulevard Road Parcel Acquisition	Olympia	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Local Parks	4/19/2021
<a href="#">18-1284D</a>	Gateway Park Phase 3 Splash Pad	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Local Parks	5/28/2021

Project Number <sup>i</sup>	Project Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed On
<a href="#">18-1679A</a>	George and Hazel Stein Neighborhood Park	Vancouver	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Local Parks	5/14/2021
<a href="#">16-1931D</a>	Leland Lake Public Access Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, State Lands Development	4/29/2021
<a href="#">16-1585R</a>	Pincroft Natural Area Aridland Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Areas	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, State Lands Restoration	4/2/2021
<a href="#">14-1677D</a>	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 3	Ferry County	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Trails	4/20/2021
<a href="#">16-1739D</a>	Lake to Sound Trail Development, Segment A	King County	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Trails	5/3/2021
<a href="#">16-2074D</a>	Edmonds Waterfront Development	Edmonds	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Water Access	5/10/2021
<a href="#">18-1283A</a>	Taylor Bay Acquisition Phase 2	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Water Access	4/19/2021
<a href="#">18-1935A</a>	Lopez Channel	San Juan County	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Water Access	5/27/2021
<a href="#">18-1187D</a>	Wilburton Park Synthetic Sports Field Renovation	Bellevue	Youth Athletic Facilities, Large	5/20/2021

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



## Tier 1 Projects

### Grants Awarded

No Child Left Inside  
2021-2023



Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Grant Awarded
1	50.88	20-2263 E	World Relief Seattle	Refugee Youth Summer Academy	\$25,000	\$189,254	\$25,000
2	49.62	20-1988 E	Touchet School District	Touchet Students Explore the Outside	\$17,000		\$17,000
2	49.62	20-2253 E	Citizens for a Healthy Bay	Environmental Justice Camps	\$25,000	\$112,216	\$25,000
4	49.25	20-2214 E	Washington Outdoor School	Kittitas County Environmental Education	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
5	48.88	20-2151 E	Wild Grief	Wild Grief: The Healing Power of Nature	\$25,000	\$40,302	\$25,000
6	48.75	20-2317 E	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	S'Klallam Strong Outdoor Ventures	\$25,000		\$25,000
7	48.62	20-2226 E	Wenatchee School District	Mountain Biking Squilchuck State Park for All Kids	\$24,882	\$23,220	\$24,882
8	47.62	20-2174 E	White Salmon Valley Schools	Outdoor School for White Salmon, Washington Youth	\$23,800	\$33,730	\$23,800
9	47.50	20-2291 E	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Nature Kids	\$17,865	\$10,980	\$17,865
10	47.38	20-2416 E	Salish Sea Sciences	Salish Sea Sciences	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
11	47.12	20-2238 E	Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group	Project: WOW (Watching Over the Watershed)	\$24,930		\$24,930
11	47.12	20-2396 E	State Parks and Recreation Commission	On Water Paddle Education	\$25,000	\$42,420	\$25,000
13	46.50	20-2143 E	Wa-Ya Outdoor Institute	Wa-Ya Outdoor School	\$24,700		\$24,700
14	45.88	20-2144 E	Boy Scouts of America Troop 90 Irrevocable Trust	Putting Outing In Scouting for Inner City Kids	\$24,999		\$24,999
15	45.62	20-2300 E	Play Frontier	Tots to the Trees: All-Year Access in Skamania County	\$24,931		\$24,931
16	45.38	20-2287 E	A Warm Current	Chalá-at (People of the Hoh River) Youth Surfers	\$22,100	\$5,440	\$22,100
16	45.38	20-2347 E	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Hood Canal Environmental Education Project	\$25,000		\$25,000
18	45.00	20-2371 E	Auburn	Auburn Mountain Bike Expansion of REC Riders	\$22,890		\$22,890
19	44.62	20-1971 E	Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group	Hope for Salmon	\$25,000		\$25,000
19	44.62	20-2257 E	Nepal Seattle Hiking Community	Himalayan Youth Outdoors Program	\$25,000		\$25,000
19	44.62	20-2372 E	Environmental Science Center	Fostering Stewardship Through Beach Explorations	\$25,000	\$68,582	\$25,000
19	44.62	20-2373 E	Mount Vernon Parks Foundation	Mount Vernon Parks Foundation Fifth Grade Hikes	\$6,500		\$6,500

\*Project Type: E=Education



## Tier 1 Projects

### Grants Awarded

No Child Left Inside  
2021-2023



Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Grant Awarded
23	44.12	20-2123 E	Horse Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers	Summer Excitement, Exploring and Discovery	\$22,500		\$22,500
23	44.12	20-2208 E	Spokane Conservation District	Outdoor Learning Labs	\$18,500	\$5,000	\$18,500
25	43.50	20-2232 E	Community Boating Center	Water Access for All	\$14,650	\$29,960	\$14,650
26	43.12	20-2266 E	Friends of the Columbia Gorge	Explore the Gorge Outdoor Education	\$25,000	\$16,100	\$25,000
27	42.75	20-2382 E	Kitsap County	Youth Outdoor Science Engagement Ladder Turning	\$25,000	\$21,536	Alternate
28	42.25	20-2398 E	Camp Fire USA North Central Washington Council	Camp Zanika Outdoor Education Getting Kids Outside	\$25,000		Alternate
29	41.25	20-2413 E	Parkour Visions	Outdoor Play and Nature Education to Low-Income Youth	\$25,000		Alternate
30	41.00	20-2098 E	The Jefferson County Recyclery	ReCyclery's Bicycle Safety and Education	\$25,000		Alternate
31	40.00	20-2211 E	Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki	Outdoor Education Counselor-in-Training Program	\$25,000	\$5,794	Alternate
31	40.00	20-2339 E	Save Habitat and Diversity of Wetlands	Outdoor Environmental Education Enhancement	\$23,650		Alternate
33	39.38	20-2216 E	Vashon Center for the Arts	Wild Wonder Camps	\$25,000	\$6,060	Alternate
34	39.00	20-2362 E	Youth Dynamics	Stonewater Leadership Pursuits Located in Plain	\$25,000		Alternate
35	38.50	20-1984 E	North Cascades Crew	Rowing and Conservation Program	\$25,000	\$26,000	Alternate
35	38.50	20-2145 E	Oasis Youth Center	Leadership Summit for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth	\$25,000	\$49,790	Alternate
37	36.00	20-2404 E	Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle	Corinthian Yacht Club O'pen Skiff Sailing	\$21,400		Alternate
38	35.62	20-2335 E	Peacock Family Services	Nature Nuts: Outdoor Education on Bainbridge Island	\$22,016		Alternate
39	34.38	20-2114 E	Lake Spokane Parks and Recreation District	Lake Spokane Parks and Recreation Outdoor Program	\$5,362		Alternate
40	33.12	20-2192 E	Fife	Geocaching and Orienteering in Fife Parks	\$14,260	\$7,383	Alternate
41	31.12	20-2265 E	Washington Student Cycling League	COVID Alternatives Program	\$15,000		Alternate
42	21.12	20-2360 E	Washington State University Extension, Pacific County	Exploring Your World with a Pass and Backpack	\$5,110	\$6,080	Alternate
Total					\$922,045	\$724,847	\$590,247

\*Project Type: E=Education



## Tier 2 Projects Grants Awarded No Child Left Inside 2021-2023



Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Grant Awarded
1	51.29	20-2117 E	Young Women Empowered	Young Women Empowered Nature Connections	\$75,000	\$25,152	\$75,000
2	49.86	20-2041 E	Camp Korey	Recreational Camp Programs for Children	\$75,000	\$277,021	\$75,000
3	49.71	20-2220 E	Seattle	Youth Outdoor Leadership Opportunities	\$70,524	\$96,576	\$70,524
4	49.43	20-1969 E	Washington State University Extension, Chelan County	Eco-Stewardship of Chelan and Douglas Counties	\$26,904	\$296,093	\$26,904
4	49.43	20-2364 E	Swinomish Tribe	Swinomish Tribe's 13 Moons Curriculum	\$35,802	\$12,950	\$35,802
6	48.86	20-2356 E	Camp Fire Inland Northwest Council	Outdoor Learning Expansion for Urban Spokane Youth	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
7	48.14	20-2013 E	Fidalgo Nature School	Full-Day Outdoor Preschool at Deception Pass	\$75,000	\$40,258	\$75,000
8	47.86	20-2284 E	Burien	Burien Outdoor Explorers Program	\$68,869	\$29,162	\$68,869
9	47.71	20-2397 E	King County	White Center Teen Program Get Out and Learn	\$17,400	\$20,000	\$17,400
10	46.86	20-2290 E	Bike Works	Bike Works' Experiential Bicycle Youth Programming	\$75,000	\$429,128	\$75,000
10	46.86	20-2315 E	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Shifting Gears: Introductory Mountain Bike Ride Program	\$57,500	\$19,500	\$57,500
12	46.71	20-2279 E	Foss Waterway Seaport	Eco-Kayaking on the Thea Foss Waterway	\$59,612	\$183,125	\$59,612
13	46.14	20-2178 E	Lifeline Connections	Blazing Trails at Camp Mariposa	\$74,627	\$37,400	\$74,627
14	46.00	20-2298 E	The Salish Sea School	Outdoor Marine Conservation Leadership Programs	\$75,000	\$147,968	\$75,000
15	45.71	20-2224 E	The Nature Conservancy	Partners to Preserves	\$63,630	\$21,214	\$63,630
15	45.71	20-2346 E	Northwest Watershed Institute	Youth Environmental Stewards Teen Leaders	\$60,000	\$20,690	\$60,000
17	45.14	20-2380 E	Boys and Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula	Exploring the Great Outdoors	\$57,646	\$33,184	\$57,646
18	45.00	20-2270 E	Puget Sound Estuarium	Kindergarten-12th Grade Education Program Field Trips	\$54,626	\$18,600	\$54,626
19	44.86	20-2042 E	Naturebridge	Youth Environmental Education at NatureBridge Olympic	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
19	44.86	20-2045 E	Camp Hope of Southwest Washington	Camp Hope of Southwest Washington: Outdoor Discover	\$22,350	\$95,664	\$22,350
19	44.86	20-2415 E	Sound Experience	Everett at Sea	\$32,685	\$10,895	\$32,685
22	44.71	20-2088 E	Wenatchee River Institute	Traveling Naturalist in the Classroom Expansion	\$69,904	\$81,306	\$69,904

\*Project Type: E=Education





## Tier 2 Projects

### Grants Awarded

### No Child Left Inside

### 2021-2023



Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Grant Awarded
23	44.57	20-2374 E	STIX Diabetes Programs	Summer Camps for Children and Youth with Diabetes	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$75,000
24	44.14	20-2318 E	Youth Experiential Training	Youth Experiential Training Institute	\$25,000	\$26,100	\$25,000
25	44.00	20-2381 E	San Juan Islands Conservation District	San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps	\$40,000	\$19,000	\$40,000
26	43.86	20-1961 E	Child and Family Hope Center	Tacoma Outdoor Learning Opportunities for Low-Income Youth	\$60,800	\$20,450	\$60,800
26	43.86	20-2154 E	Mountains to Sound Greenway	Greenway Trust Youth Internships	\$68,820	\$22,940	\$68,820
28	43.71	20-2276 E	Mount Saint Helens Institute	Volcano Outdoor School for All: Mount Saint Helens	\$30,000	\$67,039	\$30,000
29	43.29	20-2086 E	Lakewood	Get Outside and Play Lakewood Active Youth Outdoor Environmental Education	\$17,350	\$5,900	\$17,350
30	43.14	20-2177 E	Cascadia Conservation District	Watershed Wonders	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
31	43.00	20-2359 E	Tiny Trees Preschool	Full-Day Outdoor Preschool in King County	\$74,570	\$38,240	\$74,570
32	42.86	20-2274 E	Palouse Conservation District	Cultivating Conservationists in the Palouse	\$43,000	\$14,334	\$43,000
33	42.57	20-2345 E	Vashon Wilderness Program	Nature Kids	\$75,000	\$109,129	Alternate
34	42.14	20-2237 E	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Real Learning Real Work Education Program	\$72,453	\$24,586	Alternate
34	42.14	20-2280 E	Northwest Youth Corps	Sound to Summit: Pierce and Thurston Counties	\$73,396	\$140,755	Alternate
36	42.00	20-2329 E	Peak 7 Adventures	Washington State Water-Based Activities	\$52,809	\$17,759	Alternate
37	41.71	20-2081 E	Northwest Outward Bound School	North Central Washington Youth Outdoor Program	\$73,745	\$32,057	Alternate
37	41.71	20-2109 E	Big City Mountaineers	Meaningful Outdoor Opportunities for Youth	\$75,000	\$132,814	Alternate
37	41.71	20-2341 E	Friends of North Creek Forest	Outdoor Environmental Education	\$40,000	\$49,656	Alternate
37	41.71	20-2405 E	Washington Native Plant Society	Youth Ecology Education Through Restoration	\$75,000	\$47,100	Alternate
41	41.57	20-2422 E	Longview	Longview Parks and Recreation Go Green Project	\$21,810	\$97,881	Alternate
42	41.43	20-2244 E	Camp Beausite Northwest	Weekend Camp Programs for Youth with Disabilities	\$72,000	\$25,000	Alternate
42	41.43	20-2400 E	Youth and Family Link Program	Explorers Outdoors	\$74,884	\$33,365	Alternate
44	41.29	20-2386 E	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Northwest	Outdoors Empower	\$24,500	\$8,880	Alternate

\*Project Type: E=Education



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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type*	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Grant Awarded
45	39.57	20-2243 E	Lopez Island Family Resource	Hero's Journey	\$24,240	\$8,392	Alternate
46	39.00	20-2330 E	Whitman Conservation District	Connecting Youth Through Restoration and Recreation	\$60,000	\$20,000	Alternate
47	38.57	20-2358 E	Horn Of Africa Services	Horn of Africa Services Youth Development Program	\$25,000	\$25,000	Alternate
48	37.43	20-2378 E	Pasco	Paddleboarding on the Columbia	\$7,944	\$2,722	Alternate
49	36.86	20-2252 E	Girl Scouts of Western Washington	Girl Scouts of Western Washington Camp	\$75,000	\$396,251	Alternate
50	36.29	20-1962 E	The Salvation Army of Spokane	Camp Gifford's Outdoor Education Summer Camp	\$75,000	\$284,666	Alternate
51	36.14	20-2160 E	Eastern Washington University	Under Sunshine: Kids and Future Teachers Grow Together	\$20,147	\$6,927	Alternate
52	33.14	20-2296 E	Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound	Equitable Access and Environmental Stewardship	\$75,000	\$61,228	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$2,899,547</b>	<b>\$3,749,057</b>	<b>\$1,806,619</b>

\*Project Type: E=Education



### Tier 3 Projects Grants Awarded No Child Left Inside 2021-2023



Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	54.12	20-2352 E	Unleash the Brilliance	Unleash the Brilliance Youth Outside Experience	\$150,000	\$85,267	\$150,000
2	51.38	20-2209 E	Swinomish Tribe	Swinomish Between Two Worlds Indigenous Science Program	\$150,000	\$50,006	\$150,000
3	51.12	20-2186 E	Nisqually River Foundation	Nisqually Tribal Youth: Explore and Connect 2	\$95,638	\$52,927	\$95,638
4	50.25	20-2085 E	Garden-Raised Bounty	Cultivating Youth, Food, and Ecosystems	\$140,000	\$216,400	\$140,000
5	50.12	20-2247 E	Northwest Maritime Center	All Aboard Duwamish Valley	\$146,909	\$48,971	\$146,909
6	49.25	20-2286 E	CultureSeed	Year-Round Outdoor Immersion and Outdoor Mentorship	\$95,967	\$31,990	\$95,967
7	49.12	20-2406 E	The Service Board	Core Program and Summer Leadership Impact Program	\$97,890	\$32,630	\$97,890
8	49.00	20-2065 E	Hood Canal School District	Hood Canal School BOOTS (Bringing Outdoors and Occupational Teaching to Students) and Riparian Enhancement Program	\$137,248	\$113,256	\$137,248
9	48.75	20-2328 E	Lummi Nation	Lummi Youth Living and Protecting Schelangen	\$99,185	\$35,840	\$99,185
10	48.50	20-2332 E	North Cascades Institute	Youth Leadership Adventures	\$150,000	\$184,930	\$150,000
11	47.12	20-2073 E	YMCA of Greater Seattle	Beyond City Limits	\$150,000	\$1,150,000	\$150,000
12	46.25	20-1960 E	Yakima Valley Farm Workers	Outdoor Adventure Program	\$150,000	\$55,215	\$150,000
12	46.25	20-1970 E	The Mountaineers	Mountain Workshops: Puget Sound	\$150,000	\$164,650	\$150,000
14	46.12	20-2342 E	Pierce County	Pierce Outdoor Leadership Instruction and Field Experiences	\$87,306	\$57,260	\$87,306
15	45.38	20-2366 E	Glacier Peak Institute	Momentum in Snohomish and Skagit Outdoor Education	\$149,804	\$252,772	\$117,591 <sup>2</sup>
16	44.88	20-2076 E	University of Washington Mount Rainier Institute	Mount Rainier Institute Survive and Thrive	\$134,814	\$44,938	Alternate
17	44.75	20-1968 E	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Deception Pass Educational Transitions	\$150,000	\$215,620	Alternate
18	44.38	20-2139 E	Kittitas Environmental Education Network	Kittitas Environmental Education Network Nature School	\$127,793	\$142,707	Alternate
19	43.38	20-2395 E	Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	Pathways for Place-Based Learning	\$150,000	\$50,000	Alternate
20	43.00	20-2213 E	Columbia Springs	Connecting Youth to the Columbia River Watershed	\$150,000	\$161,757	Alternate
21	41.12	20-2363 E	YMCA of Tacoma-Pierce County	YMCA Camp Leadership Environment Adventure Discovery	\$75,001	\$25,004	Alternate
22	40.62	20-2047 E	IslandWood	Youth Outdoor Environmental Learning	\$150,000	\$2,149,842	Alternate
23	40.38	20-2193 E	Great Peninsula Conservancy	Great Peninsula Conservancy Land Labs Program	\$150,000	\$117,124	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$3,037,555</b>	<b>\$5,439,106</b>	<b>\$1,917,734</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding

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#### **World Relief Seattle**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

#### **Supporting Refugee Youth Summer Academy Recreation Trips**

World Relief Seattle will use this grant to support five recreation trips a year over 2 years for refugee youth participating in its Refugee Youth Summer Academy program. The trips will include local state parks, preserves, and adventure parks where students will have the opportunity to explore tidal flats and botanical gardens, hike, try challenge courses, rock climb, and more. The five-week program for newly arrived refugees in the Kent School District supports children as they transition into a new home and school system. The academy provides trauma-informed, hands-on learning opportunities that facilitate English practice; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning; confidence-building; peer relationships; and a more grounded sense of place. World Relief Seattle will contribute \$189,254 in a private grant and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2263)

#### **Touchet School District**

**Grant Awarded: \$17,000**

#### **Teaching Kids about Salmon Restoration**

The Touchet School District will use this grant to provide outdoor physical education classes to students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades in a variety of area parks, such as Sacajawea State Park, Lewis and Clark Trails State Park, Bennington Lake, Fort Walla Walla, The Whitman Mission, and Camp Wooten State Park. The students will hike to restoration projects completed by the Tri-State Steelheaders. Students will learn about restoration techniques, why they are needed at each location, what makes good fish habitat, what is riparian habitat, and why land along streams are important to wildlife. In addition, students will restore land along waterways by planting willow cuttings. Students also will be introduced to a variety of places in the Walla Walla area to pursue hiking, orienteering, fishing, camping, and survival techniques. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1988)

#### **Citizens for a Healthy Bay**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

#### **Enhancing Environmental Justice Camps for Girls from Underserved Communities**

Citizens for a Healthy Bay will use this grant to support operations, curriculum development, camper recruitment, camp facilitation, and equipment for its Environmental Justice Camps. The project also will include stipends for women of color in the natural sciences industry to join the camps as co-leads. The camps are designed to reach girls from underserved communities in Tacoma by providing experiential outdoor education about the local environment,

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environmental justice, and environmental advocacy. Low-income and communities of color are severely underrepresented in the natural science fields, and women are underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields. Young women in these communities have little access to quality environmental education and experiences and therefore are less connected to environment and less likely to become environmental stewards. The camps aim to close this gap by sparking the next generation of environmental stewards. Camp activities include patrolling Commencement Bay, visiting tidepools, installing raingardens at the campers' schools, visiting the Puyallup Tribe's hatchery, and other experiences. Citizens for a Healthy Bay will contribute \$112,216 in local and state grants and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2253)

#### **Washington Outdoor School Enhancing Kittitas County Environmental Education**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

Washington Outdoor School will use this grant to support scholarships, teacher salaries, educational supplies, healthy snacks, and camp materials as part of environmental education program for 800 preschool to middle school children in Kittitas County. The program helps promote a sense of place, awaken curiosity, and create healthy minds and bodies through active educational experiences while developing community environmental stewardship. Environmental education destinations will include the Roslyn Urban Forest, Olmstead State Park, and Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. The Washington Outdoor School will contribute \$5,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2214)

#### **Wild Grief Supporting the Healing Power of Nature**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

Wild Grief will use this grant to maintain and expand its outdoor grief support programming for youth. Wild Grief will provide 100 grieving youth with camping, backpacking, and hiking experiences, creating the space for sharing, connecting, and healing in nature. About 55 percent of Wild Grief participants are youth of color and 55 percent qualify for free or reduced lunch. Wild Grief offers a rare program of peer grief support combined with the healing power of nature that aids grieving youth and serves to bond participants to nature in an innovative and transformative manner. Wild Grief programming includes 4-day backpacking trips for grieving teens, 3-day campouts for families, and day hikes throughout the year. Programs take place on public lands throughout western Washington. Wild Grief will contribute \$40,302 in a private grant and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2151)

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#### **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe** **Investing in S'Klallam Strong Outdoor Ventures**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to support its Strong Outdoor Ventures program, which serves 48 children in its Early Childhood Education program and involves about 34 youth mentors (elementary to high school aged) from its Youth Service Program in environmental and cultural education, including stewardship. Project elements include the creation of outdoor education stations that will support active, hands-on learning, such as outdoor mud kitchens, natural circle time gathering areas, and active documentation stations with magnifiers, binoculars, identification books, and clipboards. Other program goals include expansion of outdoor exploration areas to beaches, trails, and wooded areas, providing the opportunity to explore and learn about plants, birds, shellfish, sea life, and other wildlife. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2317)

#### **Wenatchee School District** **Teaching Mountain Biking to Underserved Youth**

**Grant Awarded: \$24,882**

Wenatchee High School will use the grant to introduce 176 underserved youth to mountain biking. With 51 percent of students coming from low-income families, the high school will begin offering biking as part of its school fitness program. The course will begin by teaching students basic skills. Students then will learn introductory mountain bike skills at a new skills park within biking distance of the school. To culminate, students will receive instruction from Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance instructors at Squilchuck State Park just outside of Wenatchee where students will spend the day riding park trails. Wenatchee School District will contribute \$23,220 in cash, staff labor, and a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2226)

#### **White Salmon Valley Schools** **Expanding Summer Camps for White Salmon Youth**

**Grant Awarded: \$23,800**

The White Salmon Valley School District will use this grant to support outdoor activities for about 650 children by expanding two programs: A-List Adventures Summer School and Outdoor School. Over 2 years, about 250 kids will attend a summer day camp in Gifford Pinchot National Forest and about 400 students in grades 6-8 will attend Outdoor School at Brooks Memorial State. With about 58 percent of students from low-income families, students will learn about the local natural world as they camp, hike, and engage in outdoor educational activities. White Salmon Valley Schools will contribute \$33,730 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2174)



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#### **Blue Mountain Land Trust Supporting Access to Nature Kids Programming**

**Grant Awarded: \$17,865**

Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to support its outdoor environmental education program: Nature Kids. This program engages about 1,100 youth ages 4-18 with environmental education, outdoor recreation, and conservation experiences. About 31 percent of participants are Latin American and 85 percent qualify for free and reduced lunch. Nature Kids programming explores environmental education subjects through hands-on activities, field research, and presentations by science educators and experts. Program activities will take place at community spaces, local parks, and public lands in the Blue Mountain region in southeast Washington. Blue Mountain Land Trust will contribute \$10,980 in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2291)

#### **Salish Sea Sciences Unleashing Students' Brilliance with Salish Sea Sciences**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

Salish Sea Sciences will use this grant to expand its 2-week, residential, summer Ecology & Conservation program for 20 Unleash the Brilliance and Rainier Scholars students with a demonstrated interest in the environment. Participants are all low-income students of color. Students will hike, canoe, sail, camp, comb the beach, and have mentorship experiences in the field with experts in marine and environmental sciences, maritime training, naturalism, conservation, restoration, advocacy, and law. All activities take place outside in national, county, and state parks, county and University of Washington biological preserves, and San Juan Islands channels. Students gain knowledge of watershed and estuarial systems and public, private, and tribal mitigation and advocacy efforts. Students return home with a fresh appreciation for the shared water system, enabled with knowledge and skills to engage with their home environment as leaders. Salish Sea Sciences will contribute \$20,000 in a private grant and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2416)

#### **Cascade Columbia Fish Enhancement Group Engaging Students in Watershed Stewardship**

**Grant Awarded: \$24,930**

Cascade Columbia Fish Enhancement Group will use this grant to support outdoor experiences for 215 students in 38 field experiences as part of its Watching Over the Watershed (WOW) program. The program instills in participants a lifelong appreciation of the outdoors and an active role in protecting threatened and endangered fish and their habitats. Through a partnership with Quincy Innovation Academy and Icicle River Middle School, this program

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combines classroom learning with stewardship. This partnership provides year-round outdoor experiences and enhances the science and math curricula, creates self-led project learning, and exposes participants to real-world career experience. During this 2-year project, the enhancement group will provide 5,970 student hours of youth outdoor programming with 86 percent of that time spent on stewardship activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2238)

#### **Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Teaching Kids Paddle Safety**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Washington State Parks' Boating Program will use this grant to create its paddle safe program for 960 kids ages 11-14. The kids will learn the principles of paddle safety and environmental stewardship while on the water. The program will provide a 4-hour outdoor experience with 3 hours of on-water training. About 70 percent of participants will be low-income youth of color and 40 percent will be English language learners. Program activities will take place on public lands throughout the state. State Parks will contribute \$42,420 in a state appropriation and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2396)

#### **Wa-Ya Outdoor Institute Supporting the Wa-Ya Outdoor School**

**Grant Awarded: \$24,700**

The Wa-Ya Outdoor Institute will use this grant to support its summer camp, including staffing, camping and kayaking equipment, and scholarships and transportation for low-income kids. The camp engages 200 youth, ages 6-14, and high school leaders in a program that combines science, technology, engineering, art, and math curriculum with indigenous culture, outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship in the southern Puget Sound region. Summer programs are entirely outdoors and include teachings by tribal community members and elders focused on indigenous ecological knowledge, stories, and art. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Capital Land Trust professionals also provide lessons during field trips. Program activities will take place on tribal, local, state, and federal lands throughout Thurston County. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2143)



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#### **Boy Scouts of America Troop 90 Irrevocable Trust Supporting San Juan Island Camping for Inner City Kids**

**Grant Awarded: \$24,999**

The Boy Scouts of America will use this grant to fund scholarships for 40 to 80 youth to travel to San Juan Island for 2 or more nights of camping as part of its Putting Outing In Scouting for Inner City and Economically Disadvantaged Youth program. This program will identify scouting units throughout Washington with a majority of low-income youth and provide funding for food, transportation, and materials for skills building such as pocketknives, compasses, t-shirts, and patches. In addition, campers will have the chance to go whale watching, earn the Pig War Military Road Trail National Historic Award, sea kayak, mountain bike, and visit two national parks. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2144)

#### **Play Frontier Buying Bunch Bikes for a Nature Playschool**

**Grant Awarded: \$24,931**

Play Frontier will use this grant to buy two Bunch Bikes, supplies, and staff time to expand the outdoor adventures of its nonprofit nature playschool. The grant will allow Frontier to provide at least 200 preschooler and toddler bike trips each year for 2 years. The electric-assisted, six-seat cargo bunch bikes will allow trips into Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Trout Creek area. More than 33 percent of participating youth qualify for free or reduced lunch. Youth will explore the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Pacific Crest Trail, and Beacon Rock State Park. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2300)

#### **A Warm Current Providing Access to Surfing Gear Year-Round**

**Grant Awarded: \$22,100**

A Warm Current will use this grant to buy a trailer, surfing gear, beach cleanup supplies and literature, safety equipment, and instructions on how to surf the Hoh River mouth safely for youth in the Hoh Tribe. Due to the remote location of the Hoh Reservation and barriers to recreational activities for youth there, it is critically important to provide the gear and the opportunity for tribal youth to exercise year-round. The trailer will allow A Warm Current to safely store surfing equipment and move it easily when the beach floods. A Warm Current will contribute \$5,440 in donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2287)

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### **Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Supporting Hood Canal Watershed Environmental Education**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group will use this grant to support its four environmental education programs. The grant will help the enhancement group update its curriculum, increase outdoor experiences and stewardship projects, and add more schools to its 10-school Salmon in the Classroom program. The enhancement group also will be able to expand its Students in the Watershed program, which is a partnership with North Mason High School and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources regional office. The Explore the Fjord summer program immerses students in the local environment through experiential learning in state parks, national forests, and on the water. Finally, the Union River Estuary Interpretation Program will revitalize the adjacent Theler Wetland exhibit hall and classroom, and include the rest of the property and its trail system in outdoor education programs. The ultimate goal of these programs is to increase environmental understanding and stewardship in the Hood Canal watershed, particularly as it relates to healthy salmon habitat, clean water, and the local effects of climate change. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2347)

### **Auburn Teaching Mountain Biking to Elementary School Kids**

**Grant Awarded: \$22,890**

The Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to create a program for elementary students that introduces them to mountain biking. Using Cedar Lanes Park, which is being developed as a bike park with a pump track, dirt track, and skills park, this program will offer free, after-school programming that includes mountain biking skills and techniques and a social-emotional curriculum. The program also will offer camps and field trips to ride local trails during school breaks. Through a partnership with a local nonprofit, participants will be able to earn a bike and helmet of their own for home. The program promotes physical activity through biking and environmental stewardship through trail maintenance projects at the park. Mountain biking is used as a catalyst to promote healthy living, self-esteem, and youth empowerment to students at a high-need elementary school. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2371)

### **Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group Supporting the Hope for Salmon Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group will use this grant to pay for teaching and safety equipment, paid internships, and staff time for its Hope for Salmon program. This program

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provides teens with field experience and exposure to careers in the conservation field, while also increasing their understanding of the salmon life cycle and healthy watersheds. Teens from Legacy High School, Rocksolid Teen Center, and Camp Hope will conduct field experiments in rivers and on streambanks in Baz River Front Park and Lewisville and Lacamas Regional Parks. The enhancement group also will partner with Clark College's Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement program and League of United Latin American Citizens to offer paid internships to help implement the Hope for Salmon program. The program's goal is to create better salmon stewards who will play a role in helping increase salmon populations in southwest Washington. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1971)

#### **Nepal Seattle Hiking Community** **Sharing Washington's Outdoors with Himalayan Youth**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

Nepal Seattle Hiking Community will use this grant to for year-round day trips, campouts, and stewardship activities for 120 underserved Nepali youth ages 10 to 18. The group will offer seven mentored trips to state parks and national parks and forests. Proposed activities include day hikes exploring salmon habitat, wildflowers and wildfires, and snowshoeing. The group also will offer stewardship activities on Earth Day and campouts where participants will pick berries, hike to an alpine lake, star gaze, and see glacier melt and climate change in action. The participants will reflect on their experiences through photography, voice, storytelling, music, and art. The program will share the culture and stories from the Himalayas about nature's sacredness and human's responsibility to protect it, and relate that to the ecosystem of the Cascade Mountains and the Native Americans' stewardship of these lands and waters. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2257)

#### **Environmental Science Center** **Fostering Stewardship Through Beach Explorations**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Environmental Science Center will use this grant to take 4,000 students in kindergarten through third grades to a local beach during low tides. The Fostering Stewardship Through Beach Explorations program integrates environmental issues into marine organism science units to help students connect with and better understand the fragile near-shore environment. The kids will have a classroom lesson and spend 2 hours at Seahurst Park in Burien. Students will learn about animal adaptations, food web dynamics, and the largest seawall restoration project in Puget Sound. They also will do a beach clean-up. Older students will participate in a shoreline monitoring science project. At the end of the program, all students take a pledge committing to protecting and conserving Puget Sound. The Environmental Science Center will contribute

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\$68,582 in a private grant and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2372)

#### **Mount Vernon Parks Foundation Taking Fifth Graders on Mountain Hikes**

**Grant Awarded: \$6,500**

The Mount Vernon Parks Foundation, in partnership with local schools, will use this grant to provide transportation, a booklet, a hiking etiquette guide, and a trail map for 700 fifth graders on their 5-mile hike on Little Mountain in 2021 and 2022. The students will learn hiking and trail etiquette and about the variety of trails and natural wonders in the park. Lead-up lessons make connections with academic content and fitness concepts. During the hike students will pause for learning activities and lunch at the top. About 65 percent of the students are people of color, 83 percent are poor, and 35 percent are English language learners. The goal of the hike is to provide an outdoor learning experience to many students that might not otherwise have the opportunity. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2373)

#### **Horse Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Providing a Summer Program Exploring America's First National Park Rangers**

**Grant Awarded: \$22,500**

The Horse Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers will use this grant to offer a 1-week summer program that explores the history and significance of America's first national park rangers. During the program, students will visit sites of historical and natural significance—Buffalo Soldiers Museum in Tacoma, Buffalo Soldiers Bivouac Site in DuPont, 25th Infantry Band Site at Fort Lawton in Seattle's Discovery Park, American Lake Maneuvers at Sequelitchew Creek at the Nisqually delta, and National History Park at Fort Vancouver. Participants will engage in a variety of outdoor activities, hands-on environmental protection, and other learning that includes preservation of wildlife and water systems, Native American culture and heritage, historic trails, survival skills, and music, skits, and plays. The overall objective is to present factual lessons in American history and experience in the outdoor setting that set the stage for many of the concepts students will explore. Project partners include the 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Museum, Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Fort Vancouver, Fort Lawton, and Tacoma Public Schools. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2123)

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#### **Spokane Conservation District Creating Portable Outdoor Learning Labs**

**Grant Awarded: \$18,500**

The Spokane Conservation District will use this grant to fund Outdoor Learning Labs, which are portable kits that contain tools to engage in outdoor learning and investigations, information for educators, printed materials for students, and activities aligned with state learning standards. The lab themes include forestry, pond ecology, wildlife, orienteering, soils, gardening, and insects and pollinators. The kits will be designed to outfit groups of 30 students but there will be smaller labs in backpacks for families to check out at the district's outdoor learning campus, which is free and open to the public. The grant also will pay for transportation to facilitate using the labs at Riverside State Park. The overall goal of this project is to provide quality outdoor learning experiences for urban youth in Spokane County. The Spokane Conservation District will contribute \$5,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2208)

#### **Community Boating Center Teaching Youth How to Boat**

**Grant Awarded: \$14,650**

The Community Boating Center will use this grant to help 100 underserved youth between the ages of 5 and 18 participate in weeklong Adventure Camps during the next two summers. It also will also support a 200-hour Junior Instructor training program for 15 youth ages 14-18. During the camps, students will sail, kayak, row, and participate in stewardship work while receiving training in cold-water safety, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. These camps are designed for students with outdoor experience to build a lifelong passion for small boat recreation and marine biology. The Community Boating Center will offer complimentary season passes to all youth who complete the program. The Community Boating Center will contribute \$29,960 in materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2232)

#### **Friends of the Columbia Gorge Supporting the Explore the Gorge Education Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Friends of the Columbia Gorge will use this grant to support its Explore the Gorge program. Launched 14 years ago, the program brings every sixth grader in the Washougal School District to Beacon Rock State Park for 2 days of an immersive outdoor education experience. Explore the Gorge fosters students' innate curiosities with the natural world through lessons in geology, ecology, cultural history, interpretive hikes, and presentations from a diverse group of conservation leaders. The goal is to strengthen the students' sense of place and connection to

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their unique home and to provide powerful memories that will encourage a lifetime of recreation and conservation. This year, the Friends of the Columbia Gorge will provide videos for use in the classroom after the outdoor experience to ensure outdoor education continues. The Friends of the Columbia Gorge will contribute \$16,100 in staff labor, a local grant, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project.](#) (20-2266)

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#### Young Women Empowered

**Grant Awarded \$75,000**

#### Getting Urban Teens Outside in Nature Connections Program

Young Women Empowered will use this grant to support Nature Connections, a year-round education program serving primarily women ages 13-18. Along with adult mentors, the teens learn about the natural world as they hike, rock climb, backpack, camp, snowshoe, kayak, and garden. This Seattle-based group serves teens, 80 percent of whom are of color and who have few opportunities to explore the natural world. The overall goal of the Nature Connections program is to create youth who are engaged learners with a personal connection to nature, a commitment to healthy living, and increased awareness of ways to access nature and outdoor recreation activities. Young Women Empowered will contribute \$25,152 in, staff labor, materials, a private grant, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2117)

#### Camp Korey

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

#### Providing Outdoor Camps for Children with Medical Conditions

Camp Korey will use this grant to provide therapeutic recreational camp programs for 520 children living with serious medical conditions and their family members. From March through November, participants will explore the 200-acre campus at the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, and join in archery, arts and crafts, horseback riding, cycling, kayaking, Stage Night and Silly Olympics, and fishing, boating, and swimming in nearby Lake McMurray. The camps help children living with serious medical conditions experience the simple joys of childhood, increase their confidence, and discover new strengths that help them build resilience. Camp Korey will contribute \$277,021 in local and private grants and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2041)

#### Seattle

**Grant Awarded: \$70,524**

#### Providing Youth Outdoor Leadership Opportunities

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to provide its year-long Youth Outdoor Leadership Opportunities (YOLO) program. The City will train and mentor racially and culturally diverse youth in the field of outdoor recreation and then hire 9 of them as interns during the spring and summer of 2022. The interns will work alongside staff to lead outdoor programs for youth and gain valuable job experience. The City will recruit both interns and participants from underserved black, indigenousness, and people of color communities, expecting to reach more than 1,400 underserved youth to participate in the programs during



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2022. YOLO programs will happen in low-income neighborhood parks and at state and national parks around Washington. Programs will include hiking, camping, boating, conservation activities, environmental education classes, nature walks, team building exercises, and challenge courses. The program strives to remove barriers to the enjoyment of public lands that communities of color face and to engage youth in memorable outdoor experiences with leaders that look like them. The City of Seattle will contribute \$96,576 in local and private grants, staff labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2220)

#### **Washington State University Extension, Chelan County      Grant Awarded: \$26,904**

#### **Providing Equipment and a Teacher for the Eco-Stewardship Program**

Washington State University Extension in Chelan and Douglas Counties will use this grant to hire a teacher and provide equipment for its 4-H Eco-Stewardship program, which is a year-round, hands-on, outdoor, environmental science program for youth aged 12-19 years. The program's goals are to cultivate lifelong outdoor recreation habits in youth and foster their development into educated environmental stewards. The youth join natural resource science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) professionals from community-based organizations to complete outdoor service-learning projects, data collection, and recreational activities including backpacking, hiking, rock climbing, snowshoeing, and ropes courses. The grant will buy protective equipment, such as helmets, provide incentives to complete surveys, and pay for computing technology, travel, and the salary of an experiential educator. Washington State University Extension will contribute \$296,093 in donated equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1969)

#### **Swinomish Tribe      Grant Awarded: \$35,802**

#### **Supporting Swinomish Tribe's 13 Moons Curriculum**

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community's Community Environmental Health Program will use this grant to expand the Swinomish 13 Moons informal curriculum to children from preschool through high school. Thirteen Moons is the traditional seasonal harvest calendar of the Coast Salish peoples. The curriculum teaches environmental health and sustainability through outdoor activities that focus on Coast Salish first foods, technologies, culture, and language. The curriculum is taught on the Swinomish Indian Reservation to Swinomish and other Native American youth who live in the community. Participants learn plant identification, English and Lushootseed names, Coast Salish stories associated with the species, harvest, preparation, and use. The Swinomish Tribe will contribute \$12,950 in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2364)



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#### **Camp Fire Inland Northwest Council** **Expanding Outdoor Camps for Spokane's Urban Youth**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

Camp Fire proposes will use this grant to pay fees and provide transportation to summer camps for 300 youth who are experiencing poverty, who are Native American, or who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, or questioning. The goal of the program is to remove barriers to outdoor education for Spokane's urban youth. Most of these youth lack safe outdoor spaces to play and are experiencing homelessness, trauma, and hunger. Children will attend a week of Camp Fire summer camp, either day camp at Camp Dart-Lo on the Little Spokane River or overnight camp at Camp Sweyolakan on Lake Coeur d'Alene. There, they will participate in hiking, boating, swimming, fishing, archery, pacing, orienteering, knife safety, whittling, fire building, and camp cooking. Camp Fire Inland Northwest Council will contribute \$25,000 in local and private grants and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2356)

#### **Fidalgo Nature School** **Offering Full Day Classes Outside to Preschoolers**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Fidalgo Nature School will use this grant to add full-day classes, serve meals, and provide outdoor clothing and gear to its students. The preschool serves children aged 3-6 and offers them 8 hours a day outside, 1 to 5 days a week, from September to June. The kids explore the forest, beach, trails, and campground of Bowman Bay in Deception Pass State Park. They are immersed in the rich coastal landscapes, old-growth forests, and Coast Salish cultural heritage of the park. As the only fully outdoor preschool in Skagit and Island Counties, this grant will help remove barriers for under-resourced families who want to pursue outdoor education. The school also will offer free tuition for 24 Samish Indian Nation children from the tribe's Head Start Program to the full-day outdoor preschool for 1 day a week over 2 years. Fidalgo Nature School will contribute \$40,258 in donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2013)

#### **Burien** **Supporting Burien's Outdoor Explorers Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$68,869**

The City of Burien will use this grant to support its Outdoor Explorers Program, an environmental education summer camp for youth ages 10-14. Held in the city's Seahurst Park, the summer camp offers hiking, survival skills, team building, creative art projects, wildlife tracking, and environmental awareness about salmon habitat, native plants and species, climate change, deforestation, and the impact people make on the outdoors. The program is designed

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to build skills for leadership and a variety of outdoor recreational activities and create environmental awareness, appreciation of nature, and feelings of safety. Participants will be inspired to become the next generation of outdoor education and recreation leaders with the opportunity for future employment. Burien will contribute \$29,162. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2284)

#### **King County** **Supporting the Get Out and Learn Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$17,400**

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks' White Center Teen Program will use this grant to introduce 50 youth to outdoor education and recreation opportunities in its Get Out and Learn (GOAL) Program. The youth will participate in activities such as hiking, backpacking, cycling, kayaking, rock climbing, and wildlife watching in the 12-acre park surrounding the White Center Community Center and in national, state, King County, and city parks. GOAL integrates the educational concepts of recreating responsibly, leadership, problem solving, teamwork, water safety, nutrition, environmental awareness, and the ecology of local marine, freshwater, and forest environments. The primary mission of GOAL is to introduce White Center youth to experiences that foster environmental awareness, build recreational skills, develop leadership, and reinforce healthy lifestyles. The teen program estimates that 95 percent of the outdoor experiences of participants were first-time encounters. King County will contribute \$20,000 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2397)

#### **Bike Works** **Engaging Youth in Bicycle Riding and Bike Repair**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

Bike Works will use this grant to engage 1,170 youth in its bicycle program that includes bike repair community service projects and bike riding clubs and camps. For example, in its Earn-A-Bike Repair Classes, youth earn community service hours and a bike for themselves by fixing up bikes to give away to kids in need. Bike Riding Clubs & Camps give youth access to mountain biking, cyclocross, BMX bikes, and road biking. Bikes-for-All! gives bikes and helmets to 600 youth who cannot afford them, and the BikeMobile has youth apprentices offer free bike repair to neighborhoods without bike shops. Youth also can participate in the Youth Advisory Committee, which helps make decisions at Bike Works, volunteers at events, serves as peer mentors, and represents Seattle at the National Youth Bicycle Summit. Finally, in the Job Readiness Training program, youth learn bike mechanic and other job skills to prepare them for future employment. Bike Works will contribute \$429,128 in and a private grant and donations of

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cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2290)

#### **Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance** **Introducing Youth to Mountain Biking**

**Grant Awarded: \$57,500**

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will use this grant to provide equipment, transportation, and training to youth in Wenatchee and south King County who want to try mountain biking. The alliance will work with Shifting Gears, which is an education program for underserved youth. Through this program the alliance hopes to provide youth with an experience they may not have otherwise had, increase their confidence, build an appreciation for the outdoors, and provide a positive outlet for challenges they may face. The Youth Experiential Training Institute (YETI), King County Department of Public Defense, Community Passageways, Wenatchee School District, and Pinnacles Prep school will work with the alliance to identify and reach out to participants, provide transportation to the trails, and maintain the equipment. The alliance will provide the education and coordinate the partners' activities. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will contribute \$19,500 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2315)

#### **Foss Waterway Seaport** **Teaching Kids to Kayak on the Thea Foss Waterway**

**Grant Awarded: \$59,612**

The Foss Waterway Seaport will use this grant to teach 104 underserved youth to kayak and improve their knowledge of the marine environment. Many students don't have the opportunity to recreate on the water and don't understand the Sound, its health, the benefits it provides, and its connection to the region's well-being. This experience will combine recreation and learning that enhances their classroom science learning. This work will extend a pilot program that targeted under-resourced youth in Tacoma schools by combining kayaking instruction and experiences with marine environmental education. The program demonstrated that youth improved their academic performance, self-esteem, personal responsibility, and personal health. Foss Waterway Seaport will contribute \$183,125 in equipment, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2279)

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#### **Lifeline Connections**

**Grant Awarded: \$74,627**

#### **Teaching Kids Hiking and Trail Building at Camp Mariposa**

Lifeline Connections' Camp Mariposa program will use this grant to provide education on hiking, trail building, and trail mapping for kids ages 9-12 affected by substance use disorders of family members. The program's objective is to give kids the knowledge, tools, and coping skills to prevent them from developing a drug or alcohol abuse disorder of their own. The camp convenes over six weekends at Camp Wa-Ri-Ki in Skamania County, with day activities held between camp weekends at outdoor locations in Clark County. The kids will learn about trail mapping and how to use Global Positioning System (GPS) navigators from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees. They will help convert the trails at Camp Wa-Ri-Ki into educational nature trails and develop trail maps. The kids will receive free hiking boots and socks and bus transportation to camp weekends. Camp Mariposa was started to support youth in the region during the opioid epidemic. A key factor in reducing the drug abuse is early intervention and prevention. Lifeline Connections will contribute \$37,400 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2178)

#### **The Salish Sea School**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

#### **Providing Outdoor Marine Conservation Leadership Programs**

The Salish Sea School will use this grant to provide its year-round marine conservation leadership programs both on shore and on the water. The leadership programs cultivate an outdoor-based student community that works to restore the health of the Salish Sea. Programs include outdoor adventures, place-based lessons, field research, underwater drone exploration, listening to orca calls on a hydrophone, local marine state park hikes, tribal land acknowledgements, animal surveys, lessons on mindfulness in nature and natural history of marine life, leadership mentoring, and participation in service projects such as planting trees for salmon. More than 200 youth, from kindergarten through high school, participate annually. Of those, 42 percent are low income, 40 percent are youth of color, 40 percent are first-generation college-bound students, and 16 percent have a disability. The Salish Sea School will contribute \$147,968 in staff labor, local and private grants, and donations of cash and equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2298)

#### **The Nature Conservancy**

**Grant Awarded: \$63,630**

#### **Getting Kids to Nature Preserves**

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to grow its Partners to Preserves program by supporting 40 trips for almost 400 youth to preserves across Washington. The Partners to

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Preserves program works with organizations serving youth to bring their outdoor programs to conservancy preserves in Douglas, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Okanogan, Pacific, San Juan, and Snohomish Counties. Youth will participate in science and learn natural and cultural history, art, hiking, and camping. This grant will cover transportation, supplies, meals, development of educational toolkits, and stipends to trip leaders. The Nature Conservancy will contribute \$21,214 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2224)

#### **Northwest Watershed Institute**

**Grant Awarded: \$60,000**

#### **Providing an Environmental Science and Leadership Course**

The Northwest Watershed Institute will use this grant to provide a 2-week-long, summer environmental science and leadership course that explores marine, freshwater, and forested environments to 20 teens from east Jefferson County for free. The Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) Program gives the teens high school credit. Ten participants go on to complete mentorships with natural resource experts during the school year for additional high school credit. The teens work with professional mentors from Northwest Watershed Institute, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and other groups who introduce important local natural places and techniques, local environmental issues, solutions, and career paths. The Northwest Watershed Institute will contribute \$20,690 in equipment, and donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2346)

#### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Olympic Peninsula**

**Grant Awarded: \$57,646**

#### **Supporting the Exploring the Great Outdoors Summer Program**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula will use this grant to support the Exploring the Great Outdoors (EGO) summer education project for youth in Clallam County. EGO combines the Olympic National Park's Jr. Ranger program with additional weekly outdoor excursions giving participants hands-on learning with outdoor recreation experiences in the national park and other locations around the peninsula. EGO's goal is to provide underserved youth with engaging outdoor experiences that teach them about nature conservation, environmental stewardship, and local flora and fauna, while also allowing them to gain familiarity with outdoor activities that support a healthy lifestyle, such as hiking, fishing, beachcombing, and kayaking. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Olympic Peninsula will contribute \$33,184 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2380)

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#### **Puget Sound Estuarium Providing Environmental Education Field Trips**

**Grant Awarded: \$54,626**

The Puget Sound Estuarium will use this grant to provide four field trips for more than 1,000 kids from kindergarten through high school. These trips serve kids predominantly from poorer communities across three school districts in Mason and Thurston Counties. The field trips bring students to the Estuarium facility, on a charter boat tour of Budd Inlet, on a walking tour of Olympia's shoreline, and to estuarine habitat restoration sites in the Oakland Bay and Henderson watersheds. Students learn about landforms and geology, water quality, estuarine and marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and human impacts including the effects of climate change on the south Sound and greater Salish Sea. The primary objective of the Estuarium's Education Program Field Trips is to foster the next generation of stewards of southern Puget Sound. The Puget Sound Estuarium will contribute \$18,600 in a private grant and donations of equipment and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2270)

#### **Naturebridge Providing Scholarships for Environmental Education in Olympic National Park**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

NatureBridge will use this grant to provide scholarships to 650 underserved kids, primarily ages 9 to 17, to attend an overnight, environmental science program in Olympic National Park, over 2 years. NatureBridge provides experiential outdoor exploration and environmental education for youth to increase their understanding of the Olympic region's natural ecological processes, local habitat restoration, and stewardship. Students use NatureBridge's Olympic National Park campus as home base during 3- to 5-day adventures, exploring trails, snowshoeing, paddling canoes, and conducting real-world scientific research projects. Of the underserved kids, 53 percent qualify for free and reduced lunch, 30 percent are youth of color, and 5 percent are learning English. Naturebridge will contribute \$25,000 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2042)

#### **Camp Hope of Southwest Washington Expanding Camp Hope**

**Grant Awarded: \$22,350**

Camp Hope of Southwest Washington will use this grant to expand its outdoor programs during the next 2 years by adding a nature photography class, providing food and camping improvements, buying supplies, and hiring up to five part-time staff to allow more kids to attend. Camp Hope sits on 107 acres along the southern banks of the East Fork Lewis River in Battle Ground. It was created to help combat the rise of teen suicides, substance abuse, and low



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academic performance in southwest Washington. Camp Hope provides creative ways for youth to connect with caring adults and other youth, helping them feel valued and accepted. Camp Hope seeks to empower youth and provide them with skills to overcome life's challenges through various methods including outdoor recreation, nature-based education, and mentoring. Camp Hope of Southwest Washington will contribute \$95,664 in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2045)

#### **Sound Experience Launching and Growing Everett at Sea**

**Grant Awarded: \$32,685**

Sound Experience will use grant to launch its Everett at Sea program in 2021 and grow it in 2022. Everett at Sea will provide 60 youth ages 12-18 from the Casino Road community of Everett with on-the-water programs aboard the National Historic Landmark schooner Adventuress. The Everett at Sea program stems from a successful 2019 pilot where Everett teens participated in a multi-day voyage aboard Adventuress, guided by a crew of educators and community mentors, including police officers. Everett at Sea will launch with teens participating in week-long programming that culminates in sailing the tall ship as crew members in-training. Teens will explore environmental science topics such as ocean acidification, plankton, marine life, and marine debris and microplastics in the Salish Sea as well as learn the maritime skills needed to sail the ship. Sound Experience will contribute \$10,895 in a private grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2415)

#### **Wenatchee River Institute Expanding the Traveling Naturalist in the Classroom Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$69,904**

The Wenatchee River Institute will use this grant to expand its Traveling Naturalist in the Classroom program to a new grade level, benefiting 500 youth over 2 years. The institute's naturalist staff will visit schools monthly and each fifth-grade class will participate in a yearly field trip to the institute or public land near their schools for a day of outdoor learning. At schools, outdoor activities will be environmental education lessons, including nature journaling, observation, and educational games. On the field trip, outdoor activities will include hiking as well as place-based environmental, outdoor education lessons. The goal of the Traveling Naturalist in the Classroom program is to help students develop their sense of place in their community, their skills and knowledge of the natural sciences, their interest in science careers, and their appreciation, wonder, and curiosity for the natural world. Wenatchee River Institute will contribute \$81,306 in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of equipment, labor, and

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materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2088)

#### **STIX Diabetes Programs Supporting Summer Camps for Diabetic Youth**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

STIX Diabetes Programs will use this grant to support its summer camps. The vision of STIX was to provide a traditional outdoor summer camp experience while empowering youth with diabetes to rise above their illness and achieve their full potential in life. Having campers step outside their comfort zones, take positive risks, and learn to manage their diabetes while experiencing new outdoor activities was paramount in the planning process. Outdoor time inherently encourages movement, which is vital for physical, mental, and emotional health. The camps will be at YMCA Camp Reed, which sits on 555 acres along the banks of Fan Lake, 30 miles north of Spokane. The camp provides hiking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, rope courses, archery, outdoor crafts, games, and adventuring. STIX Diabetes Programs will contribute \$40,000 in donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2374)

#### **Youth Experiential Training Institute (Y.E.T.I.) Adding a Youth Kayaking Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000**

The Youth Experiential Training Institute (Y.E.T.I.) will use this grant to begin a youth kayaking program on Puget Sound and inland lakes. The program will include collaborations with other area nonprofits, including the Seahurst Environmental Science Center, to help students learn about the Salish Sea, salmon life cycle, and more. The grant also will provide the resources to plan and staff these activities. For more than a decade, Y.E.T.I. has worked with the Highline School District and with other community partners in south King County to invite young people to build deep connections with wild places through outdoor recreation. On these adventures, students refine their social-emotional skills, like grit, to help them be successful on trips and in life. The Youth Experiential Training Institute will contribute \$26,100 in a private grant and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2318)



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#### **San Juan Island Conservation District**

**Grant Awarded: \$40,000**

#### **Expanding the San Juan Islands Youth Conservation Corps**

The San Juan Islands Conservation District will use this grant to recruit economically and culturally under-resourced youth to the Youth Conservation Corps, create field-focused internships for high school students, and provide updated curriculum on ecological sciences research. The Youth Conservation Corp will expand services for middle school students in the summer and develop an internship program for 10 high school students year-round. Youth will work on stewardship and restoration projects, inquiry-based experiential outdoor education, technical field skill-building, and professional development. Students will do trail maintenance, forest stand analysis and data collection, endangered species restorations, beach litter cleanup, public outreach and education, noxious weed removal, and other environmental stewardship activities on federal, state, county, and preservation lands in the San Juan Islands. In addition, youth ages 12-18 will be engaged in curriculum provided in partnership with Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University. The goal is to connect students to meaningful stewardship activities and promote technical expertise in land management. The San Juan Island Conservation District will contribute \$19,000 in a private grant and donations of labor and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2381)

#### **Child and Family Hope Center**

**Grant Awarded: \$60,800**

#### **Expanding Tacoma Outdoor Learning Opportunities**

The Child and Family Hope Center will use this grant to expand the opportunity for underserved youth in the childcare program to engage in outdoor education, recreation, and restoration experiences. The expansion will focus on three groups: low-income youth, children of parents in substance abuse recovery and mental health services, and preschoolers, including those in foster and kinship care. The project connects these students to local, regional, and state parks for ecological activities and activities focused on science, technology, engineering, and math, along with physical education through hikes and park clean-ups. The Child and Family Hope Center will contribute \$20,450 in staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1961)

#### **Mountains to Sound Greenway**

**Grant Awarded: \$68,820**

#### **Offering Environmental Internships**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway will use this grant to support two projects that equip teens with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration they need to pursue conservation careers. The Clean

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Water Ambassadors program provides a paid, year-long internship that gives interns valuable field experience, the ability to hone leadership and communication skills, and a chance to make professional connections in the environmental community. Through field trips and interviewing environmental professionals, interns learn about urban and natural water systems, including the key role of salmon and humans on water quality. In the Equitable Green Opportunities for Youth in Highline program, students participate in a 6-week summer course while earning both school credit and a stipend. Students will work with Greenway Trust staff to restore sites in King County, including Lake Sammamish State Park and Camp Waskowitz. The Mountains to Sound Greenway will contribute \$22,940 in cash and staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2154)

#### **Mount Saint Helens Institute Offering a Volcano Outdoor School**

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000**

The Mount Saint Helens Institute will use this grant to offer an outdoor, science-based education project on Mount Saint Helens, a National Volcanic Monument. The institute will offer day, overnight, and virtual educational programming to 4,600 underserved youth in schools in Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties. Students will come face-to-face with geologic forces and discover the amazing stories of plant and animal life in the heart of the volcano's blast zone. Outdoor recreational opportunities primarily will take place at the monument's Science and Learning Center and at Seaquest State Park's Mount Saint Helens Visitor Center. Activities will include guided hikes, immersed learning using Global Positioning System (GPS) units, journaling, inquiry discussion, and field studies. Youth will acquire an appreciation of the dynamic wilderness in Washington, gain social and emotional learning skills, and benefit from place-based learning that prepares them for academic success and careers in tourism and natural resources. The Mount Saint Helens Institute will contribute \$67,039 in a federal appropriation, a private grant, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2276)

#### **Lakewood Supporting Lakewood's Outdoor Environmental Education Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$17,350**

The City of Lakewood's will use this grant to offer a year of day-long outdoor adventures and events. The grant will be used for staffing, supplies, and program needs to ensure the adventures are low or no cost and accessible to all. The events will include orienteering, geocaching, fishing, non-motorized water sports, environmental education, bird watching, camping and survival skills, nature photography, art, and gardening. The outdoor adventures are designed to bring youth ages 8 to 16 outside to try activities they might not have experienced.

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The activities will be in parks in and around Lakewood. Lakewood will contribute \$5,900. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2086)

#### **Cascadia Conservation District Supporting Watershed Wonders Programming**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Cascadia Conservation District will use this grant to support its Kids in the Creek and Kids in the Forest programs. These programs provide 3,600 middle and high school students from Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties with a full day outdoors investigating forest and streams of north central Washington. The district also will use the grant to create a new program, Ridge to River, which will give 160 students the chance to spend an additional 4 days investigating the Wenatchee River and Entiat River watersheds during different seasons. The goal is to increase student understanding of the local environment and create a positive attitude towards the outdoors. These programs serve highly vulnerable and marginalized populations of low-income families, English language learners, and Hispanic ethnicity. The Cascadia Conservation District will contribute \$25,000 in cash, a state appropriation, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2177)

#### **Tiny Trees Preschool Providing Outdoor Preschool in King County**

**Grant Awarded: \$74,570**

The Tiny Trees Preschool will use this grant to provide equipment and staff support at the first, full-day outdoor preschool program at Dottie Harper Park in Burien. Tiny Trees children are outdoors every day, year-round. That means by the time a child leaves Tiny Trees at the age of 5, they will have spent a majority of their waking lives learning and playing outside, stewards of the nature in their own neighborhoods. Each day, 80 children attend Tiny Trees preschool in one of six locations in city and county parks across King County. Half of the children enrolled receive free or reduced tuition. The grant will ensure access to culturally responsive, outdoor education programs in communities where these opportunities are out of financial reach. The Tiny Trees Preschool will contribute \$38,240 in a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2359)

#### **Palouse Conservation District Cultivating Conservationists in the Palouse**

**Grant Awarded: \$43,000**

The Palouse Conservation District will use this grant to implement an outdoor environmental education program for high school students. At Steptoe Butte State Park, students will develop

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an understanding of the biological diversity of the Palouse Prairie, including the threatened Spaldings Catchfly, and witness an example of private land transitioning into public hands. Standing along the banks of an eroded and restored corridor at Klemgard County Park, students will gain an understanding of the ecological purpose these corridors play in healthy watersheds. Where the Rocky Mountains break east at Mount Spokane State Park, students will observe the transitional zone from prairie to forest and the challenges land managers face in a changing climate. Guided by natural resource professionals, students will engage in scientific inquiry through hands-on natural resource assessments and experiential learning opportunities at these three parks. Students also will develop a sense of place as they carry out assessments of plant diversity, soil health, water quality, effectiveness of conservation practices, and other indicators of ecosystem health and change. The Palouse Conservation District will contribute \$14,334 in federal and local grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2274)

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#### **Unleash the Brilliance**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

#### **Expanding the Outside Experience for King County Youth**

Unleash the Brilliance will use this grant to expand its 3-year-old outdoor program. Working with partners and five high schools in south King County, the program will provide 100 middle and high school students with outdoor, cross-cultural, enrichment activities totaling 24 full days and 40 half days in two summers. Each youth will spend 6 days at Cedar Springs' 62-acre basecamp lodge and 40 half days on public lands in 14 parks in King and Skagit Counties. The grant will allow the group to increase the number of participants from 30 in past years to 100 now, and add an additional 30 hours of programming. Ninety percent of the participants are students of color on free or reduced lunches. Activities include journaling, kayaking, rafting, camping, hiking, water quality monitoring, restoring land along waterways, removing invasive plants, macroinvertebrates waterway sampling, and pollution prevention monitoring. The goals are to increase the executive functioning and emotional maturity of youth exposed to extremely adverse childhood experiences and trauma, re-engage them academically, and provide healing opportunities through an outdoor experience with credible mentors representing a caring community. Project partners include Puget Soundkeeper, King County Water and Land Resources Division, Duwamish Native Veterans Program, Forterra, The Austin Foundation, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Unleash the Brilliance will contribute \$85,267 in private and state grants and donated equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2352)

#### **Swinomish Tribe**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

#### **Supporting the Swinomish Youth Program: Between Two Worlds**

The Swinomish Tribe will use this grant to pay for teachers and program needs for a youth education program called Between Two Worlds. Swinomish people call themselves the "People of the Salmon" and their culture relies on water-dependent livelihoods in the Salish Sea, centered on the Swinomish Reservation near La Conner. A common saying at Swinomish is "When the tide is out, the table is set." Without tribal youth having meaningful experiences of the interconnectedness of nature and a sense of stewardship over the land, the tribe's natural resources and traditional ways of life may be threatened. Between Two Worlds is designed to give Swinomish high school students an appreciation of the land and provide them with the cultural and scientific tools to be good stewards. Each teaching unit includes field activities that integrate science and culture. These occur at local beaches, forests, and estuaries of historic and cultural value to the tribe. The program's goals are to provide experiential, outdoor learning in indigenous science, foster the next generation of stewards, and expose youth to tribal role models and tribal careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. The Swinomish Tribe

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will contribute \$50,006 in staff labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2209)

#### **Nisqually River Foundation**

**Grant Awarded: \$95,638**

#### **Supporting a Nisqually Tribal Youth Outdoor Education Program**

The Nisqually River Foundation will use this grant to provide an outdoor education program for up to 100 students in its Youth Services Program and up to 40 students in the Wa He Lut Indian School. Meeting monthly, the students will gain new exposure to outdoor recreation, traditional foods, outdoor survival skills, the power of their treaty rights, and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. The program will connect youth with place-based learning throughout the Nisqually River watershed, from the source of the river at the Nisqually Glacier on Mount Rainier; to the confluences of the Mashel River, Ohop Creek, and Nisqually River at Nisqually State Park; to the estuary at Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge; and to Puget Sound at Tolmie State Park and Anderson Island. The program combines service and recreation, with activities including hiking, camping, kayaking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and exploring traditional ecological knowledge and food sources. The Nisqually River Foundation will contribute \$52,927 in staff labor and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2186)

#### **Garden-Raised Bounty**

**Grant Awarded: \$140,000**

#### **Expanding Farming Programs for Youth**

Garden-Raised Bounty (GRuB) will use this grant to expand its outdoor youth farm and garden programming. Along with partners Tumwater FRESH, Eatonville GRITS, and Muckleshoot Tribal Schools, GRuB will engage more than 850 kindergarten through high school students in 136,000 hours of outdoor learning. About 75 percent of the kids are people of color, 65 percent qualify for free or reduced lunch, and 25 percent have a physical, behavioral, or cognitive challenge. Activities will include farming and gardening, hiking, identifying plants, harvesting and preparing wild foods and medicines, restoring habitat, learning science, and creating art. Activities will occur in state parks, on tribal lands, in school gardens, and at youth-led farms. Titled "Cultivating Youth, Food, and Ecosystems," the curriculum lifts Native American voices, revitalizes knowledge, and promotes culturally-responsive teaching practices. The primary goal of this project is to engage youth in outdoor learning experiences that provide meaningful connection to land, nutritious food, culture, and community. Garden-Raised Bounty will contribute \$216,400 in donations of cash, a local grant, and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2085)

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#### **Northwest Maritime Center** **Getting Duwamish Valley Kids All Aboard**

**Grant Awarded: \$146,909**

The Northwest Maritime Center will use this grant to support its All Aboard-Duwamish Valley education program, which serves 620 students in grades 6 through 12 with 21,440 hours of outdoor discovery. The center will offer students at Maritime High School, a project-based learning school, five, 5-day sailing expeditions. During the week, students take ownership and by expedition end, they are setting sails, charting courses, and conducting science investigations. Five, 2-day sailing and camping expeditions and 16 half-day kayak and walking tours are designed for middle school students and their families from South Park. The center will offer 28 teachers at Highline Public Schools 32 hours of training, including an overnight, boat-based training and hands-on learning with their students on sailing expeditions. Highline schools are some of the most diverse in the state, with 80 percent of students people of color and more than 60 percent eligible for free and reduced lunches. The goals of these programs are to provide career pathways to maritime and ocean sciences jobs and engage youth in solving the region's environmental challenges. The Northwest Maritime Center will contribute \$48,971 in staff labor and donations of cash and equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2247)

#### **CultureSeed** **Expanding a Outdoor Immersion and Mentoring Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$95,967**

CultureSeed will use this grant to expand its flagship Year-Round Outdoor & Engagement Youth Cohort and Outdoor Mentorship Program to serve 96 kids, year-round for 2 years. Youth attend full-day monthly outings with seasonal recreation opportunities, a 7-day summer backpacking trip, and weekly peer circles. All of the youth qualify for free and reduced lunches and up to 90 percent are youth of color. CultureSeed is in southwest Washington and the only organization in the Columbia Gorge region offering year-round outdoor immersion and outdoor mentorship for historically underserved and low-income youth. CultureSeed engages youth in long-term contact through consistent outdoor adventure, environmental education and stewardship, and a focus on prevention and behavioral health. All of CultureSeed's staff are bilingual and they coordinate with probation officers, judges, and court administrators to be an alternative to incarceration. Staff work with low-income youth to navigate barriers, be it incarceration, transportation, fear of deportation, or crippling anxiety, that keep youth locked in their homes. CultureSeed will contribute \$31,990 in donation of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2286)



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#### **The Service Board** **Supporting Outdoor Recreation Programs for Youth**

**Grant Awarded: \$97,890**

The Service Board will use this grant to support two of its outdoor recreation programs. The youth-led Core Program and the Summer Leadership Impact Program run collectively for 8 months with virtual or in-person workshops, outdoor service-learning projects, and small-group snowboarding, snowshoeing, hiking, and surfing trips. The Service Board provides mentorship, outdoor adventure, environmental and social justice education, and public service opportunities for high-school aged youth from marginalized communities (low-income, people of color, immigrant, refugee, homeless, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) across King County. The vast majority of students face significant financial barriers and have physical and mental health limitations. The organization's goals are to address these barriers, diversify the outdoors, and increase opportunities for participation at the intersections of social, environmental, and civic life. The Service Board will contribute \$32,630 in donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2406)

#### **Hood Canal School District** **Supporting Recreation and Education Programs Along Waterways**

**Grant Awarded: \$137,248**

The Hood Canal School District will use this grant to support its BOOTS and Riparian Enhancement program. This program consists of three separate programs. The Jr. BOOTS program provides opportunities for 24 students to participate in a 45-day course that includes outdoor team-building, hiking, habitat enhancement, trash removal, and trail maintenance. The BOOTS and Riparian Enhancement program provides opportunities for 40 students to participate in 90 days of hiking, backpacking, climbing, kayaking, team-building initiatives, career education, environmental science field work, habitat enhancement, salmon recovery, trash removal, and trail maintenance. The Advanced Summer Wilderness program provides opportunities for six students to participate in a week-long session including an intensive backcountry trip that includes climbing and kayaking. The goals of these programs are to increase educational attainment, build self-esteem, foster stronger student-to-school connections, and promote environmental stewardship. All activities take place in or near habitats along waterways and are intended to positively impact plant and animal species there. The Hood Canal School District will contribute \$113,256 in a state appropriation and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2065)



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#### **Lummi Nation**

**Grant Awarded: \$99,185**

#### **Supporting Lummi Youth Living and Protecting Schelangen**

The Lummi Nation will use this grant for an environmental science program that provides tribal youth with culturally relevant environmental science activities and hands-on education.

"Schelangen" is a Lummi word meaning "way of life." It is the living identity of the Lummi people and their collective, shared cultural knowledge. The program integrates environmental science and schelangen in the classroom for 175 students in third through eighth grades at the Lummi Nation School. The students participate in intertidal beach surveys, water quality testing, habitat restoration, traditional spring fishing, nature walks, and salmon and shellfish hatchery tours. The program's two goals are to engage Lummi Nation students in stewardship activities and to connect tribal youth with Lummi elders, natural resources managers, Lummi fisheries commissioners, and community leaders who can provide traditional knowledge and stories, and the Lummi history of fishing, hunting, and gathering. The Lummi Nation will contribute \$35,840 in equipment. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2328)

#### **North Cascades Institute**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

#### **Offering Youth Leadership Adventures**

The North Cascades Institute will use this grant to offer Youth Leadership Adventures, which is an environmental education program that provides 8- and 12-day backpacking and canoe camping courses for high school students in Skagit and Whatcom Counties. Each student will spend 12 to 16 hours building and maintaining trails, bridges, and backcountry campgrounds in North Cascades National Park or Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Students also are connected to a climate activism, after-school program called Youth for the Environment and People! This allows them to put their ideas for protecting the environment into practice. Throughout the 12-week program, students gather in state parks to conduct stewardship projects, gain skills in civic engagement, and network with other environmental agencies and businesses. The goals of Youth Leadership Adventures are to increase access to outdoor recreation, normalize conversations about climate change and environmental justice, and empower local youth to envision and build a just and sustainable future. By engaging in immersive wilderness experiences, the teens build leadership and communication skills that give them the confidence to engage in collaborative action. The North Cascades Institute will contribute \$184,930 in local and private grants and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2332)

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#### **YMCA of Greater Seattle Taking Kids Beyond City Limits**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

The YMCA of Greater Seattle will use this grant to support its BOLD & GOLD (Boys & Girls Outdoor Leadership Development) Beyond City Limits project. This project provides a three-tiered, outdoor adventure progression that will serve 2,500 youth during 2 years. The YMCA will offer new, single-day hiking, boating, climbing, and snowshoeing programs and front country camping experiences as a gateway to 1- to 3-week wilderness backpacking trips. Beyond City Limits will take place outdoors and on public lands including state parks, state Department of Natural Resources areas, and federal lands. Participants will develop community awareness, emotional intelligence, self-confidence, courage, and wonder for the natural world. The YMCA of Greater Seattle will contribute \$1.1 million in a private grant and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2073)

#### **Yakima Valley Farm Workers Supporting an Outdoor Adventure Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

The Yakima Valley Farm Workers will use this grant to support the Outdoor Adventure Program, which is an after-school program that aims to provide meaningful outdoor experiences for youth who have little or no access to Washington's state and national parks. In the lower Yakima Valley, the program will provide services to 980 low-income youth, of which 92 percent are youth of color, 66 percent are English language learners, and 94 percent qualify for free and reduced lunch. The goals are to engage students in learning experiences that promote personal responsibility and improve academic performance through a variety of activities, including hiking, camping, swimming, backpacking, outdoor cooking, and environmental outdoor education. The program's adventures will take place on public lands throughout Yakima County and its surrounding state and national parks, and are the culmination of a place-based curriculum emphasizing physical health and academic, social, and emotional growth. Yakima Valley Farm Workers will contribute \$55,215 in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1960)

#### **The Mountaineers Offering Mountain Workshops for Puget Sound Area Kids**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

The Mountaineers will use this grant to expand its Mountain Workshops program, which is a wellness-based program that empowers youth with experiential outdoor education and recreation opportunities. The Mountain Workshops will serve at least 3,000 youth through

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200 program days and more than 15,000 hours of time outside. About 79 percent of students are youth of color and 74 percent qualify for free or reduced lunch. Through partnerships with more than 30 schools and nonprofits in King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties, Mountain Workshops support the needs of youth who traditionally face significant barriers to accessing outdoor programming. The goal of the program is to deliver single- and multi-day outdoor experiences that inspire youth to build a lifelong connection with nature. Participants enjoy year-round activities on public lands, including rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing, camping, and more. The activities take place on a number of public lands, including six state parks, one Department of Natural Resources' land, Mount Rainier National Park, and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The Mountaineers will contribute \$164,650 in staff labor, a private grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-1970)

#### **Pierce County**

**Grant Awarded: \$87,306**

#### **Supporting Outdoor Experiences for Pierce County Rural Teens**

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to support the Pierce Outdoor LIFE (Leadership Instruction and Field Experiences) Program for rural teens living in Pierce County whom Juvenile Court determined need access to outdoor adventure experiences for social-emotional benefits. One day a week for 6 weeks, 10-12 teens receive nature-based experiential learning and leadership development, hands-on natural stewardship projects with environmental education lessons, and outdoor sport and leisure activities. Five days are held in a regional park and one day is an outing where the teens practice the skills learned in a state park. The participants will be introduced to a variety of activity providers and environmental education specialists who can help them pursue outdoor recreation after the program. Pierce Outdoor Life is a collaborative project with Juvenile Court, which refers the teens; Pierce County, which developed and manages the program; and Washington State University Cooperative Extension, which provides training and evaluation. Pierce County will contribute \$57,260 in equipment, staff labor, materials, and donated labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2342)

#### **Glacier Peak Institute**

**Grant Awarded: \$117,591**

#### **Promising Outdoor Adventures for Youth**

The Glacier Peak Institute will use this grant to provide gear, coordination, knowledge, transportation, and mentorship for marginalized youth to experience outdoor adventures. The PROMISE (Promoting the Outdoors: Momentum in Snohomish & Skagit Outdoor Education) program's goals are to build a growth mindset and lifetime passion to explore the full beauty of

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Washington's outdoors. This grant will serve rural, tribal, low-income, and youth of color. A portion of the grant goes to training alumni of these programs to become volunteer raft, hike, and bike guides for participating youth to see adults with similar backgrounds persist in the outdoors. Based in the north Cascade Mountains, the Glacier Peak Institute was created after the tragic Oso mudslide to combat youths' limited access to the outdoors, marginalization, cuts to school programs, and adverse conditions. The Glacier Peak Institute will contribute \$252,772 in donations of cash, equipment, and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot [for more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2366)



**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium  
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

**Summary**

The Legislature approved \$9.1 million for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA). Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-19

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the final ranked list and grant awards for the projects shown in Table 1.

**Background**

The Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Program provides grants to acquire, develop, and restore the state's aquatic lands and associated water. Aquatic lands include tidelands, shore lands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters. The program has three purposes: protection and enhancement of a site's naturally self-sustaining ecological functions, providing people with access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands as a limited resource.

**Application Process**

Applicants submit ALEA project proposals to the RCO during the even-numbered calendar year of each biennium. In the fall of 2020, the ALEA Advisory Committee evaluated and ranked projects for acquisition, development, or restoration of aquatic lands using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

In November 2020, the board adopted the preliminary ranked list of ALEA projects for submittal to the Governor and Legislature. See Resolution [2020-38](#) (shown as 2020-20, but corrected to 2020-38 in [January 2021](#)).

### **Certification of Match Required**

By policy, state and local agency applicants must provide a minimum fifty percent or 1:1 match for an ALEA grant. To help mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all applicants qualified for a match reduction per the board's approval of a federal disaster pathway for 2020 applicants.<sup>1</sup> This means the match was reduced from fifty percent to twenty-five percent. Applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 30, 2021, funding meeting.<sup>2</sup> Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. All ALEA applicants certified that their matching funds are available.

### **Program Funding and Legislative Action**

Funding for the ALEA program comes from one of two sources: 1) money raised by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources from activities on aquatic lands, such as leases to marinas and the sale of harvest rights for geoduck clams; or 2) the sale of general obligation bonds.

The Legislature passed the 2021-23 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$9.1 million in state bond monies for ALEA projects. The Legislature also approved the list of ALEA projects recommended for funding as shown in LEAP Capital Document No. RCO-3.1-HB-2021. With board approval, the funds provided will fully fund all projects on the list.

## **Analysis**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to protect, preserve, develop, restore, and enhance habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board's goals to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it and deliver successful projects by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management. The criteria for selecting

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 2020-09

<sup>2</sup> Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for ALEA funding support the board-adopted priorities in the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

### **Public Comment**

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in November 2020. In May 2021, RCO received correspondence from organizations asking to withdraw their support for the top ranked project. This correspondence is provided in Attachment B for board consideration. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCO staff recommends approval of the final ranked list of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1.

### **Next Steps**

If the board approves the list and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute grant agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

### **Attachments**

- A. Resolution 2021-19, including Table 1 – *Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium*
- B. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board**  
**Resolution #2021-19**  
**Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account**  
**Approval of the Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2021-23 State Capital Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. RCO-3.1-HB-2021; 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 to maintain fully functioning ecosystems and to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation and approval of these projects 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, *Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23* indicates the projects that have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and program policies; and

**WHEREAS**, funding these projects would further the board's goal to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established plan priorities and to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process, and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget which includes an appropriation of \$9.1 million for ALEA for the 2021-23 biennium;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list and award grants for the projects in Table 1 – *Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.



*Resolution moved by:*

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*Resolution seconded by:*

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*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*

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**Table 1: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	60.4	20-1322 C	Edmonds	Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park	\$500,000	\$4,115,549	\$4,615,549	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	59.8	20-1760 D	Lakewood	American Lake Park Waterfront Access Upgrades	\$500,000	\$884,920	\$1,384,920	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
3	57.8	20-1725 R	Bellingham	Little Squalicum Estuary	\$500,000	\$2,098,640	\$2,598,640	\$1,500,000	\$500,000
4	54.3	20-1709 D	Port of Bellingham	Fairhaven Small Watercraft Launch and Dock	\$500,000	\$1,391,200	\$1,891,200	\$2,000,000	\$500,000
5	53.3	20-1653 D	Snohomish County	Kayak Point Waterfront Improvements Phase 1	\$500,000	\$2,505,971	\$3,005,971	\$2,500,000	\$500,000
6	53.1	20-1302 D	Seattle	Terry Pettus Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$1,240,000	\$1,740,000	\$3,000,000	\$500,000
7	52.5	20-1557 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Nisqually State Park	\$500,000	\$2,197,772	\$2,697,772	\$3,500,000	\$500,000
8	50.8	20-1711 D	Port of Illahee	Waterfront Access Improvements	\$500,000	\$312,000	\$812,000	\$4,000,000	\$500,000
9	50.6	20-1841 C	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2	\$425,300	\$147,000	\$572,300	\$4,425,300	\$425,300
10	49.9	20-1474 D	Spokane County	Liberty Lake Regional Park Phase 1	\$500,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,900,000	\$4,925,300	\$500,000
11	49.6	20-1672 D	Mountlake Terrace	Ballinger Park Viewing Platform and Nature Trails	\$500,000	\$418,000	\$918,000	\$5,425,300	\$500,000
12	47.4	20-1483 C	Manson Park and Recreation District	Manson Bay Old Swim Hole Acquisition and Development	\$630,000	\$210,000	\$840,000	\$6,055,300	\$630,000
13	46.1	20-1751 R	Blaine	Marine Park Beach Naturalization	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$800,000	\$6,555,300	\$500,000
14	44.9	20-1758 D	Kirkland	David Brink Park Shoreline Renovation	\$500,000	\$811,600	\$1,311,600	\$7,055,300	\$500,000
14	44.9	20-1819 D	Port of Silverdale	Expand Silverdale Float Facilities and Enhance Beach	\$500,000	\$571,181	\$1,071,181	\$7,555,300	\$500,000
16	38.9	20-1530 D	King County	Marymoor Park Dock Replacement	\$500,000	\$642,128	\$1,142,128	\$8,055,300	\$500,000
17	33.7	20-1736 D	Port of Kingston	Guest Restroom Facility Replacement	\$172,200	\$57,400	\$229,600	\$8,227,500	\$172,200
18	31.3	20-1670 D	Port of Anacortes	Cap Sante Marina RV Park	\$500,000	\$650,985	\$1,150,985	\$8,727,500	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$8,727,500</b>	<b>\$19,954,346</b>	<b>\$28,681,846</b>		<b>\$8,727,500</b>

LEAP Capital Document No. RCO-3.1-HB2021

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=acquisition, C=combination of two or more acquisition, development, or restoration elements, D=development, R=restoration

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO for this agenda item. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters or emails submitted for that project.

### ALEA Letters are in Ranked Order

- 20-1322C Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park (2) Rank 1



Attachment B

Save.the.Edmonds.Marsh@gmail.com

August 7, 2019

To: Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

The 'Save Our Marsh' community group in Edmonds, WA supports the Marina Beach Park renovation grant applications (PRISM #20-1296 and #1322) from the City of Edmonds because they are a critical component of the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project to restore a fully functional tidal wetland along Puget Sound.

The Edmonds Marsh-Estuary has been partially disconnected from Puget Sound since the 1960's when the tidal outlet was put into a 1,600-foot pipe (with a tide gate) that discharges underwater into Puget Sound. Although the tide gate is secured open in spring and summer to allow limited tidal exchange, the fall and winter exclusion of saltwater into the marsh-estuary for many years has created a dysfunctional tidal wetland ecosystem with poor circulation. The long pipe exiting into saltwater below low tide levels has prevented adult salmon from spawning in upland streams, and has prevented juvenile Chinook salmon from rearing and feeding in an estuary.

There is substantial community support for this restoration project. Many residents and visitors to Edmonds go to the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary and Marina Beach Park to enjoy the natural setting and the recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities. The north edge of the Marsh has observation platforms and a boardwalk that provide excellent viewing opportunities. Over 190 different bird species have been documented at the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary and the restoration project will enhance the estuarine habitat for shorebirds as well as aquatic species. Both coho and chum salmon were observed in the past in the streams draining into the marsh and the Edmonds community is united in its desire to bring salmon back for future generations to enjoy.

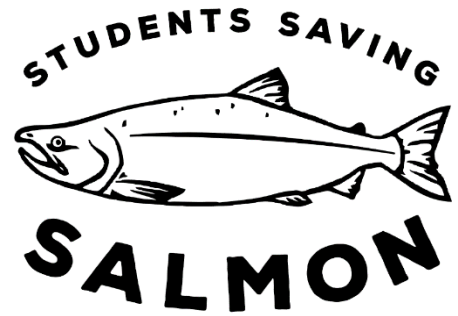
The renovation design proposed for Marina Beach Park will allow the public to view adult salmon migrating up the tidal channel. There is a very limited number of publicly accessible locations for people to see wild salmon in their natural setting, and this project will greatly add to the public's wildlife viewing and educational opportunities.

We urge the RCO to approve the grant funding requested that will benefit salmon, wildlife, and people throughout the State that appreciate access to our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Joe Scordino  
Save Our Marsh

***SAVE OUR MARSH is a community-driven effort to preserve, enhance and restore the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary for the benefit of wildlife and salmon as well as current and future generations of people who enjoy our natural environment.***



August 10, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

Students Saving Salmon club from Edmonds-Woodway High School and Meadowdale High School support the Marina Beach Park renovation grant applications (PRISM #20-1296 and #1322) because it will reopen a tidal channel between the beach and the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary that will allow salmon to once again return to Edmonds streams.

Students Saving Salmon was formed in 2014 by students concerned about the environment, especially salmon and their habitat, and our goal is to return salmon to all of the streams in Edmonds. Students participate in field studies to collect and disseminate scientific information; conduct community outreach, and assist community salmon enhancement and habitat restoration efforts.

We have collected data on water quality, pollutants and habitat conditions in the Edmonds Marsh and its' tributary streams since 2015 that confirm that restoring open tidal exchange is critical for the health of the Marsh-Estuary and return of salmon. Conditions in the Marsh-Estuary have deteriorated since the 1960's when the estuary outlet was put into a 1,600-foot underground pipe with a tide gate that has prevented tidal exchange causing sedimentation backup, proliferation of invasive species, restricted water circulation, overheating, and total blockage of salmon migration.

This project will contribute to Washington State goals to restore the nearshore environment in Puget Sound for salmon and other aquatic and wildlife species, and we urge the RCO to approve the applications.

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**Subject:** Withdrawal of Public Support for ALEA Project #20-1322 and WWRP Project #20-1296

External Email

This is to request retraction of the 'Save Our Marsh' and 'Students Saving Salmon' letters of support for Project #20-1322 "Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park" and Project #20-1296 "Marina Beach Park Redevelopment" (original copies attached).

Community support for these projects were premised on them being a part of the larger Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project - - but that project has been stalled due to inland property owner issues (WSDOT/Unocal) and location of the tidal channel. The City of Edmonds' 2020 grant application to RCO for the final design of the tidal channel from the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary to Puget Sound (including through the Marina Beach property) was withdrawn due to technical review comments and the Unocal property issues (see Project #20-1056). A 2019 NFWF grant to the City for tidal design work also was retracted by the grantee in 2020. We cannot support issuance of the ALEA and WWRP grants until such time that there is certainty on the City proceeding with an approved final design for the tidal channel as part of the overall restoration project.

The ALEA and WWRP grant applications "assume" that the tidal channel final specifications including channel width, meander provisions, channel hardening/armoring, and buffer widths have been determined - but that is not the case currently - how can any of the Marina Beach Park renovation design and other work proceed without an approved (and funded) plan for the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project? The City's 2016 Master Plan for Marina Beach acknowledged that the final tidal channel design and buffer widths had to be determined (by restoration scientists) before specific design of Park facilities (including bathroom and parking areas) could be finalized (see minutes of the February 2, 2016 Edmonds City Council Public Meeting).

As stated in the attached letters, the community fully supports restoring the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary so that salmon will be able to swim through Marina Beach Park to enter the Marsh-Estuary and upland streams. But, we do not support a piecemeal approach to the overall restoration project by these two grants that would fund Marina Beach Park renovation work around a tidal channel that is yet to be designed. We are also concerned this piecemeal approach will exhaust the City's capability to provide

matching funds for the overall restoration project that we would definitely like to see happen sooner rather than later. The minutes of the City Council's

May 4, 2021 Public Meeting provides details on these concerns including funding concerns for the City coming up with the additional \$4M for the Marina Beach project "outside" the realm of the overall restoration project.

I recommend the RCO either delay issuance of these grants until the overall restoration project is approved by RCO (and include appropriate grant conditions that confirm the 'sub-component' aspect of the two grants), OR deny issuance of the grants at this time due to the lack of resolution on final design of the tidal channel that the grants need to be 'working around'.





July 30, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street S.E.  
Olympia, Washington 98501  
WRIA 8 Grant Funding Committee

Dear Esteemed Members of the Recreation and Conservation Office,

Please accept this letter of support from The Off-Leash Area Edmonds (OLAE) for the City of Edmonds' plan to renovate Marina Beach Park as part of the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project. OLAE is a local non-profit group that was founded in 2005 to steward, restore, educate and clean-up the off-leash area in Edmonds. Our hard-working volunteers over the past 15 years in conjunction with Rich Lindsay, Parks and Recreation Manager have removed tons of debris and managed five Eagle Scout Project to bring this area to be recognized by the Seattle Times as "the Club-Med of Dog Parks" (see attached page).

This project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh near-shore restoration and has been a popular regional park and Native Wildlife Park with the community for decades. The OLAE Board supports the overall Marsh Estuary Restoration project that will reconnect the Marsh to Puget Sound restoring critical estuary functions and salmon migrations, and expanding a wildlife sanctuary. The Marina Beach comprehensive design took over two years to complete and was a massive public outreach project. Initially the consultants came up with a design the completely eliminated the off-leash area. Citizens were up in arms and after hundreds of hours of testimony, open houses and public comments, the final design included a smaller off-leash area where park users will cross a bridge over the tidal channel to our park. The overlook from bridge should provide wonderful views of the tidal exchange and adult salmon migrating back into the Marsh estuary. For the record, water quality tests at the off-leash area are BETTER than any other area tested along that shoreline.

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The Board of OLAE always supports the efforts of the City of Edmonds to redevelop Marina Beach and restore the Edmonds Marsh estuary as we must remember that generations to come need a place: for recreation, for understanding, learning and discovering this unique ecosystem; for enjoying nature's backdrop of beauty; and most importantly for dog owners to have a beautiful "Club-Med" for their dogs to play.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely the Board of OLAE (woof),

/s/Brian Albright,  
/s/Diane Buckshnis,  
/s/Shay Hastler,  
/s/Kristie Kloomer,  
/s/Glenda Konkol,  
/s/Lori Parsons,  
/s/Joshua Wilde

cc: City of Edmonds,  
OLAE Board Members

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**Subject:** Withdrawal of OLAE support for ALEA Project #20-1322 and WWRP Project #20-1296

External Email

Dear Esteemed Environmentalists,

We would like to withdraw the Off Leash Area Edmonds (OLAE) letter of support for Project #20-1322 "Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park" and Project #20-1296 "Marina Beach Park Redevelopment".

As we stated in our original letter of support, we support "the City of Edmonds' plan to renovate Marina Beach Park AS PART OF the overall Edmonds MarshEstuary Restoration Project." However, the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Project has been put on hold pending resolution of the inland property issues (i.e., cleanup of the Unocal property, title transfer to WSDOT, and WSDOT receiving compensation from the City of Edmonds). Thus, the final design of the tidal channel that will cross the Unocal property and Marina Beach Park has not been completed.

The City of Edmonds' 2020 grant application to RCO for the final design of the tidal channel from the Edmonds MarshEstuary to Puget Sound (including through Marina Beach Park) was withdrawn due to technical review comments and the Unocal property issues (see Project #20-1056). Although the Marina Beach Park renovation is an essential part of the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project, it cannot and should not proceed separately from the overall restoration project which has been delayed due to the Unocal property issue. Further, without a final design on channel location, width, meander, and buffer widths across Marina Beach Park, it would be a waste of grant funds to proceed with any aspect of the Park renovation at this time (since all aspects of the Park remodel are contingent upon the exact locations of and buffer widths around the tidal channel).

The Edmonds community and WRIA 8 scientists have urged the City to take a comprehensive and holistic approach to restoring the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary (that

obviously includes Marina Beach Park) for salmon recovery and the Meadowdale Beach near-shore restoration currently being restored was used as an example of the holistic approach that also includes a public park aspect. So, we believe it is premature for the City to proceed with the scopes of work proposed in the ALEA and WWRP grants. As such, the Board of O.L.A.E. support cancellation or a future issuance of the ALEA and WWRP grants until such time that there is certainty on the overall restoration project including an approved final design for the tidal channel across Marina Beach Park.

Sincerely and woofs,

Brian Albright, Diane Buckshnis, Shay Hastler, Glenda Konkol, Julie Nealy, Lori Parson and Josh Wilde

**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium  
Boating Facilities Program

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

**Summary**

The Legislature approved nearly \$15 million for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP). Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-20

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

**Program Description**

The Boating Facilities Program (BFP) provides financial assistance for recreational boating access on both fresh and salt waters. State and local agencies use the funds to design, permit, acquire, renovate, and develop sites for motorized recreational boating. Improvements typically include launch ramps, guest moorage, and support amenities such as breakwaters, vehicle-trailer parking, restrooms, laundry, and other facilities used exclusively or primarily by recreational boaters.

**Application Process**

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) received twenty-nine grant proposals requesting approximately \$18 million in BFP funds in November 2020. Two applicants withdrew their proposals, leaving twenty-seven applications for fund consideration. Using an evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation

Funding Board (board), the Boating Programs Advisory Committee reviewed and evaluated projects in the program's two categories – State Agency and Local Agency.

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for BFP, the board adopted the preliminary ranked lists of projects via Resolution 2021-11 at the April 2021 meeting.

### **Certification of Match Required**

Local agency applicants must provide a minimum 25 percent match for a BFP grant award. Local and state agencies providing match must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 30, 2021, funding meeting.<sup>1</sup> Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. All BFP applicants required to do so certified their match by the established deadline.

### **Program Funding and Legislative Action**

BFP funding comes from a portion of marine fuel taxes attributed to boaters. The money appropriated for BFP is divided into two equal shares. One share provides funding for state agency projects and the other share funds local agency projects.

The Legislature passed the 2021-23 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$14,950,000 for BFP grants. The Local Agency Category will receive \$7,475,000, which is enough money to fully fund the 10 highest ranked projects and provides partial funding for two projects that tied for eleventh place. The \$7,475,000 for the State Agency Category will fully fund nine projects and partially fund the tenth.

## **Analysis**

### **Strategic Plan Link**

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's goal to protect, restore, and develop recreation opportunities. The grant process supports the board's goals to (a) achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it, and (b) deliver successful projects by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

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<sup>1</sup>Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

## **Public Comment**

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in April 2021. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

## **Staff Recommendation**

RCO staff recommends approval of the ranked lists of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1 for each Boating Facilities Program category.

## **Next Steps**

If the board approves the lists and funding amounts, the RCO director will be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all the post approval requirements.

## **Attachments**

- A. Resolution 2021-20, including Table 1 – *Boating Facilities Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2021-23*

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2021-20  
Boating Facilities Program  
Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium**

**WHEREAS**, twenty-seven grant proposals for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) are being considered for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide for acquisition, planning, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the review and evaluation of these projects 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and Manual 9, *Boating Facilities Program* policy manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the Boating Facilities Program for the 2021-23 biennium;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked lists and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2021-23*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes RCO's Director to execute project agreements for funded projects to facilitate prompt project implementation.

*Resolution moved by:*

*Resolution seconded by:*

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*

**Table 1: Boating Facilities Program**  
**Local Agency Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	61.55	20-2323 D	Kennewick	Columbia Park Boat Launch Boarding Float Rehabilitation	\$135,000	\$45,000	\$180,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
2	60.73	20-2095 D	Port of Chinook	Port of Chinook Boat Launch Replacement	\$944,439	\$241,110	\$1,185,549	\$1,079,439	\$944,439
3	59.73	20-2343 D	Snohomish County	Kayak Point Elevated Boat Launch	\$1,000,000	\$1,702,498	\$2,702,498	\$2,079,439	\$1,000,000
4	56.91	20-2083 D	Port of Port Townsend	Gardiner Boat Launch Improvement	\$539,877	\$134,970	\$674,847	\$2,619,316	\$539,877
5	56.18	20-2217 D	Port of Brownsville	Port of Brownsville Boating Facilities	\$86,025	\$28,675	\$114,700	\$2,705,341	\$86,025
6	55.91	20-2000 D	Port of Camas-Washougal	Parker's Landing Marina Breakwater Access Area	\$1,000,000	\$469,827	\$1,469,827	\$3,705,341	\$1,000,000
6	55.91	20-2115 D	Port of Whitman County	Boyer Park and Marina Dock Replacement	\$1,000,000	\$1,109,120	\$2,109,120	\$4,705,341	\$1,000,000
8	55.64	20-2101 P	Manson Park and Recreation District	Manson Bay Marina Breakwater Replacement	\$82,500	\$27,500	\$110,000	\$4,787,841	\$82,500
9	55.27	20-2059 D	Port of Illahee	Guest Moorage Improvements	\$851,065	\$299,000	\$1,150,065	\$5,638,906	\$851,065
10	54.91	20-2080 D	King County	Dockton Moorage Renovation Phase 2	\$1,000,000	\$2,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$6,638,906	\$1,000,000
11	52.00	20-2119 D	Port of Friday Harbor	Jackson Beach Parking Overlay and Restroom Upgrade	\$330,750	\$110,250	\$441,000	\$6,969,656	\$207,806 <sup>2</sup>
11	52.00	20-2142 D	Port of Silverdale	Silverdale Launch and Dock Facilities Upgrades	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000	\$7,969,656	\$628,288 <sup>2</sup>
13	51.91	20-2153 A	Aberdeen	Southshore Public Waterfront	\$321,900	\$107,300	\$429,200	\$8,291,556	Alternate



**Table 1: Boating Facilities Program**  
**Local Agency Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
14	51.73	20-2384 D	Port of Kingston	Kingston Guest Moorage Floats	\$421,250	\$192,750	\$614,000	\$8,712,806	Alternate
15	51.46	20-2158 D	Lake Stevens	North Cove Guest Moorage Development	\$116,245	\$40,000	\$156,245	\$8,829,051	Alternate
16	45.91	20-2006 D	Port of Willapa Harbor	Tokeland Marina Fishers RV Park and Campground	\$764,000	\$531,000	\$1,295,000	\$9,593,051	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$9,458,051</b>	<b>\$7,494,000</b>	<b>\$16,952,051</b>		<b>\$7,475,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Types: A=Acquisition, D=Development, P=Planning

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding



**Table 1: Boating Facilities Program**  
**State Agency Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	56	20-2425 C	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Lakebay Marina Acquisition	\$1,776,000	\$1,776,000	\$1,776,000
2	55.09	20-2072 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Fuller Bridge Access Area Redevelopment	\$760,000	\$2,536,000	\$760,000
2	55.09	20-2302 P	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Twenty-Five Mile Creek Boat Ramp and Moorage Floats	\$200,000	\$2,736,000	\$200,000
4	54.18	20-2096 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Patterson Lake Access Area Redevelopment	\$880,000	\$3,616,000	\$880,000
5	52.55	20-2417 P	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Sacajawea Snake River Floats Planning	\$200,000	\$3,816,000	\$200,000
6	52.09	20-2340 P	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Sacajawea Moorage and Parking Improvements	\$200,000	\$4,016,000	\$200,000
7	52	20-2314 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Lake Terrell Boarding Float Replacement	\$360,000	\$4,376,000	\$360,000
8	49.91	20-2230 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Million Dollar Mile North Access Area Redevelopment	\$965,000	\$5,341,000	\$965,000
9	49.64	20-2191 P	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Marine Moorage Buoy Planning	\$291,000	\$5,632,000	\$291,000
10	49.09	20-2189 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Stuart Island-Reid Harbor Moorage Replacement	\$1,872,500	\$7,504,500	\$1,843,000 <sup>2</sup>
11	48	20-2190 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Sucia Island-Fossil Bay Moorage Replacement	\$1,715,000	\$9,219,500	Alternate
Total					\$9,219,500		\$7,475,000

<sup>1</sup>Project Types: C=Combination, D=Development, P=Planning

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding



**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium  
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

**Summary**

The Legislature approved \$630,000 for the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) grant program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-21

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

**Program Description**

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) program grants support firearm and archery recreation. Funds may be used to purchase, develop, and renovate facilities for handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun, and archery sports. The primary goal of the FARR program is to increase general public access to firearm and archery range facilities. This includes law enforcement personnel, members of the public with concealed pistol or hunting licenses, and those enrolled in firearm or hunter safety education classes.

**Application Process**

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) received seven grant proposals requesting approximately \$500,000 in FARR funds in November 2020. Using an evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), the FARR advisory committee reviewed and evaluated proposals.

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for FARR, the board adopted the preliminary ranked list of projects via Resolution 2021-12 at the April 2021 meeting.

### **Certification of Match Required**

State law requires applicants to provide a minimum 33 percent match for noise abatement or safety improvement elements and minimum 50 percent match for all other projects or project elements. Applicants providing match must certify that they have matching funds available before the June 30, 2021, funding meeting. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. All FARR applicants certified their match by the established deadline.

### **Program Funding and Legislative Action**

The FARR program receives funding from the sale of concealed pistol licenses. Currently the grant program receives \$2.16 from each permit sold. The Legislature passed the state capital budget for the 2021-23 biennium, which includes an appropriation of \$630,000 for FARR projects. There are enough dollars to fully fund all of the projects.

## **Analysis**

### **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 goals to (a) achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it, and (b) deliver successful projects by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

### **Public Comment**

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in April 2021. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

## **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the ranked list and funding for projects as shown in Table 1, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23*.

## Next Steps

If the board approves the list and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

## Attachments

- A. Resolution 2021-21, including Table 1 – *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium.*

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2021-21  
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation  
Approval of Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for 2021-23 Biennium**

**WHEREAS**, for seven Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) projects are being considered for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

**WHEREAS**, the review and evaluation of these projects 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**, *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23* is a list of the projects the meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and Manual 11, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the FARR Program for the 2021-23 biennium;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes RCO's Director to execute project agreements for funded projects to facilitate prompt project implementation.

*Resolution moved by:*

*Resolution seconded by:*

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*



**Table 1: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	74.00	20-1995 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Swakane Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range Phase 2	\$90,000	\$180,000	\$270,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
2	72.62	20-1967 D	Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club	Pistol Caliber Range Berm Improvement	\$48,480	\$24,240	\$72,720	\$138,480	\$48,480
3	71.25	20-2049 D	Tri-Cities Shooting Association	Smallbore and High Powered Silhouette Rifle Range	\$77,878	\$82,022	\$159,900	\$216,358	\$77,878
4	70.75	20-1987 D	Cowlitz County	Cowlitz Public Shooting Range Phase 3	\$117,586	\$117,586	\$235,172	\$333,944	\$117,586
5	66.12	20-2353 D	KBH Archers Incorporated	Storage Building Replacement	\$60,959	\$60,960	\$121,919	\$394,903	\$60,959
6	65.88	20-2125 D	Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club	Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club Clubhouse Reroof	\$23,250	\$23,250	\$46,500	\$418,153	\$23,250
7	64.12	20-2420 D	Skookum Archers	Americans with Disabilities Act Access and Course Improvements	\$121,500	\$121,500	\$243,000	\$539,653	\$121,500
Total					\$539,653	\$609,558	\$1,149,211		\$539,653

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development



**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program:  
Approval of Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium

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**Summary**

The Legislature approved \$10 million for the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting final funding approval for the projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-22

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in Table 1.

**Background**

The Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program is a motor vehicle fuel-tax refund grant program that provides grants for planning, acquiring land, constructing, and maintaining facilities for a variety of back-road activities. This includes cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, sightseeing, motorcycling, and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles. A portion of NOVA funding is set aside for grants that may be used for education and enforcement programs serving these recreationists to preserve and protect NOVA recreation opportunities.



## Application Process

Applicants submitted 116 NOVA grant applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in 2020, requesting nearly \$16 million in grant funds. During the grant cycle, applicants withdrew applications that were ineligible or were not ready to proceed. In the fall of 2020, NOVA Advisory Committee members evaluated and ranked the remaining 112 applications using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for NOVA, the board adopted the preliminary ranked lists of projects via Resolutions 2021-06 to 2021-09 at the April 2021 meeting.

## Certification of Match Required

NOVA applicants are not required to provide match, however, if match is included in the proposal, applicants must certify that they have matching funds available before the funding meeting.<sup>1</sup> Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. Most applicants have certified that their matching funds are available. However, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

### NOVA Nonhighway Road

- Rank 23 – Lewis River Corridor Planning ([20-2091P](#)). U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest did not certify match because of its low ranking.

### NOVA Nonmotorized

- Rank 24 – Beacon Rock Hamilton Mountain Trail Re-Route ([20-2197D](#)). Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission did not certify match because of its low ranking.
- Rank 25 – Mt. Spokane State Park Trail System Planning ([20-2011P](#)). Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission did not certify match because of its low ranking.

These three applications are no longer eligible for funding consideration and are shown as “Not Eligible” on the final ranked lists in Table 1.

## Program Funding and Legislative Action

The State Treasurer credits one percent of the motor vehicle fuel tax revenues to NOVA programs, as outlined in RCW 46.09. The board receives 58.5 percent of those funds for

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<sup>1</sup> Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

its recreation grants.<sup>2</sup> The off-road vehicle (ORV) category receives funding from ORV permit fees in addition to fuel tax funds.

### Allocation of Funds to the Program Categories

Chapter 46.09 RCW directs the allocation of fuel tax funds among these four categories: Education and Enforcement, Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle recreation (see Attachment B). The chapter then directs the advisory committee's off-road vehicle and mountain biking recreationists, governmental representatives, and land managers to make recommendations regarding the expenditure of ORV permit fee revenue after the fuel tax. The prioritized funding recommendations from the NOVA Advisory Committee for fuel tax and ORV permit fees are illustrated in Table 1 – *Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the Off-Road Vehicle Category, 2021-23*.

The remaining ten percent of fuel tax revenue, along with any unused funds, are designated by the board as "competitive" dollars. They are applied to projects in the recreation categories based on four board-adopted criteria:

- 1) the number of NOVA recreationists served,
- 2) the NOVA advisory committee's confidence in the claimed number served,
- 3) the amount of non-state matching resources provided to the project by the applicant, and
- 4) the number of unfunded projects in the category.

Staff will allocate these competitive funds, using the board's procedure adopted in Resolution #2008-15 after the fuel tax and ORV permit fees are allocated.

### Estimated Funds Available

The Legislature approved \$10 million for NOVA projects as part of the 2021-23 State Capital Budget. The board's fifty-eight percent is allocated as follows:

<b>NOVA Category</b>	<b>Percent Allocated</b>	<b>Further Divided</b>	<b>Fuel Tax Dollars</b>	<b>Permit Fees</b>
Education and Enforcement	30%		\$2,323,889	
Nonhighway Road	70%	30%	\$1,626,722	
Nonmotorized		30%	\$1,626,722	
Off-road Vehicle		30%	\$1,626,722	\$2,253,705

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<sup>2</sup> The Treasurer distributes the remainder of the funds for NOVA-related programs as follows: Department of Natural Resources (36%), the Department of Fish and Wildlife (3.5%), and Washington State Parks (2%)

Competitive Dollars		10%	\$542,240	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>\$7,746,295</b>	<b>\$2,253,705</b>

The funding tables attached to the resolution, show staff's recommendation for expending statutory dollars. Unused funds from previously funded projects will go into the "competitive pot" and will be allocated to partially funded projects and alternates.

## Analysis

### 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 NOVA funding directly support board adopted priorities in the *2018-2022 Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Plan* and the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

### Public Comment

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in April 2021. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve the ranked list and award grants for the projects as shown in Table 1 for each NOVA category.

## Next Steps

If the board approves the final ranked lists and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to distribute any remaining competitive dollars and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post approval requirements.

## Attachments

- A. Resolution #2021-22, including Table 1 –*Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23 Biennium*
- B. NOVA Fund Distribution Table

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2021-22  
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program  
Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23**

**WHEREAS**, for the 2021-23 biennium, one-hundred twelve Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) projects are being considered for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects (a) focus on protecting user needs and minimizing environmental impacts and conflict between user groups, (b) provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy activities such as nonmotorized boating, camping, driving for pleasure, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, fishing, gathering, hunting, and picnicking, (c) provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing, and (d) provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy motorized off-road activities, including motorcycling and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation and approval of these projects 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match or has withdrawn the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and the board's program policies; and

**WHEREAS**, funding these projects would further the board's goal to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established plan priorities and to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of funds for the NOVA Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list of NOVA projects and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

*Resolution moved by:*

*Resolution seconded by:*

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*

**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities  
Education and Enforcement Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	55.07	20-2292 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Patrol	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
2	53.67	20-2334 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Wilderness Backcountry Patrol	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$350,000	\$200,000
3	53.27	20-2124 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Off-Road Vehicle Education and Enforcement	\$186,000	\$47,000	\$233,000	\$536,000	\$186,000
4	52.80	20-2108 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Alpine Lakes Wilderness Education and Enforcement	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$215,000	\$686,000	\$150,000
5	52.47	20-2137 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Methow Valley Ranger District Wilderness and Backcountry Rangers	\$200,000	\$203,411	\$403,411	\$886,000	\$200,000
6	52.27	20-2159 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol State Forest Education and Enforcement	\$197,500	\$133,000	\$330,500	\$1,083,500	\$197,500
7	52.20	20-1966 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement	\$200,000	\$148,500	\$348,500	\$1,283,500	\$200,000
8	51.60	20-2130 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Snoqualmie Corridor and Middle Fork Valley Education and Enforcement	\$185,000	\$156,550	\$341,550	\$1,468,500	\$185,000
9	51.53	20-2105 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Front Country Education and Enforcement	\$111,700	\$77,000	\$188,700	\$1,580,200	\$111,700
10	50.40	20-2273 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement North Zone	\$163,698	\$93,000	\$256,698	\$1,743,898	\$163,698
11	50.33	20-2210 E	U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest	Colville National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle Forest Ranger Program	\$200,000	\$176,000	\$376,000	\$1,943,898	\$200,000
12	50.07	20-2008 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pacific Cascade Region Education and Enforcement	\$190,000	\$81,500	\$271,500	\$2,133,898	\$147,173 <sup>2</sup>
12	50.07	20-2260 E	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside Education and Enforcement	\$164,256	\$125,400	\$289,656	\$2,298,154	\$127,232 <sup>2</sup>
12	50.07	20-2301 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Wilderness and Backcountry Enchantments Emphasis	\$136,310	\$130,440	\$266,750	\$2,434,464	\$105,585 <sup>2</sup>

**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities  
Education and Enforcement Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
15	49.40	20-2200 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle Education and Enforcement Rangers	\$200,000	\$204,000	\$404,000	\$2,634,464	Alternate
16	49.07	20-2181 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	Mount Baker Backcountry and Climbing Rangers	\$174,100	\$82,800	\$256,900	\$2,808,564	Alternate
17	48.47	20-2126 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Methow Valley Climbing Rangers	\$132,102	\$133,729	\$265,831	\$2,940,666	Alternate
18	48.20	20-2103 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Northwest Region Education and Enforcement South Zone	\$180,000	\$122,900	\$302,900	\$3,120,666	Alternate
18	48.20	20-2206 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	Skykomish Ranger District Wilderness Education and Enforcement	\$82,000	\$64,640	\$146,640	\$3,202,666	Alternate
20	46.33	20-2313 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Climbing Ranger Education Program	\$122,120	\$120,528	\$242,648	\$3,324,786	Alternate
21	46.20	20-1998 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Olympic Region Education and Enforcement	\$68,400	\$46,000	\$114,400	\$3,393,186	Alternate
22	46.07	20-2162 E	U.S. Forest Service, Olympic National Forest	Olympic National Forest Community Outreach and Education	\$100,000	\$51,000	\$151,000	\$3,493,186	Alternate
23	45.73	20-2169 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Elbe Hills and Tahoma State Forests Education and Enforcement	\$100,000	\$66,000	\$166,000	\$3,593,186	Alternate
24	45.53	20-2075 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Education and Enforcement	\$47,800	\$50,100	\$97,900	\$3,640,986	Alternate
25	44.80	20-2061 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Southeast Region Education and Enforcement North	\$200,000	\$87,500	\$287,500	\$3,840,986	Alternate
26	44.67	20-1999 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Tahuya and Green Mountain Education and Enforcement	\$197,694	\$131,250	\$328,944	\$4,038,680	Alternate
26	44.67	20-2311 E	Grant County	Grant County Off-Road Vehicle Area Education and Enforcement	\$200,000	\$350,300	\$550,300	\$4,238,680	Alternate
28	44.47	20-2182 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Southeast Region Education and Enforcement South	\$200,000	\$87,500	\$287,500	\$4,438,680	Alternate

**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities  
Education and Enforcement Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
29	44.20	20-2204 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Wilderness Education and Enforcement Rangers	\$130,000	\$45,750	\$175,750	\$4,568,680	Alternate
30	43.60	20-2277 E	U.S. Bureau of Land Management	Bureau of Land Management Spokane District Juniper Dunes Saddle Mountain	\$151,400	\$7,000	\$158,400	\$4,720,080	Alternate
31	41.33	20-2150 E	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Region 3 Green Dot Road Off-Road Vehicle Education	\$99,500	\$16,500	\$116,000	\$4,819,580	Alternate
32	39.93	20-2112 E	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	San Juan Area State Parks Trail Ranger	\$180,000	\$1,000	\$181,000	\$4,999,580	Alternate
33	31.67	20-2240 E	U.S. Forest Service Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Motorcycle Patrol	\$14,950	\$12,072	\$27,022	\$5,014,530	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$5,014,530</b>	<b>\$3,467,370</b>	<b>\$8,481,900</b>		<b>\$2,323,888</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding



**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities**  
**Nonhighway Road Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

										Staff Recommends	
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	30% Fuel Tax Dollars	Competitive Dollars	
1	62.69	20-2350 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Snoqualmie Ranger District Front Country Maintenance	\$115,400	\$51,000	\$166,400	\$115,400	\$115,400		
2	62.31	20-2229 M	U.S Forest Service, Colville National Forest	Colville National Forest Facility Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$265,400	\$150,000		
3	60.69	20-2133 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Methow Valley Ranger District Developed Recreation Campground Maintenance	\$150,000	\$274,984	\$424,984	\$415,400	\$150,000		
4	60.54	20-1964 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Entiat Ranger District Campgrounds and Dispersed Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$80,000	\$230,000	\$565,400	\$150,000		
5	59.15	20-2064 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Front Country Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$101,000	\$251,000	\$715,400	\$150,000		
6	58.85	20-2316 M	U.S Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Wenatchee River Ranger District Developed and Dispersed Maintenance	\$118,000	\$82,800	\$200,800	\$833,400	\$118,000		
7	58.69	20-2106 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Sanitation Rentals	\$30,000	\$3,400	\$33,400	\$863,400	\$30,000		
8	58.46	20-2392 D	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Suntop Lookout Accessibility	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$898,400	\$35,000		
9	58.31	20-2011 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol and Yacolt State Forests Facilities Maintenance and Operations	\$148,000	\$63,500	\$211,500	\$1,046,400	\$148,000		
10	56.69	20-2148 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Developed and Dispersed Campground Maintenance and	\$150,000	\$239,500	\$389,500	\$1,196,400	\$150,000		
11	54.77	20-2071 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Samish Overlook and Lily-Lizard Lakes Campgrounds	\$55,962	\$57,438	\$113,400	\$1,252,362	\$55,962		
12	53.85	20-2355 D	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Denny Creek and Franklin Falls Parking Lot Expansion	\$200,000	\$495,000	\$695,000	\$1,452,362	\$200,000		
13	53.23	20-2020 M	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	Pomeroy Ranger District Campgrounds, Concentrated Use, and Dispersed	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$90,000	\$1,492,362	\$40,000		
14	52.92	20-2185 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Eagles Nest Vista Development	\$140,000	\$53,000	\$193,000	\$1,632,362	\$134,360	2	

**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities**  
**Nonhighway Road Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

									Staff Recommends	
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	30% Fuel Tax Dollars	Competitive Dollars
15	52.15	20-2319 D	Port of Grays Harbor	Friends Landing Bridge Renovation	\$150,000	\$60,000	\$210,000	\$1,782,362		Alternate
16	52.08	20-2246 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	Skykomish Ranger District Trailhead and Dispersed Site Maintenance	\$123,500	\$132,000	\$255,500	\$1,905,862		Alternate
17	51.69	20-2278 D	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Snoqualmie Ranger District Dispersed Campsites Improvements	\$200,000	\$104,710	\$304,710	\$2,105,862		Alternate
18	51.00	20-2307 D	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Recreation Hub Improvements	\$200,000	\$40,000	\$240,000	\$2,305,862		Alternate
19	50.31	20-2102 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Southeast Region Maintenance and Operations North	\$150,000	\$103,000	\$253,000	\$2,455,862		Alternate
20	49.00	20-2304 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Starvation Lake Campground Renovation	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$2,555,862		Alternate
21	44.62	20-2218 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Hood Canal District Nonhighway Road Maintenance and Operation	\$82,383	\$27,000	\$109,383	\$2,638,245		Alternate
22	40.85	20-2423 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Camp Wooten Maintenance Program	\$147,700		\$147,700	\$2,785,945		Alternate
23	38.00	20-2091 P	U.S. Forest Service , Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Lewis River Corridor Recreation Plan	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$2,825,945		Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$2,825,945</b>	<b>\$2,238,332</b>	<b>\$5,064,277</b>		<b>\$1,626,722</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development, M=Maintenance, P=Planning

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

<sup>3</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding

**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities**  
**Nonmotorized Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends	
									30% Fuel Tax Dollars	Competitive Dollars
1	64.23	20-2179 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	Mount Baker Ranger District Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$95,500	\$245,500	\$150,000	\$150,000	
2	63.46	20-2134 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Methow Valley Ranger District Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$154,345	\$304,345	\$300,000	\$150,000	
3	62.23	20-2235 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Snoqualmie Corridor Facilities and Trails Maintenance and Operations	\$117,950	\$118,000	\$235,950	\$417,950	\$117,950	
4	61.31	20-2245 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Wenatchee River Ranger District Wilderness Trail Maintenance and	\$145,000	\$101,000	\$246,000	\$562,950	\$145,000	
5	61.00	20-2097 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol Forest Nonmotorized Trail and Facility Maintenance	\$121,000	\$122,000	\$243,000	\$683,950	\$121,000	
6	60.46	20-2021 M	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	Pomeroy Ranger District Wilderness and Backcountry Trails Maintenance and	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$758,950	\$75,000	
7	60.39	20-2275 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	High Point Trailhead Addition	\$200,000	\$525,000	\$725,000	\$958,950	\$200,000	
8	60.15	20-2030 D	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Lake Chelan South Shore Access Trail Development	\$117,000	\$78,020	\$195,020	\$1,075,950	\$117,000	
8	60.15	20-2201 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Wilderness Trails Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$85,440	\$235,440	\$1,225,950	\$150,000	
10	60.00	20-2057 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Nonmotorized Trail Maintenance and Operations	\$124,720	\$45,000	\$169,720	\$1,350,670	\$124,720	
11	59.54	20-2195 D	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Number 2 Canyon Trail System Development Phase 3	\$188,346	\$396,200	\$584,546	\$1,539,016	\$188,346	
12	59.46	20-2234 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skykomish Ranger District	Skykomish Ranger District Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$130,500	\$280,500	\$1,689,016	\$87,706	<sup>2</sup>
13	59.15	20-2241 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Tiger Summit Trailhead Renovation and Addition	\$200,000	\$513,000	\$713,000	\$1,889,016		Alternate
14	58.00	20-2028 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	Mountain Loop Trailhead and Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$2,039,016		Alternate
15	57.15	20-2070 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Blanchard, Harry Osborne Trails and Facilities Maintenance and Operations	\$137,200	\$143,600	\$280,800	\$2,176,216		Alternate

**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities**  
**Nonmotorized Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends	
									30% Fuel Tax Dollars	Competitive Dollars
16	56.85	20-2031 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Raging River State Forest Trail System Completion	\$146,520	\$429,000	\$575,520	\$2,322,736		Alternate
17	55.69	20-2038 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pacific Cascade Non-Motorized Trail Bridges	\$125,000	\$31,300	\$156,300	\$2,447,736		Alternate
18	55.54	20-1993 P	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Quincy Lakes Unit Trails Planning	\$189,697	\$50,000	\$239,697	\$2,637,433		Alternate
19	54.92	20-2027 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	Canyon Creek Bridge and Pacific Crest Trail Repairs	\$72,000	\$33,000	\$105,000	\$2,709,433		Alternate
20	54.69	20-2032 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Stewart Mountain Trail System Phase 1	\$78,000	\$85,000	\$163,000	\$2,787,433		Alternate
21	54.00	20-2227 D	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Snoqualmie Ranger District and Mount Rainier National Park Trails Alliance	\$200,000	\$522,792	\$722,792	\$2,987,433		Alternate
22	53.69	20-2009 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pacific Cascade Non-Motorized Maintenance	\$150,000	\$100,100	\$250,100	\$3,137,433		Alternate
23	53.00	20-2166 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Elbe Hills Nonmotorized System Maintenance	\$140,000	\$114,600	\$254,600	\$3,277,433		Alternate
24	52.69	20-2197 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Beacon Rock Hamilton Mountain Trail Reroute	\$98,000	\$50,000	\$148,000	\$3,375,433		Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
25	52.31	20-2111 P	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Mount Spokane State Park Trail System Planning	\$158,000	\$23,000	\$181,000	\$3,533,433		Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
25	52.31	20-2172 D	Whatcom County	Lake Whatcom Park Trail Development	\$200,000	\$219,000	\$419,000	\$3,733,433		Alternate
27	52.23	20-2033 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Methow Valley Virginian Ridge Access	\$55,000	\$78,000	\$133,000	\$3,788,433		Alternate
28	50.77	20-2127 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Morning Star Trail Maintenance	\$55,500	\$56,500	\$112,000	\$3,843,933		Alternate
29	49.46	20-2264 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Cheese Rock Trail Bridge Installation	\$43,370	\$45,000	\$88,370	\$3,887,303		Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$3,887,303</b>	<b>\$4,569,897</b>	<b>\$8,457,200</b>		<b>\$1,626,722</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development, M=Maintenance, P=Planning

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

<sup>3</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding  
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**Table 1: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities**  
**Off-Road Vehicle Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends		
									30% Fuel Tax Dollars	ORV Permit Fees	Competitive Dollars
1	59.08	20-2104 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Reiter Foothills Forest Maintenance and Operations	\$198,500	\$199,000	\$397,500	\$198,500	\$198,500		
2	56.92	20-1965 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Entiat and Chelan Multiuse Trail Maintenance and Operations	\$199,500	\$137,000	\$336,500	\$398,000	\$199,500		
3	56.69	20-2212 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Trails Maintenance and Operation	\$199,000	\$333,500	\$532,500	\$597,000	\$199,000		
4	56.54	20-2060 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	South Zone Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance	\$188,000	\$21,000	\$209,000	\$785,000	\$188,000		
5	56.00	20-2058 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	North Zone Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance	\$191,500	\$21,600	\$213,100	\$976,500	\$191,500		
5	56.00	20-2306 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Bridge Replacement	\$157,000	\$45,000	\$202,000	\$1,133,500	\$157,000		
7	55.46	20-2161 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Capitol Forest Off-Road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance	\$195,500	\$84,550	\$280,050	\$1,329,000	\$195,500		
8	54.54	20-2259 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside Off-Road Vehicle Area Maintenance and Operations	\$139,976	\$90,840	\$230,816	\$1,468,976	\$139,976		
9	54.31	20-2409 M	Northwest Motorcycle Association	Northwest Motorcycle Association Heavy Maintenance Crew Statewide Maintenance	\$198,143	\$26,760	\$224,903	\$1,667,119	\$157,746	\$40,397	
10	53.77	20-2156 M	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Motorized Trails Operations and Maintenance	\$153,950	\$159,389	\$313,339	\$1,821,069		\$153,950	
11	53.23	20-2337 M	Grant County	Grant County Off-Road Vehicle Maintenance and Operation	\$40,000	\$36,000	\$76,000	\$1,861,069		\$40,000	
12	52.31	20-2039 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Jones Creek Off-Road Vehicle Trailhead Expansion	\$124,900	\$125,000	\$249,900	\$1,985,969		\$124,900	
12	52.31	20-2170 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$162,000	\$312,000	\$2,135,969		\$150,000	
14	52.08	20-2022 M	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	Pomeroy Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle Motorized Trails Maintenance and Operations	\$50,000	\$58,000	\$108,000	\$2,185,969		\$50,000	
15	51.92	20-2136 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Methow Valley Ranger District Motorized Trail Maintenance	\$79,111	\$54,965	\$134,076	\$2,265,080		\$79,111	
15	51.92	20-2194 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Snoqualmie Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle and Motorized Recreation	\$200,000	\$116,000	\$316,000	\$2,465,080		\$200,000	
17	51.46	20-2152 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Ahtanum Off-Road Vehicle Facilities and Trail Maintenance	\$200,000	\$68,500	\$268,500	\$2,665,080		\$200,000	

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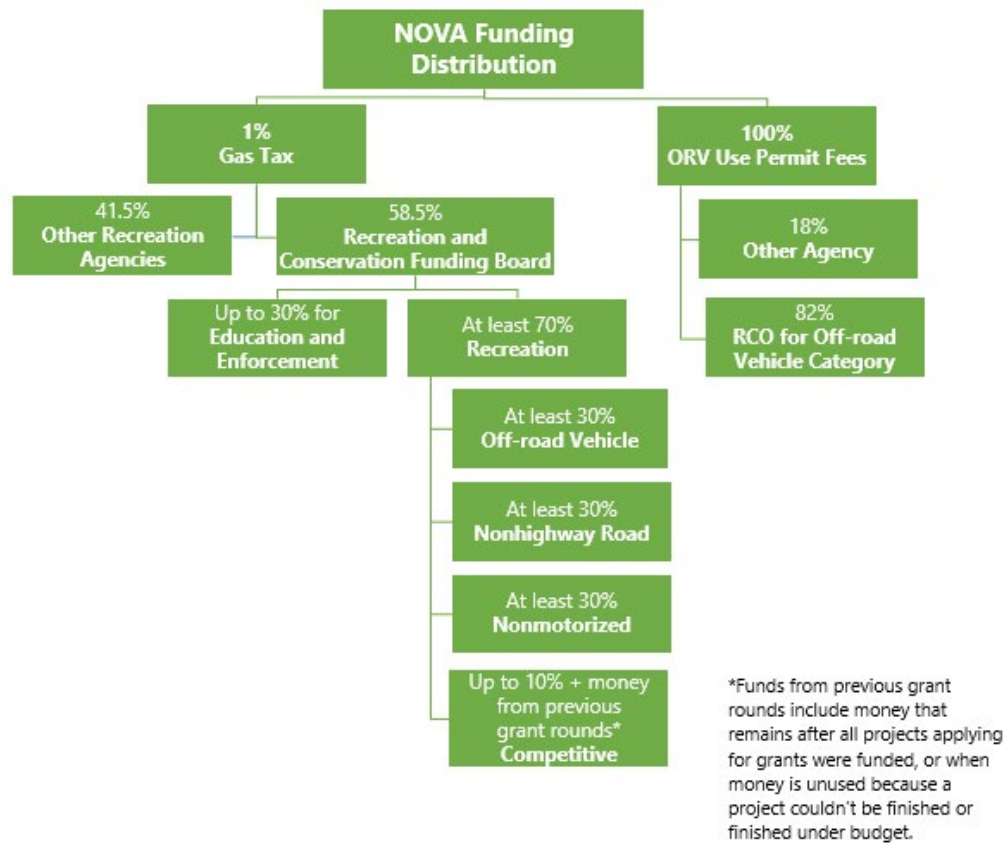
Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends		
									30% Fuel Tax Dollars	ORV Permit Fees	Competitive Dollars
18	51.31	20-1997 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Straits Off-Road Vehicle Trail and Facility Maintenance	\$163,008	\$111,508	\$274,516	\$2,828,088		\$163,008	
19	49.85	20-2010 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pacific Cascade Motorized Maintenance	\$199,500	\$85,600	\$285,100	\$3,027,588		\$199,500	
20	49.00	20-2082 M	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance 2 Track Heavy Maintenance Crew	\$199,977	\$18,468	\$218,445	\$3,227,565		\$199,977	
21	48.77	20-2164 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Elbe Hills Off-Road Vehicle System Maintenance	\$182,000	\$131,000	\$313,000	\$3,409,565		\$182,000	
22	46.23	20-2402 M	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance 2-Track Volunteer Support	\$61,704	\$15,800	\$77,504	\$3,471,269		\$61,704	
23	46.00	20-2248 P	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Elbe Hills Off-Road Vehicle Trail System Expansion Planning	\$38,000	\$26,000	\$64,000	\$3,509,269		\$38,000	
24	44.54	20-2250 M	U.S Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Wenatchee River Ranger District	Wenatchee River Ranger District Front Country and Multiuse Trails Maintenance and	\$103,000	\$72,400	\$175,400	\$3,612,269		\$103,000	
25	44.39	20-1983 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Tahuya 4x4 Trails Maintenance and Operation	\$146,521	\$97,500	\$244,021	\$3,758,790		\$146,521	
26	43.85	20-1957 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Tahuya and Green Mountain Trail and Facilities Maintenance	\$200,000	\$153,250	\$353,250	\$3,958,790		\$121,637	<sup>2</sup>
27	36.23	20-2003 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Tahuya and Green Mountain Water Quality	\$107,480	\$31,375	\$138,855	\$4,066,270			Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$4,066,270</b>	<b>\$2,482,005</b>	<b>\$6,548,275</b>		<b>\$1,626,722</b>		

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development, M=Maintenance, P=Planning

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding



## NOVA Distribution of Funds





**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium  
Recreational Trails Program

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

**Summary**

The Legislature approved up to \$5 million in spending authority for the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting approval of the final ranked list and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-23

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the ranked lists and award grants to projects shown in Table 1 for each category.

**Background**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal assistance program to assist states in creating and maintaining motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails. The federal program supports recreational trail uses that include walking, hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and off-road motorized vehicle driving, including off-road motorcycling, and all-terrain and four-wheel vehicle riding. RTP grants may be used to maintain, restore, or develop trail related facilities. The education category funds education programs that convey a safety or environmental protection message.



## Application Process

Applicants submitted 60 grant applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in 2020, requesting more than \$5.5 million in grant funds. During the application process, applicants withdrew or RCO staff terminated applications that missed critical deadlines, were ineligible, or were not ready to proceed. In the winter of 2021, the RTP advisory committees evaluated and ranked the remaining 58 applications using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for RTP, the board adopted the preliminary ranked lists of projects via Resolution 2021-10 at the April 2021 meeting.

## Certification of Match Required

Under normal circumstances, applicants must provide a minimum twenty-five percent match for a federal RTP grant. To help mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board waived the match requirement after the Washington State Department of Transportation agreed to the use of “toll credits” to satisfy the required match.<sup>1</sup> Board-adopted administrative rule, however, still requires applicants that include match in the proposals to certify that they have matching funds available before the funding meeting.<sup>2</sup> Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. Most applicants have certified that their matching funds are available. However, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

### RTP Education

- Rank 7 – Winter Education Patrols ([20-2091P](#)). U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District did not certify match because it was unable to secure authority for advanced implementation and Education Category funds must be spent within the federal fiscal year.

### RTP General

- Rank 29 – Cascadia Marine Trail Sign and Kiosk Replacement ([20-2113M](#)). Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission did not certify match because of its low ranking.

These two applications are no longer eligible for funding consideration and are shown as “Not Eligible” on the final ranked lists in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup>See Item 5 from the July 2020 board meeting, Resolution 2020-13

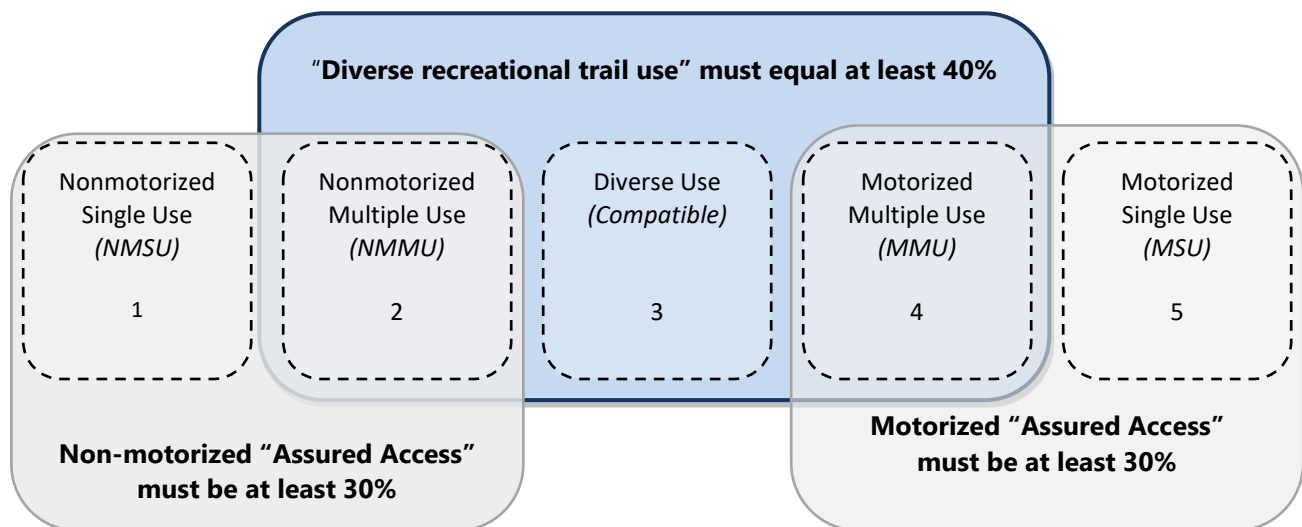
<sup>2</sup> Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

## Program Funding and Legislative Authority

The RTP applies the “user-pay/user-benefit” philosophy of the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Trail users pay the federal motor fuel excise tax for fuel used for nonhighway recreational trail use and receive the benefit of the RTP through funds provided to states for trail projects. On December 4, 2015, the RTP was reauthorized as part of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, for Federal Fiscal Years 2016-20.

### Assured Access Allocation

RTP has five overlapping classes. The classes apply to both General and Education category projects. Grant proposals are classified as to the types of trails that the project work is targeting.



Under the provisions of the RTP governing act<sup>3</sup>, there are requirements the board must observe in awarding funds among these classes:

- A minimum of 40 percent of the funds must be given to projects that serve diversified trail uses (categories 2, 3, and 4).
- A minimum of 30 percent of the project funds *must* be reserved for uses relating to motorized recreation (categories 4 and 5). These are known as assured access.
- A minimum of 30 percent also *must* be reserved for uses relating to non-motorized recreation (categories 1 and 2). These also are known as assured access.

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<sup>3</sup> Part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, amended in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and SAFETEA-LU of 2005.

A state *may* allocate up to five percent of its total apportionment for programs that promote trail safety and environmental protection. The Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee recommends that the board allocate five percent of its funding for education category projects.

Education proposals are also funded using the assured access allocations. The primary challenge with Education Category projects is that funds must be expended within the federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1 through September 30. This presents a significant challenge for winter recreation projects since the federal apportionment is approved in the spring and federal agencies have not received the appropriate authority to use the board-approved Advanced Implementation Waiver option for these projects. <sup>4</sup>

### *Legislative Action and Funding Strategy*

The Legislature passed the 2021-23 state capital budget, which includes authorization of up to \$5 million in federal funds for RTP projects. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) accepts RTP grant proposals every other year, even though the state receives a new RTP allocation each federal fiscal year. The funding authority for this biennium covers federal fiscal years 2021 and 2022. While the federal fiscal year begins October 1 of each year, Washington State typically does not receive its federal apportionment until six months after the start of the federal fiscal year.

In April 2021, RCO received its apportionment of \$1,867,407 for federal fiscal year 2021. RCO expects to receive the same amount for federal fiscal year 2022. With board approval, staff will allocate two years of RTP funding or up \$3.6 million to this current list of projects. The first allocation will be in June 2021. The next will occur after RCO receives federal spending authority for federal fiscal year 2022. This table shows the distribution of the \$1.8 million currently approved for federal fiscal year 2021.

<b>RTP Classes</b>	<b>Percent Allocated</b>	<b>General Category</b>	<b>Education Category</b>	<b>Total</b>
Motorized	30%	\$511,152	\$26,903	\$538,055
Nonmotorized	30%	\$511,152	\$26,903	\$538,055
Diverse	40%	\$681,535	\$35,870	\$717,405
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,703,839</b>	<b>\$89,676</b>	<b>\$1,793,515</b>

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<sup>4</sup> Resolution 2019-04

While the advisory committee recommends use of five percent of the allocation for Education Category projects, if the category is undersubscribed, funds are carried over to projects in the General Category.

If approved, starting July 1, staff will begin issuing agreements for all projects recommended for funding. Maintenance and education projects will receive half of the grant now and would get the remaining funds as soon as the Federal Highway Administration appropriates federal fiscal year 2022 funds.

As shown in Table 1, *Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23*, the available dollars will provide full funding for one development project, one-year funding for 23 maintenance and eight education projects, and partial funding for three projects.

## Analysis

### 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 Trails Plan* and the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

### Public Comment

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in April 2021. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

## Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends approval of the final ranked lists of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1 for each RTP category.

## Next Steps

If the board approves the ranked lists and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to distribute funds and execute project agreements for projects that meet all post approval requirements.

## Attachments

- A. Resolution #2021-23 including Table 1 – *Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards y, 2021-23*

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board**  
**Resolution #2021-23**  
**Recreational Trails Program**  
**Approval of the Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23**

**WHEREAS**, for the 2021-23 biennium, fifty-eight Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects are being considered for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide for maintaining recreational trails, developing trailhead facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the advisory committee and board have discussed and reviewed these evaluations 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**, *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2021-23* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match or has withdrawn the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the remaining projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in Federal Highways Administration's *Recreational Trails Program Guidance*, Washington Administrative Code, and Manual 16, *Recreational Trails Program*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes spending authority for the federal Recreational Trails Program for the 2021-23 biennium;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked lists and awards grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program, Final Ranked List and Grant, 2021-23*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to RCO's Director to distribute federal fiscal year 2022 funds to this list of projects, pending federal spending authority; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

*Resolution moved by:*

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*Resolution seconded by:*

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*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*

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**Table 1: Recreational Trails Program**  
**Education Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	20.71	20-2282 E	Mountains to Sound Greenway	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trailhead Ambassadors	\$20,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$20,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
2	20.00	20-2131 E	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Middle Fork and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas Education	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
3	19.36	20-2424 E	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	Heather Meadows Backcountry Snow Ranger Nonmotorized	\$20,000	\$14,500	\$34,500	\$60,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
4	19.14	20-2408 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Lake Wenatchee and Entiat Snow Rangers	\$20,000	\$12,900	\$32,900	\$80,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
5	19.00	20-2283 E	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Wilderness Education Rangers	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$10,000 <sup>2</sup>
6	18.50	20-2007 E	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Tread Lightly for Public Recreation	\$17,410	\$96,120	\$113,530	\$117,410	\$8,705 <sup>2</sup>
7	17.86	20-2326 E	U.S Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District	Winter Education Patrols	\$18,800	\$18,000	\$36,800	\$136,210	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
8	17.79	20-1980 E	Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive	Protect Trails and Educate Users with Spill Kits	\$7,890	\$3,799	\$11,689	\$144,100	\$3,945 <sup>2</sup>
9	16.14	20-2289 E	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Palouse Falls Education Resource Development	\$19,247	\$2,948	\$22,195	\$163,347	\$9,623 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$163,347</b>	<b>\$160,767</b>	<b>\$324,114</b>		<b>\$72,273</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Grant award is for first year. Second-year funding will be added upon federal approval. Applicant match is for the full 2 years.

<sup>3</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding



**Table 1: Recreational Trails Program**  
**General Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	60.93	20-2099 M	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Western Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	\$125,000	\$380,000	\$505,000	\$125,000	\$62,500 <sup>2</sup>
1	60.93	20-2100 M	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Eastern Washington Volunteer Trail Maintenance	\$75,000	\$190,000	\$265,000	\$200,000	\$37,500 <sup>2</sup>
3	60.07	20-2004 M	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Rehabilitating Olympic Peninsula Trails	\$82,486	\$207,974	\$290,460	\$282,486	\$41,243 <sup>2</sup>
4	59.64	20-1990 M	Washington Trails Association	Statewide Backcountry Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$581,280	\$731,280	\$432,486	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
5	59.21	20-1959 M	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Reopening Threatened National Forest Trails	\$117,600	\$237,200	\$354,800	\$550,086	\$58,800 <sup>2</sup>
6	59.14	20-2308 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$700,086	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
7	58.36	20-2320 D	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District	Mount Rainier National Park and Snoqualmie Ranger District Trails Alliance	\$150,000	\$572,792	\$722,792	\$850,086	\$150,000
8	58.14	20-2005 M	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Maintaining Endangered Trails	\$57,817	\$111,500	\$169,317	\$907,903	\$28,908 <sup>2</sup>
9	58.00	20-1991 M	Washington Trails Association	Statewide Volunteer Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$986,360	\$1,136,360	\$1,057,903	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
10	57.57	20-2262 M	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	Pacific Northwest Trail Statewide Stewardship	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1,207,903	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
10	57.57	20-2421 M	Northwest Motorcycle Association	Northwest Motorcycle Association Moto-Volunteer Central Washington Division	\$143,878	\$155,890	\$299,768	\$1,351,781	\$71,939 <sup>2</sup>
12	57.50	20-1989 M	Washington Trails Association	Statewide Youth Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$521,550	\$671,550	\$1,501,781	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
13	57.21	20-2187 M	Pacific Crest Trail Association	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Maintenance	\$107,000	\$126,000	\$233,000	\$1,608,781	\$53,500 <sup>2</sup>
14	56.79	20-2135 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Methow Valley Ranger District	Methow Valley Ranger District Mixed Use Deferred Trail Maintenance	\$149,986	\$152,022	\$302,008	\$1,758,767	\$74,993 <sup>2</sup>

**Table 1: Recreational Trails Program**  
**General Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
15	56.71	20-2281 M	Mountains to Sound Greenway	Mountains to Sound Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1,908,767	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
16	56.43	20-2184 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Motorized Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	\$150,000	\$90,003	\$240,003	\$2,058,767	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
17	55.93	20-2419 M	Northwest Motorcycle Association	Northwest Motorcycle Association Heavy Maintenance Crew Statewide Maintenance	\$114,019	\$226,760	\$340,779	\$2,172,786	\$57,010 <sup>2</sup>
18	55.57	20-1985 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Northwest Region Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$87,460	\$237,460	\$2,322,786	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
19	55.21	20-2322 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Stampede Pass Multiple Use Sno-Park Trails	\$150,000		\$150,000	\$2,472,786	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
20	54.29	20-1955 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Lower Lake Chelan Summer and Winter Trails	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$280,000	\$2,622,786	\$75,000 <sup>2</sup>
21	53.79	20-2203 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Wilderness Trails Deferred Maintenance and Operations	\$120,000	\$82,002	\$202,002	\$2,742,786	\$40,767 <sup>2,3</sup>
21	53.79	20-2379 D	Methow Valley Sport Trail Association	21 Horizon Flats Trailhead Development	\$144,000	\$145,000	\$289,000	\$2,886,786	\$48,920 <sup>3</sup>
23	52.57	20-1954 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District	Upper Lake Chelan Basin Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$108,500	\$258,500	\$3,036,786	Alternate
23	52.57	20-2029 M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Club	Salmon Ridge Trail System Maintenance	\$23,500	\$59,680	\$83,180	\$3,060,286	Alternate
25	52.50	20-2062 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside State Park Knothead Loop Trailhead	\$148,065	\$48,000	\$196,065	\$3,208,351	Alternate
26	52.29	20-2180 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker Ranger District	Heather Meadows Recreation Area Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$80,000	\$230,000	\$3,358,351	Alternate
26	52.29	20-2324 M	Spokane Nordic Ski Association	Spokane Nordic Trails Maintenance	\$77,400	\$55,180	\$132,580	\$3,435,751	Alternate
28	52.21	20-2157 M	U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District	Gifford Pinchot National Forest Wilderness Trails Operations and Maintenance	\$149,000	\$182,985	\$331,985	\$3,584,751	Alternate

**Table 1: Recreational Trails Program**  
**General Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
29	52.07	20-2015 M	U.S Forest Service, Colville National Forest	Colville National Forest Backcountry Multiuse Trail Maintenance	\$150,000	\$43,169	\$193,169	\$3,734,751	Alternate
29	52.07	20-2113 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Cascadia Marine Trail Sign and Kiosk Replacement	\$24,350	\$3,150	\$27,500	\$3,759,101	Not Eligible <sup>4</sup>
29	52.07	20-2118 D	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	Wenatchee Foothills Trail System Maintenance	\$56,223	\$21,822	\$78,045	\$3,815,324	Alternate
29	52.07	20-2236 M	Washington Department of Natural Resources	East Snoqualmie Corridor Backcountry Maintenance	\$94,000	\$69,560	\$163,560	\$3,909,324	Alternate
33	51.86	20-2401 M	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance	Washington Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance 2-Track Heavy Maintenance Crew	\$149,984	\$17,051	\$167,035	\$4,059,308	Alternate
34	51.64	20-2297 M	National Forest Foundation	Connecting Youth and Improving the Mount Loop Highway	\$47,350	\$47,350	\$94,700	\$4,106,658	Alternate
35	51.57	20-2026 M	U.S. Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Darrington Ranger District	Darrington Ranger District Backcountry Maintenance	\$150,000	\$151,000	\$301,000	\$4,256,658	Alternate
36	50.86	20-2074 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District	Cle Elum Ranger District Winter Trail Maintenance	\$51,800	\$1,500	\$53,300	\$4,308,458	Alternate
37	50.00	20-2221 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance	\$102,000	\$122,000	\$224,000	\$4,410,458	\$51,000 <sup>2</sup>
38	49.50	20-2066 M	Mount Tahoma Trails Association	Mount Tahoma Trails Maintenance	\$33,600	\$18,000	\$51,600	\$4,444,058	Alternate
39	49.14	20-2251 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Blue Mountains Snowmobile Trails	\$118,100	\$15,000	\$133,100	\$4,562,158	\$59,050 <sup>2</sup>
40	48.57	20-2051 M	University of Washington Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest	Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest Trail Maintenance	\$119,549	\$18,402	\$137,951	\$4,681,707	Alternate
41	48.43	20-2019 M	U.S. Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District	Pomeroy Ranger District Trail Grooming, Maintenance, and Operations	\$38,000	\$80,000	\$118,000	\$4,719,707	\$19,000 <sup>2</sup>
42	48.21	20-2272 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Pyramid Peak Snowmobile Trails	\$140,000	\$10,000	\$150,000	\$4,859,707	\$70,000 <sup>2</sup>

**Table 1: Recreational Trails Program**  
**General Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
43	47.86	20-2261 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Mount Baker Snowmobile Sno-Parks and Trail Maintenance	\$132,000	\$20,000	\$152,000	\$4,991,707	\$36,712 <sup>2,3</sup>
44	47.71	20-2271 M	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Selkirk Snowmobile Trails	\$133,000	\$20,000	\$153,000	\$5,124,707	Alternate
45	47.21	20-2002 M	North Olympic Land Trust	North Olympic Land Trust Trail Maintenance	\$27,408	\$12,672	\$40,080	\$5,152,115	Alternate
46	45.64	20-2267 D	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	Theler Wetlands Trail Connection	\$141,260	\$40,000	\$181,260	\$5,293,375	Alternate
47	45.36	20-1958 M	Mountain Trails Grooming Association	Snowmobile Trail Grooming Methow Valley	\$65,100	\$7,300	\$72,400	\$5,358,475	Alternate
48	44.79	20-2202 M	U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District	Naches Nordic Trails Maintenance and Operations	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$95,000	\$5,408,475	Alternate
49	42.36	20-2414 M	Columbia Springs	Columbia Springs Access Improvement	\$96,000	\$10,880	\$106,880	\$5,504,475	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$5,504,475</b>	<b>\$6,741,994</b>	<b>\$12,246,469</b>		<b>\$1,711,842</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development, M=Maintenance

<sup>2</sup>Grant award is for first year. Second-year funding will be added upon federal approval. Applicant match is for the full 2 years.

<sup>3</sup>Partial funding

<sup>4</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding



**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium  
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

**Summary**

The Legislature approved \$100 million for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting approval of the final ranked list and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-24

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the final ranked list and grant awards for the projects shown in Table 1.

**Background**

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides grants to purchase, develop, renovate, restore, and protect farms, forests, habitats, parks, public access sites, and trails.

**Application Process**

Applicants submitted 233 WWRP grant applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in 2020, requesting more than \$176 million in grant funds. Early in the process, applicants withdrew or RCO staff terminated applications that missed critical deadlines, were ineligible, or were not ready to proceed. In the summer of 2020, seven WWRP advisory committees evaluated and ranked the remaining 220 applications using criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board).

In November 2020, the board approved a preliminary ranked list<sup>1</sup> for each WWRP category for submittal to the Governor by the November 20, 2020 deadline. The lists forwarded to the Governor included 220 projects requesting more than \$169 million. The Governor submitted the lists to the Legislature without changes.

### **Certification of Match Required**

Nonprofit organizations must provide a minimum fifty percent match for a WWRP project. Local agency applicants must provide a minimum fifty percent match unless they qualify for a match reduction. Board policy allows this exception for communities in need, counties in need, underserved populations, or because the applicant is providing facilities in a federal disaster area. To help mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all local agency applicants qualified for a match reduction per the board's approval of the federal disaster pathway for 2020 applicants.<sup>2</sup> This means the match was reduced from fifty percent to twenty-five percent, however, some applicants qualified for an even lower match using one of the other match reduction pathways. This pandemic relief policy was adopted for the Local Parks, Trails, and Water Access categories only.

All applicants that included match as part of their proposal must certify that they have matching funds available before the funding meeting.<sup>3</sup> Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. Most applicants have certified that their matching funds are available. However, we do not have match certifications for the following projects:

#### **WWRP Critical Habitat Category**

- Rank 8 – Leland Conservation Easement ([20-1816A](#)). Blue Mountain Land Trust did not certify match because it was unable to secure matching resources.
- Rank 9 – Wolf Fork Conservation Easement ([20-1669A](#)). Blue Mountain Land Trust did not certify match because it was unable to secure matching resources.
- Rank 9 – Allen Family Ranch Conservation Easement ([20-1436A](#)). Blue Mountain Land Trust did not certify match because it was unable to secure matching resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolutions 2020-23 through 2020-34

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 2020-09

<sup>3</sup> Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

### WWRP Farmland Preservation Category

- Rank 9 – Allen Family Ranch Farmland Preservation Easement ([20-1624A](#)): Blue Mountain Land Trust did not certify match because it was unable to secure matching resources.
- Rank 11 – Leland Farmland Preservation Easement ([20-1817A](#)): Blue Mountain Land Trust did not certify match because it was unable to secure matching resources.

### WWRP Forestland Preservation Category

- Rank 1 – Little Skookum Inlet Forest Protection Phase 2 ([20-1228A](#)): Forterra withdrew this proposal because the landowner has decided sell the property to the Squaxin Island Tribe. The Tribe did not want the property encumbered with a conservation or forestland easement.

### WWRP Local Parks Category

- Rank 34 – Garfield Pool ([20-1432D](#)): Garfield Park and Recreation District did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 51 – Kennewick Public Pool Rehabilitation Phase 2 ([20-1869D](#)): Kennewick did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 55 – Kozy Kamp Neighborhood Park Development ([20-1651D](#)): Clark County did not certify match because of its low ranking.
- Rank 56 – Gateway Park Phase 4, Synthetic Turf Field ([20-1649D](#)): Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District did not certify match because the project is no longer a priority.
- Rank 66 – Warrior Ridge Sports Park Field NE Little Boston ([20-1885D](#)): Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 76 – Riverview Park Acquisition ([20-1752A](#)): Snoqualmie did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

### WWRP Riparian Protection Category

- Rank 8 – Stewart Mountain 1 Deming Mainstem ([20-1513A](#)): Whatcom Land Trust did not certify match for this project because it was unable to secure matching resources.



## WWRP Trails Category

- Rank 12 – Palouse to Cascades Trail - Surfacing & Trailheads ([20-1351D](#)): Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission did not certify match for this project because of its ranking.
- Rank 16 – Meadowbrook Farm Prairie Loop Trail ([20-1650D](#)): North Bend did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 19 – Camp Currie to Lacamas Heritage Trail ([20-1680AD](#)): Clark County did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 24 – Sacajawea Heritage Trail Shared Use Improvements ([20-1871D](#)): Pasco did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.
- Rank 29 – Orting to Tehaleh Phase 1 ([20-1866D](#)): Orting did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking.

These eighteen applications are no longer eligible for funding consideration and are shown as “Not Eligible” on the final ranked lists in Table 1.

## Program Funding and Legislative Action

The Legislature passed the 2021-23 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$100 million for WWRP. Funding comes from the sale of general obligation bonds. Statutorily, the funds are divided into three accounts that are comprised of twelve categories.

The Legislature also approved lists of projects recommended for either funding or alternate status. The projects are in LEAP Capital Document No. 2021-42. The Legislature did not remove any projects, thus including a healthy list of alternates in eight oversubscribed categories. Attachment B includes the funding formula and a summary of the funds available for each category. At the \$100 million funding level, 101 projects will be fully funded, and 15 projects will receive partial funding.

## Analysis

### Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board’s goal to protect, preserve, develop, restore, and enhance habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems. The grant process supports the board’s goals to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it, and deliver successful projects by using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management. The criteria for selecting



projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities.

### **Public Comment**

The board received written testimony and public comment about these projects in November 2020. In May 2021, RCO received correspondence from organizations asking to withdraw their support for one project. This correspondence is provided in Attachment C for board consideration. Any additional public comment will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCO staff recommends approval of the ranked list of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1 for each WWRP category.

### **Next Steps**

If the board approves the lists and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all program requirements.

### **Attachments**

- A. Resolution 2021-24, including Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23 Biennium
- B. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Funding Formula
- C. Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2021-24  
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Approval of the Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2021-23 State Capital Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2021-42; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects in the Farm and Forest Account protect important agricultural and timber lands through perpetual conservation easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goals to provide partners with funding to protect and enhance working farm and forest lands and to maximize the useful life of board-funded projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects in the Habitat Conservation Account (a) acquire lands for protection, management, and public enjoyment of wildlife species, (b) restore existing lands to self-sustaining functionality, (c) protect areas that have retained their natural character and are important in preserving species or features of value, and (d) preserve riparian corridors that provide functional habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife species, thereby supporting the board's strategic goal to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance habitats that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect game, non-game, and listed species, and maintain fully function ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Outdoor Recreation Account projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for outdoor recreation, public access on state lands, trails, and access to water, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation and approval of these projects 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 the board's goal to deliver successful projects by inviting competition and by using broad public participation and feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Final Ranked List and Grant Awards, 2021-23* now indicates the projects that are not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match or has withdrawn the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining projects have met program eligibility requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and the board's program policies; and

**WHEREAS**, funding these projects would further the board's goal to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established plan priorities and to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021-23 Capital Budget includes \$100 million for WWRP; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 79A.15.030(8) authorizes RCO to retain a portion of the WWRP appropriation for administration of the program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked list of WWRP projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2021-42 and reflected in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a portion of the WWRP funds be subtracted from the appropriation, to be used for administration of the program, and the remaining funds be distributed to the twelve WWRP funding categories according to statutory requirements and board policy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board hereby approves the funding amounts shown in *Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Final Ranked List and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium*, and authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

*Resolution moved by:*

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*Resolution seconded by:*

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*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*

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**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Critical Habitat Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	47.27	20-1225 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Simcoe	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
2	45.36	20-1227 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Wenas-Cleman Mountain	\$1,875,000		\$1,875,000	\$5,875,000	\$1,875,000
3	44.55	20-1220 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	McLoughlin Falls West	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$7,375,000	\$1,500,000
4	44.00	20-1509 A	Columbia Land Trust	Grays River Watershed West Fork Conservation Area	\$2,000,000	\$3,162,572	\$5,162,572	\$9,375,000	\$2,000,000
5	39.91	20-1222 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Rendezvous Additions	\$1,275,000		\$1,275,000	\$10,650,000	\$1,275,000
6	37.73	20-1219 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Hunter Mountain	\$650,000		\$650,000	\$11,300,000	\$650,000
7	36.09	20-1487 A	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	Chafey Mountain	\$590,000	\$609,450	\$1,199,450	\$11,890,000	\$590,000
8	33.45	20-1816 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Leland Conservation Easement	\$770,050	\$770,050	\$1,540,100	\$12,660,050	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
9	33.36	20-1669 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Wolf Fork Conservation Easement	\$496,800	\$496,800	\$993,600	\$13,156,850	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
10	32.36	20-1217 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Golden Doe	\$1,900,000		\$1,900,000	\$15,056,850	\$1,900,000
11	31.55	20-1436 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Allen Family Ranch Conservation Easement	\$423,800	\$423,800	\$847,600	\$15,480,650	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$15,480,650</b>	<b>\$5,462,672</b>	<b>\$20,943,322</b>		<b>\$13,790,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition

<sup>2</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Farmland Preservation Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	49.00	20-1573 A	Methow Conservancy	Wolf Creek Agricultural Conservation Easement Phase 1	\$1,140,000	\$1,189,046	\$2,329,046	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000
2	48.60	20-1681 A	Jefferson Land Trust	Natembea Farm Preservation	\$430,000	\$530,800	\$960,800	\$1,570,000	\$430,000
3	47.40	20-1405 A	Jefferson Land Trust	Hannan Farm	\$255,000	\$319,800	\$574,800	\$1,825,000	\$255,000
4	46.40	20-1493 A	Okanogan Land Trust	Synarep Rangeland	\$527,301	\$644,479	\$1,171,780	\$2,352,301	\$527,301
5	45.60	20-1546 A	Conservation Commission	Thornton Ranch Agricultural Easement	\$916,713		\$916,713	\$3,269,014	\$916,713
5	45.60	20-1781 A	Okanogan Land Trust	Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch	\$204,596	\$250,062	\$454,658	\$3,473,610	\$204,596
7	44.00	20-1230 A	Forterra	Upper Naneum Creek Farm	\$299,500	\$366,084	\$665,584	\$3,773,110	\$299,500
8	43.20	20-1619 A	Okanogan Land Trust	Teas Ranch	\$109,265	\$133,547	\$242,812	\$3,882,375	\$109,265
9	42.80	20-1584 A	Whatcom County	VanderWerff Agricultural Conservation Easement	\$113,775	\$113,775	\$227,550	\$3,996,150	\$113,775
9	42.80	20-1624 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Allen Family Ranch Farmland Preservation Easement	\$377,300	\$377,300	\$754,600	\$4,373,450	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
11	42.00	20-1817 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Leland Farmland Preservation Easement	\$240,800	\$240,800	\$481,600	\$4,614,250	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
12	39.80	20-1547 A	Conservation Commission	Hoch Family Farm Agricultural Easement	\$504,539		\$504,539	\$5,118,789	\$504,539
13	37.40	20-1435 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Peyton Ranch Conservation Easement	\$743,300	\$743,300	\$1,486,600	\$5,862,089	\$743,300
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$5,862,089</b>	<b>\$4,908,993</b>	<b>\$10,771,082</b>		<b>\$5,243,989</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition

<sup>2</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Forestland Preservation Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	36.33	20-1228 A	Forterra	Little Skookum Inlet Forest Protection Phase 2	\$320,872	\$395,003	\$715,875	\$320,872	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
2	34.50	20-1805 A	Okanogan Land Trust	Anderson Forestland	\$86,880	\$106,188	\$193,068	\$407,752	\$86,880
3	33.33	20-1676 A	King County	Camp Sealth Conservation Easement Vashon Island	\$500,000	\$3,085,000	\$3,585,000	\$907,752	\$500,000
4	28.33	20-1585 A	Whatcom County	Moors Forestry Conservation Easement	\$141,775	\$141,775	\$283,550	\$1,049,527	\$141,775
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$1,049,527</b>	<b>\$3,727,966</b>	<b>\$4,777,493</b>		<b>\$728,655</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition

<sup>2</sup>Application withdrawn

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program**  
**Local Parks Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	64.56	20-1275 A	Spokane County	Make Beacon Hill Public	\$1,000,000	\$2,311,963	\$3,311,963	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	64.44	20-1210 D	Jefferson County	Jefferson County Universal Movement Playground	\$500,000	\$286,615	\$786,615	\$1,500,000	\$500,000
3	63.50	20-1362 D	Othello	Lions Park Pride Rock Playground	\$500,000	\$509,000	\$1,009,000	\$2,000,000	\$500,000
4	62.83	20-1802 D	Ferndale	Metalworks Skate Park	\$480,000	\$81,850	\$561,850	\$2,480,000	\$480,000
5	62.67	20-1739 D	Snoqualmie	Centennial Fields All-inclusive Playground	\$475,000	\$495,400	\$970,400	\$2,955,000	\$475,000
6	62.56	20-1349 D	Lakewood	American Lake Park Waterfront Access Upgrades	\$500,000	\$884,920	\$1,384,920	\$3,455,000	\$500,000
7	61.94	20-1743 D	College Place	Lions Park Splash Pad and Inclusive Playground	\$500,000	\$900,286	\$1,400,286	\$3,955,000	\$500,000
8	61.33	20-1289 D	Bremerton	Haddon Neighborhood Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$449,625	\$949,625	\$4,455,000	\$500,000
9	61.22	20-1307 D	Vader	Werden Park	\$283,143	\$94,381	\$377,524	\$4,738,143	\$283,143
10	61.00	20-1761 D	Lakewood	Wards Lake Park Enhancements Phase 1	\$500,000	\$1,460,430	\$1,960,430	\$5,238,143	\$500,000
11	60.78	20-1311 D	Napavine	Mayme Shaddock Park	\$258,900	\$86,503	\$345,403	\$5,497,043	\$258,900
12	60.44	20-1632 C	Republic	Republic Skatepark	\$359,600	\$44,000	\$403,600	\$5,856,643	\$359,600
13	60.28	20-1686 D	Snohomish County	State Route 530 (Oso) Slide Memorial Park	\$500,000	\$2,110,000	\$2,610,000	\$6,356,643	\$500,000
14	60.22	20-1534 A	Olympia	Yelm Highway Community Park Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$6,035,057	\$7,035,057	\$7,356,643	\$1,000,000
15	59.67	20-1542 A	Olympia	Lilly Road Parcel Acquisition	\$333,533	\$111,180	\$444,713	\$7,690,176	\$333,533
16	59.50	20-1279 D	Pierce County	Sprinker Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements	\$500,000	\$13,609,000	\$14,109,000	\$8,190,176	\$500,000
17	59.22	20-1430 D	Poulsbo	Play for All at Raab Park	\$500,000	\$249,824	\$749,824	\$8,690,176	\$500,000
18	58.00	20-1297 D	Seattle	North Rainier Land Banked Park	\$500,000	\$2,618,428	\$3,118,428	\$9,190,176	\$500,000
19	57.89	20-1296 D	Edmonds	Marina Beach Park Redevelopment	\$500,000	\$4,502,003	\$5,002,003	\$9,690,176	\$500,000
19	57.89	20-1446 A	Wenatchee	Wenatchee Foothills Regional Recreation Area	\$491,750	\$491,750	\$983,500	\$10,181,926	\$491,750
21	57.44	20-1254 D	Kent	Kent Memorial Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$4,740,000	\$5,240,000	\$10,681,926	\$212,999 <sup>2</sup>
21	57.44	20-1645 D	Puyallup	Van Lierop Park Playground	\$500,000	\$299,857	\$799,857	\$11,181,926	\$212,998 <sup>2</sup>
23	57.22	20-1308 A	Spokane Valley	Flora Road River Trail Property	\$1,000,000	\$977,764	\$1,977,764	\$12,181,926	\$1,000,000

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24	57.11	20-1243 D	Clark County	Curtin Creek Community Park Phase 1 Development	\$500,000	\$6,905,000	\$7,405,000	\$12,681,926	Alternate
25	56.89	20-1488 D	Gig Harbor	Gig Harbor Sports Complex Pickle Bo Spot	\$500,000	\$2,664,100	\$3,164,100	\$13,181,926	Alternate
25	56.89	20-1772 D	Omak	Omak Eastside Park Skatepark Upgrade	\$401,070	\$17,395	\$418,465	\$13,582,996	Alternate
25	56.89	20-1851 D	Lake Stevens	Frontier Heights Phase 2	\$309,352	\$103,118	\$412,470	\$13,892,348	Alternate
28	56.78	20-1253 D	Cathlamet	Cathlamet Waterfront Park	\$500,000	\$166,000	\$666,000	\$14,392,348	Alternate
29	56.50	20-1910 D	Connell	Connell Pool Renovation and Americans with Disabilities Act Code Upgrades	\$500,000	\$167,000	\$667,000	\$14,892,348	Alternate
30	56.28	20-1684 D	Snohomish County	Kayak Point Waterfront Shelter Restoration	\$195,000	\$73,689	\$268,689	\$15,087,348	Alternate
31	56.22	20-1667 D	Seattle	Maple Wood Playfield Renovation	\$500,000	\$2,801,615	\$3,301,615	\$15,587,348	Alternate
32	56.11	20-1698 D	Chelan	Lakeside Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$687,596	\$1,187,596	\$16,087,348	Alternate
33	55.67	20-1288 A	Monroe	Monroe North Hill Park Site	\$1,000,000	\$334,809	\$1,334,809	\$17,087,348	\$1,000,000
34	55.56	20-1432 D	Garfield Park and Recreation District	Garfield Pool	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$17,587,348	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
34	55.56	20-1532 C	King County	Glendale Forest Acquisition and Development	\$407,500	\$433,564	\$841,064	\$17,994,848	\$65,000 <sup>2</sup>
36	55.28	20-1646 A	Bellingham	Bakerview Neighborhood Park Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$602,604	\$1,602,604	\$18,994,848	\$264,127 <sup>2</sup>
37	55.22	20-1519 D	University Place	Cirque Park Renovation	\$363,629	\$363,629	\$727,257	\$19,358,477	Alternate
37	55.22	20-1535 C	Olympia	Kaiser Woods Acquisition and Development	\$704,122	\$234,708	\$938,830	\$20,062,599	Alternate
39	55.17	20-1246 D	Prosser	City Park Playground and Basketball Improvements	\$431,000	\$143,737	\$574,737	\$20,493,599	Alternate
40	54.56	20-1348 D	Lake Stevens	Eagle Ridge Park	\$428,210	\$566,990	\$995,200	\$20,921,809	Alternate
40	54.56	20-1891 D	Everett	Emma Yule Park	\$500,000	\$1,517,044	\$2,017,044	\$21,421,809	Alternate
42	54.39	20-1477 D	Deer Park	Swinyard Park Splash Pad and Exercise Pathway	\$500,000	\$215,000	\$715,000	\$21,921,809	Alternate
43	54.33	20-1518 D	Auburn	Jacobsen Tree Farm Park Development	\$500,000	\$2,916,550	\$3,416,550	\$22,421,809	Alternate
44	54.11	20-1831 D	Woodland	Horseshoe Lake Park Americans with Disabilities Act	\$500,000	\$329,616	\$829,616	\$22,921,809	Alternate
45	54.00	20-1491 A	Kent	Upper Mill Creek Mendel Property Acquisition	\$463,500	\$535,500	\$999,000	\$23,385,309	Alternate



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46	53.94	20-1255 D	Sedro Woolley	Olmsted Park Development	\$500,000	\$807,000	\$1,307,000	\$23,885,309	Alternate
47	53.89	20-1484 D	Zillah	Zillah Splash Park	\$204,170	\$306,170	\$510,340	\$24,089,479	Alternate
47	53.89	20-1857 C	Covington	Jenkins Creek Park Expansion	\$1,000,000	\$2,550,860	\$3,550,860	\$25,089,479	Alternate
49	53.83	20-1825 D	Walla Walla	Heritage Square Redevelopment	\$500,000	\$1,973,181	\$2,473,181	\$25,589,479	Alternate
50	53.78	20-1682 D	Mountlake Terrace	Evergreen Playfield Complex Restroom Replacement	\$333,000	\$112,000	\$445,000	\$25,922,479	Alternate
51	53.50	20-1869 D	Kennewick	Kennewick Public Pool Rehabilitation Phase 2	\$500,000	\$70,000	\$570,000	\$26,422,479	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
52	53.44	20-1321 D	White Salmon Valley Park District	White Salmon Valley Pool	\$500,000	\$1,895,636	\$2,395,636	\$26,922,479	Alternate
53	53.17	20-1641 D	Snohomish County	Whitehorse Campground Phase 2	\$500,000	\$502,345	\$1,002,345	\$27,422,479	Alternate
53	53.17	20-1782 A	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Narrows Park West Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$2,140,000	\$3,140,000	\$28,422,479	Alternate
55	52.89	20-1651 D	Clark County	Kozy Kamp Neighborhood Park Development	\$328,750	\$1,300,000	\$1,628,750	\$28,751,229	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
56	52.83	20-1649 D	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Gateway Park Phase 4 Synthetic Turf Field	\$500,000	\$4,278,000	\$4,778,000	\$29,251,229	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
57	52.33	20-1551 D	Des Moines	Van Gasken Sound View Park Site Development	\$500,000	\$410,017	\$910,017	\$29,751,229	Alternate
58	52.11	20-1804 D	Winthrop	Meadowlark Natural Area Development	\$318,000	\$106,000	\$424,000	\$30,069,229	Alternate
59	52.00	20-1415 D	Benton City	Benton City Splash Pad	\$500,000	\$233,243	\$733,243	\$30,569,229	Alternate
60	51.94	20-1840 C	Port of Allyn	Sweetwater Creek Waterwheel Park	\$486,436	\$288,813	\$775,249	\$31,055,665	Alternate
60	51.94	20-1878 D	Ellensburg	Ellensburg Central Park	\$500,000	\$1,007,409	\$1,507,409	\$31,555,665	Alternate
62	51.78	20-1319 C	Tukwila	Duwamish Neighborhood and Green River Trail Park	\$500,000	\$580,000	\$1,080,000	\$32,055,665	Alternate
63	51.67	20-1539 D	University Place	Curran Apple Orchard Park Playground	\$116,469	\$116,470	\$232,939	\$32,172,134	Alternate
63	51.67	20-1812 D	Port of Wahkiakum County District 2	Vista Park Nature Trail Foot Bridge	\$85,500	\$9,500	\$95,000	\$32,257,634	Alternate
65	51.33	20-1472 A	Manson Park and Recreation District	Leffler Field Acquisition	\$585,200	\$750,000	\$1,335,200	\$32,842,834	Alternate
66	51.28	20-1705 A	Shelton	Kneeland Park Expansion	\$77,300	\$40,000	\$117,300	\$32,920,134	Alternate
66	51.28	20-1885 D	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Warrior Ridge Sports Park Field Northeast Little	\$500,000	\$3,481,700	\$3,981,700	\$33,420,134	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
68	50.11	20-1409 D	Rock Island	Schooler Park Enhancements	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$33,495,134	Alternate

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
69	48.89	20-1875 D	Ridgefield	Ridgefield Skate Park	\$490,000	\$214,450	\$704,450	\$33,985,134	Alternate
70	48.33	20-1598 D	Seattle	Magnuson Play Area Renovation	\$500,000	\$772,000	\$1,272,000	\$34,485,134	Alternate
71	47.56	20-1824 A	Covington	Welcome Park	\$260,775	\$86,925	\$347,700	\$34,745,909	Alternate
72	46.78	20-1879 D	Skamania County	Downtown Stevenson Park Plaza Development	\$500,000	\$611,700	\$1,111,700	\$35,245,909	Alternate
73	45.11	20-1549 D	Cle Elum	Washington State Horse Park Covered Arena	\$500,000	\$375,000	\$875,000	\$35,745,909	Alternate
74	44.61	20-1786 D	Bellingham	Cordata Community Park Phase 2	\$500,000	\$2,183,328	\$2,683,328	\$36,245,909	Alternate
75	44.56	20-1842 D	Royal City	Park Expansion Royal City	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$36,745,909	Alternate
76	43.89	20-1752 A	Snoqualmie	Riverview Park Acquisition	\$300,000	\$315,000	\$615,000	\$37,045,909	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
77	42.11	20-1668 D	Whatcom County	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	\$305,868	\$101,957	\$407,825	\$37,351,777	Alternate
78	42.06	20-1359 C	Washougal	Washougal Main Street Park	\$418,873	\$199,830	\$618,703	\$37,770,650	Alternate
79	40.00	20-1277 D	Mossyrock	Veteran's Memorial Park	\$66,240	\$7,360	\$73,600	\$37,836,890	Alternate
80	37.94	20-1728 C	Yakima County Flood Control District	Naches Cowiche Confluence Park	\$682,150	\$293,850	\$976,000	\$38,519,040	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$38,519,040</b>	<b>\$94,023,844</b>	<b>\$132,542,883</b>		<b>\$12,937,050</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition, C=Combination (acquisition and development), D=Development

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

<sup>3</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program**  
**Natural Areas Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	41.33	20-1335 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve	\$2,622,472		\$2,622,472	\$2,622,472	\$2,622,472
2	41.00	20-1423 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Methow Rapids Natural Area Preserve	\$2,594,003		\$2,594,003	\$5,216,475	\$2,594,003
3	40.67	20-1334 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	\$2,910,430		\$2,910,430	\$8,126,905	\$2,910,430
4	40.42	20-1422 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Kennedy Creek Natural Area	\$277,278		\$277,278	\$8,404,183	\$277,278
5	38.33	20-1336 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Washougal Oaks Natural Area	\$2,805,920		\$2,805,920	\$11,210,103	\$2,376,692 <sup>2</sup>
6	38.25	20-1426 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Onion Ridge Proposed Natural Area Preserve	\$1,618,496		\$1,618,496	\$12,828,599	Alternate
7	37.42	20-1338 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	White Salmon Oak Natural Resources Conservation Area	\$2,260,263		\$2,260,263	\$15,088,862	Alternate
8	36.83	20-1294 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Cypress Island Natural Area	\$1,148,179		\$1,148,179	\$16,237,041	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$16,237,041</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,237,041</b>		<b>\$10,780,875</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Riparian Protection Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	60.09	20-1347 A	Columbia Land Trust	Wildboy Forest and Kwoneesum Dam Acquisition	\$1,036,200	\$2,189,400	\$3,225,600	\$1,036,200	\$1,036,200
2	57.36	20-1421 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Dabob Bay Natural Area	\$2,265,532		\$2,265,532	\$3,301,732	\$2,265,532
3	55.45	20-1512 A	Whatcom Land Trust	Skookum Creek Acquisition 2 Upper Skookum Creek	\$875,000	\$2,268,000	\$3,143,000	\$4,176,732	\$875,000
4	54.09	20-1226 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Twin Rivers Nearshore and West Twin	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$4,676,732	\$500,000
5	52.82	20-1333 A	North Olympic Land Trust	Hoko River Watershed Conservation Phase 1	\$566,020	\$566,248	\$1,132,268	\$5,242,752	\$566,020
5	52.82	20-1337 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Washougal Oaks Natural Area	\$2,100,343		\$2,100,343	\$7,343,095	\$2,100,343
7	51.82	20-1216 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Chehalis River Davis Creek Expansion	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	\$8,943,095	\$437,780 <sup>2</sup>
8	48.18	20-1513 A	Whatcom Land Trust	Stewart Mountain 1 Deming Main Stem	\$568,000	\$568,000	\$1,136,000	\$9,511,095	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
9	47.00	20-1785 A	Forterra	Lake Kapowsin Protection	\$1,613,087	\$1,613,088	\$3,226,175	\$11,124,182	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$11,124,182</b>	<b>\$7,204,736</b>	<b>\$18,328,918</b>		<b>\$7,780,875</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

<sup>3</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
State Lands Development and Renovation Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	53.30	20-1501 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Tiger Summit Trailhead Renovation and Addition	\$325,000	\$388,000	\$713,000	\$325,000	\$325,000
2	52.60	20-1503 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Highpoint Trailhead Addition	\$325,000	\$400,000	\$725,000	\$650,000	\$325,000
3	51.10	20-1445 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Raging River State Forest Trail System Development Final Phase	\$260,000	\$269,000	\$529,000	\$910,000	\$260,000
4	49.40	20-1256 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Blanchard State Forest Sustainable Toilets	\$90,400	\$41,000	\$131,400	\$1,000,400	\$90,400
5	49.20	20-1410 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Leyendecker Access Area Redevelopment	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$1,325,400	\$325,000
6	48.30	20-1291 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Boulder Lake Trail and Campsite Renovations	\$290,720	\$21,520	\$312,240	\$1,616,120	\$290,720
7	47.70	20-1749 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Ponds 4 and 5 Access Area Redevelopment	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$1,941,120	\$325,000
8	47.30	20-1504 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Mclane Creek Board Walk Replacement Phase 2	\$239,000	\$36,000	\$275,000	\$2,180,120	\$239,000
9	46.50	20-1538 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Lewis Butte-Riser Lake Trailhead Development	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$2,505,120	\$325,000
10	46.30	20-1257 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Similkameen River Water Access Improvement	\$281,200		\$281,200	\$2,786,320	\$281,200
11	46.00	20-1292 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Gothic Basin Trail and Camping Area Development	\$289,340	\$21,520	\$310,860	\$3,075,660	\$213,680 <sup>2</sup>
12	44.60	20-1567 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Samish Unit Public Access Improvements	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$3,400,660	Alternate
13	44.40	20-1665 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Buzzard Lake Access Area Redevelopment	\$211,500		\$211,500	\$3,612,160	Alternate

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
14	41.40	20-1616 D	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Lily Lake Access Development	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$3,937,160	Alternate
Total					\$3,937,160	\$1,177,040	\$5,114,200		\$3,000,000

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development  
<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	48.91	20-1521 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	South Sound Prairie, Bald, and Oak Restoration	\$485,850		\$485,850	\$485,850	\$485,850
2	47.00	20-1575 R	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Leadbetter Point Coastal Dune Restoration	\$80,000		\$80,000	\$565,850	\$80,000
3	45.64	20-1592 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve Rare Prairies Restoration	\$56,000		\$56,000	\$621,850	\$56,000
4	45.55	20-1638 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	West Foster Creek Riparian Restoration	\$119,100		\$119,100	\$740,950	\$119,100
5	45.45	20-1689 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Oak Creek Wildlife Area Forest Restoration	\$427,600		\$427,600	\$1,168,550	\$427,600
6	45.27	20-1353 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	White Salmon Oak Natural Resources Conservation Area Oak Restoration	\$80,000		\$80,000	\$1,248,550	\$80,000
7	45.09	20-1586 R	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Sand Verbena Moth Habitat Restoration	\$136,741	\$44,340	\$181,081	\$1,385,291	\$136,741
8	44.45	20-1304 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Lower Crab Creek Restoration and Enhancement	\$195,100		\$195,100	\$1,580,391	\$195,100
8	44.45	20-1629 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Puget Lowland Forest Restoration	\$144,750		\$144,750	\$1,725,141	\$144,750
10	44.18	20-1640 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Pygmy Rabbit Habitat Enhancement	\$161,850		\$161,850	\$1,886,991	\$161,850
11	43.82	20-1587 R	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Prairie Restoration on San Juan Islands	\$107,400		\$107,400	\$1,994,391	\$107,400
11	43.82	20-1613 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Kennedy Creek Floodplain Forest Restoration	\$192,000		\$192,000	\$2,186,391	\$192,000

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
13	43.00	20-1417 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Elk River Unit Habitat Enhancements	\$96,200		\$96,200	\$2,282,591	\$96,200
14	42.82	20-1287 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Okanogan County Shrub Steppe Restoration	\$122,931		\$122,931	\$2,405,522	\$122,931
15	42.36	20-1591 R	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Hope Island Natural Area Preserve Restoration	\$91,144		\$91,144	\$2,496,666	\$91,144
16	42.00	20-1354 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve Shrub Steppe Restoration	\$70,000		\$70,000	\$2,566,666	\$70,000
17	38.64	20-1590 R	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Bald Restoration at Beacon Rock State Park	\$92,000		\$92,000	\$2,658,666	\$92,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$2,658,666</b>	<b>\$44,340</b>	<b>\$2,703,006</b>		<b>\$2,658,666</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: R=Restoration



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1	66.26	20-1555 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Green River Gorge Icy Creek Ridge	\$1,972,500	\$727,500	\$2,700,000	\$1,972,500	\$1,972,500
2	66.06	20-1433 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Olallie State Park Mount Washington	\$898,906	\$27,750	\$926,656	\$2,871,406	\$898,906
3	64.51	20-1312 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Willapa Hills Trail Pacific County Bridges	\$1,157,250	\$65,000	\$1,222,250	\$4,028,656	\$1,157,250
4	63.99	20-1293 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$5,028,656	\$1,000,000
5	63.98	20-1556 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Lake Sammamish Issaquah Creek Loop Trail	\$2,617,968	\$110,000	\$2,727,968	\$7,646,624	\$2,617,968
6	62.27	20-1223 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Deception Pass State Park Nyberg Property	\$1,953,750	\$25,000	\$1,978,750	\$9,600,374	\$1,953,750
7	58.86	20-1593 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Mount Spokane Bear Creek	\$2,724,200		\$2,724,200	\$12,324,574	\$816,676 <sup>2</sup>
8	57.58	20-1603 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Lake Wenatchee Pedestrian Bridge	\$2,520,000		\$2,520,000	\$14,844,574	\$2,520,000
9	53.83	20-1528 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside Little Spokane River Robinson Property	\$858,100		\$858,100	\$15,702,674	Alternate
10	46.98	20-1599 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Twin Harbors State Park Residential Acquisition	\$733,785		\$733,785	\$16,436,459	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$16,436,459</b>	<b>\$955,250</b>	<b>\$17,391,709</b>		<b>\$12,937,050</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition, D=Development

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program**  
**Trails Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	68.82	20-1494 A	Clallam County	Olympic Discovery Trail Forks to La Push	\$905,456	\$301,819	\$1,207,275	\$905,456	\$905,456
2	65.14	20-1465 D	King County	East Lake Sammamish Trail South Segment B Part 1	\$1,000,000	\$13,905,815	\$14,905,815	\$1,905,456	\$1,000,000
3	62.73	20-1440 A	Colville	Colville Mountain Trailhead Land Acquisition	\$136,392	\$34,098	\$170,490	\$2,041,848	\$136,392
4	62.68	20-1656 D	Snohomish County	Whitehorse Trail Redevelopment	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000	\$3,091,848	\$1,050,000
5	61.86	20-1745 D	Jefferson County	Olympic Discovery Trail Anderson Lake Connection	\$2,189,021	\$1,189,021	\$3,378,041	\$5,280,869	\$2,189,021
6	61.45	20-1452 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Spokane River Centennial Trail Phase 1 Renovation	\$1,987,200	\$210,000	\$2,197,200	\$7,268,069	\$1,987,200
7	60.77	20-1778 D	Port Angeles	Race Street to Olympic National Park Shared Use	\$400,000	\$3,186,871	\$3,586,871	\$7,668,069	\$400,000
8	60.45	20-1867 D	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Cushman Trail 14th Avenue to 24th Street Northwest	\$500,000	\$560,000	\$1,060,000	\$8,168,069	\$500,000
9	60.09	20-1314 D	Yelm	Phase 2 Yelm Prairie Line Regional Trail	\$1,440,000	\$360,002	\$1,800,002	\$9,608,069	\$456,631 <sup>2</sup>
10	59.59	20-1282 D	Pierce County	Pipeline Trail Phase 1	\$2,281,760	\$1,521,173	\$3,802,933	\$11,889,829	Alternate
11	59.50	20-1753 D	Lynnwood	Scriber Lake Park Trail Rehabilitation	\$1,670,250	\$670,251	\$2,340,501	\$13,560,079	Alternate
12	58.77	20-1351 D	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Palouse to Cascades Trail Surfacing and Trailheads	\$1,072,000	\$150,000	\$1,222,000	\$14,632,079	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
13	58.68	20-1770 D	Bellevue	Eastrail to Mountains to Sound Trail Connector	\$1,182,390	\$394,130	\$1,576,520	\$15,814,469	Alternate
14	58.59	20-1803 D	Seattle	Flume Trail Development	\$910,445	\$400,000	\$1,310,445	\$16,724,914	Alternate
15	58.36	20-1495 D	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Evergreenway Route Phase 1 North Bend Connection	\$900,000	\$155,000	\$1,055,000	\$17,624,914	Alternate
16	58.23	20-1650 D	North Bend	Meadowbrook Farm Prairie Loop Trail	\$634,650	\$344,500	\$979,150	\$18,259,564	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
17	58.14	20-1419 D	Skagit County	Centennial Trail Phase 1 Barney Lake to Clear Lake	\$1,517,000	\$550,000	\$2,067,000	\$19,776,564	Alternate
18	57.91	20-1734 D	Auburn	White River Pedestrian Bridge Trail Connection	\$478,000	\$1,858,350	\$2,336,350	\$20,254,564	Alternate
19	56.09	20-1680 C	Clark County	Camp Currie to Lacamas Heritage Trail	\$1,997,000	\$1,402,148	\$3,399,148	\$22,251,564	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
20	55.68	20-1707 C	Winthrop	RiverWalk Phase 2	\$692,550	\$298,000	\$990,550	\$22,944,114	Alternate

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program**  
**Trails Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
21	53.91	20-1511 D	Lynden	Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail Missing Link Depot Road to 8	\$1,272,411	\$424,138	\$1,696,549	\$24,216,525	Alternate
22	53.27	20-1719 D	Castle Rock	Riverfront Trail Phase 3	\$401,775	\$133,925	\$535,700	\$24,618,300	Alternate
23	52.82	20-1516 D	Newcastle	CrossTown Trail in Lake Boren Park	\$995,321	\$333,000	\$1,328,321	\$25,613,621	Alternate
24	52.73	20-1871 D	Pasco	Sacajawea Heritage Trail Shared Use Improvements	\$1,827,000	\$830,000	\$2,657,000	\$27,440,621	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
25	49.41	20-1453 C	Covington	Jenkins Creek Trail Corridor	\$3,279,845	\$2,279,845	\$5,559,690	\$30,720,466	Alternate
26	48.59	20-1589 D	Everett	Silver Lake Trail	\$500,000	\$478,599	\$978,599	\$31,220,466	Alternate
27	46.32	20-1696 D	Whatcom County	South Fork Park Trail Development	\$490,000	\$176,500	\$666,500	\$31,710,466	Alternate
28	44.41	20-1240 D	Long Beach	Boardwalk Reconstruction	\$835,000	\$180,000	\$1,015,000	\$32,545,466	Alternate
29	36.91	20-1866 D	Orting	Orting to Tehaleh Phase 1	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$34,545,466	Not Eligible <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$34,545,466</b>	<b>\$36,377,185</b>	<b>\$70,922,650</b>		<b>\$8,624,700</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition, C=Combination (acquisition and development), D=Development

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding

<sup>3</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding

**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	98.18	20-1241 A	Spokane County	Antoine Peak Phase 4 Etter Ranch	\$1,061,380	\$1,071,052	\$2,132,432	\$1,061,380	\$1,061,380
2	91.55	20-1212 A	Capitol Land Trust	Lower Henderson Inlet Habitat Conservation Phase 2	\$630,000	\$692,000	\$1,322,000	\$1,691,380	\$630,000
3	85.73	20-1258 A	Issaquah	Harvey Manning Park Expansion	\$2,658,961	\$7,985,603	\$10,644,564	\$4,350,341	\$1,877,401 <sup>2</sup>
4	84.64	20-1742 A	Kitsap County	Illahee Preserve Kitsap County Heritage Park	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,350,341	Alternate
5	83.91	20-1427 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Stavis Natural Resource Conservation Area	\$611,073		\$611,073	\$5,961,414	\$611,073
6	83.36	20-1754 A	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	Rockaway Bluff Preserve Acquisition	\$1,374,552	\$1,382,370	\$2,756,922	\$7,335,966	Alternate
7	82.00	20-1424 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area	\$1,338,671		\$1,338,671	\$8,674,637	\$1,338,671
8	81.00	20-1283 A	Jefferson Land Trust	Quimper Wildlife Corridor Additions	\$610,400	\$610,401	\$1,220,801	\$9,285,037	Alternate
8	81.00	20-1514 A	Forterra	Saint Edward State Park Arrowhead Property	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$11,285,037	Alternate
10	80.45	20-1843 A	Newcastle	DeLeo Wall Conservation	\$450,000	\$851,205	\$1,301,205	\$11,735,037	Alternate
11	79.18	20-1637 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Ebey Island Wildlife Area Addition	\$950,000		\$950,000	\$12,685,037	\$950,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$12,685,037</b>	<b>\$15,592,631</b>	<b>\$28,277,668</b>		<b>\$6,468,525</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: A=Acquisition

<sup>2</sup>Partial funding



**Table 1: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program**  
**Water Access Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	53.60	20-1655 D	Snohomish County	Kayak Point Waterfront Improvements Phase 1	\$500,000	\$2,702,985	\$3,202,985	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	52.30	20-1759 D	Seattle	Terry Pettus Park Renovation	\$500,000	\$1,240,000	\$1,740,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
3	50.90	20-1252 D	Spokane County	Liberty Lake Regional Park Phase 1	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,950,000	\$406,175 <sup>2</sup>
4	50.60	20-1710 D	Port of Bellingham	Fairhaven Nonmotorized Watercraft Launch and	\$500,000	\$1,391,200	\$1,891,200	\$2,450,000	Alternate
5	50.00	20-1809 A	Bellevue	Lake Sammamish Property Acquisition	\$1,850,000	\$1,843,000	\$3,693,000	\$4,300,000	\$1,850,000
6	48.15	20-1259 C	Washington Department of Natural	North Fork Nooksack River Access	\$201,600	\$61,550	\$263,150	\$4,501,600	\$36,122 <sup>2</sup>
7	47.80	20-1821 D	Port of Silverdale	Expand Float Facilities and Enhance Beach Access	\$571,181	\$500,000	\$1,071,181	\$5,072,781	Alternate
8	46.20	20-1792 D	Winthrop	Mack Lloyd Park Water Access	\$441,000	\$147,000	\$588,000	\$5,513,781	Alternate
9	45.50	20-1713 D	Port of Illahee	Waterfront Access Improvements	\$600,880	\$211,120	\$812,000	\$6,114,661	Alternate
10	45.30	20-1835 A	Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	Hidden Cove 2	\$749,750	\$250,025	\$999,775	\$6,864,411	\$749,750
11	44.95	20-1757 C	Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District	California Creek Estuary Park Phase 2	\$425,300	\$147,000	\$572,300	\$7,289,711	\$192,686 <sup>2</sup>
12	44.60	20-1239 D	Benton City	Riverfront Park Development	\$456,000	\$152,967	\$608,967	\$7,745,711	Alternate
13	43.00	20-1295 A	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Miller Peninsula Jones Trust Property	\$621,173		\$621,173	\$8,366,884	\$621,173
14	41.90	20-1862 A	Lake Forest Park	Lake Front Property	\$2,603,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,103,000	\$10,969,884	\$768,794 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$10,969,884</b>	<b>\$12,096,847</b>	<b>\$23,066,731</b>		<b>\$5,624,700</b>

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# Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Funding Formula

<b>45%</b> <b>Habitat Conservation Account</b> 	<b>45%</b> <b>Outdoor Recreation Account</b> 	<b>10%</b> <b>Farm and Forest Account</b> 
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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 10% Forestland Preservation

## Distribution of \$100 Million: Less RCO Administration

Account and Category	Percent to Account	Percent to Category	Amount Per Category
<b>Farm and Forest Account</b>	<b>10 Percent</b>		
• Farmland Preservation		90%	\$8,624,700
• Forestland Preservation		10%	\$958,300
<b>Habitat Conservation Account</b>	<b>45 Percent</b>		
• Critical Habitat		35%	\$15,093,225
• Natural Areas		25%	\$10,780,875
• Riparian Protection		15%	\$7,780,875
• State Lands Restoration		10%	\$3,000,000
• Urban Wildlife Habitat		15%	\$6,468,525
<b>Outdoor Recreation Account</b>	<b>45 Percent</b>		
• Local Parks		30%	\$12,937,050
• State Lands Development		10%	\$3,000,000
• State Parks		30%	\$12,937,050
• Trails		20%	\$8,624,700
• Water Access		10%	\$5,624,700

## Letters Submitted by the Public Regarding Project Proposals for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

These attachments include public correspondence (letters of support and opposition) received by RCO for this agenda item. The number in parenthesis represents the number of letters or emails submitted for that project.

### **WWRP Letters are in Ranked Order by Category**

#### *WWRP Local Parks Category*

- 20-1296C Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park (2) Rank 19





Attachment C

Save.the.Edmonds.Marsh@gmail.com

August 7, 2019

To: Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

The 'Save Our Marsh' community group in Edmonds, WA supports the Marina Beach Park renovation grant applications (PRISM #20-1296 and #1322) from the City of Edmonds because they are a critical component of the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project to restore a fully functional tidal wetland along Puget Sound.

The Edmonds Marsh-Estuary has been partially disconnected from Puget Sound since the 1960's when the tidal outlet was put into a 1,600-foot pipe (with a tide gate) that discharges underwater into Puget Sound. Although the tide gate is secured open in spring and summer to allow limited tidal exchange, the fall and winter exclusion of saltwater into the marsh-estuary for many years has created a dysfunctional tidal wetland ecosystem with poor circulation. The long pipe exiting into saltwater below low tide levels has prevented adult salmon from spawning in upland streams, and has prevented juvenile Chinook salmon from rearing and feeding in an estuary.

There is substantial community support for this restoration project. Many residents and visitors to Edmonds go to the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary and Marina Beach Park to enjoy the natural setting and the recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities. The north edge of the Marsh has observation platforms and a boardwalk that provide excellent viewing opportunities. Over 190 different bird species have been documented at the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary and the restoration project will enhance the estuarine habitat for shorebirds as well as aquatic species. Both coho and chum salmon were observed in the past in the streams draining into the marsh and the Edmonds community is united in its desire to bring salmon back for future generations to enjoy.

The renovation design proposed for Marina Beach Park will allow the public to view adult salmon migrating up the tidal channel. There is a very limited number of publicly accessible locations for people to see wild salmon in their natural setting, and this project will greatly add to the public's wildlife viewing and educational opportunities.

We urge the RCO to approve the grant funding requested that will benefit salmon, wildlife, and people throughout the State that appreciate access to our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Joe Scordino  
Save Our Marsh

***SAVE OUR MARSH is a community-driven effort to preserve, enhance and restore the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary for the benefit of wildlife and salmon as well as current and future generations of people who enjoy our natural environment.***



August 10, 2020

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

To Whom It May Concern:

Students Saving Salmon club from Edmonds-Woodway High School and Meadowdale High School support the Marina Beach Park renovation grant applications (PRISM #20-1296 and #1322) because it will reopen a tidal channel between the beach and the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary that will allow salmon to once again return to Edmonds streams.

Students Saving Salmon was formed in 2014 by students concerned about the environment, especially salmon and their habitat, and our goal is to return salmon to all of the streams in Edmonds. Students participate in field studies to collect and disseminate scientific information; conduct community outreach, and assist community salmon enhancement and habitat restoration efforts.

We have collected data on water quality, pollutants and habitat conditions in the Edmonds Marsh and its' tributary streams since 2015 that confirm that restoring open tidal exchange is critical for the health of the Marsh-Estuary and return of salmon. Conditions in the Marsh-Estuary have deteriorated since the 1960's when the estuary outlet was put into a 1,600-foot underground pipe with a tide gate that has prevented tidal exchange causing sedimentation backup, proliferation of invasive species, restricted water circulation, overheating, and total blockage of salmon migration.

This project will contribute to Washington State goals to restore the nearshore environment in Puget Sound for salmon and other aquatic and wildlife species, and we urge the RCO to approve the applications.

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**Subject:** Withdrawal of Public Support for ALEA Project #20-1322 and WWRP Project #20-1296

External Email

This is to request retraction of the 'Save Our Marsh' and 'Students Saving Salmon' letters of support for Project #20-1322 "Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park" and Project #20-1296 "Marina Beach Park Redevelopment" (original copies attached).

Community support for these projects were premised on them being a part of the larger Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project - - but that project has been stalled due to inland property owner issues (WSDOT/Unocal) and location of the tidal channel. The City of Edmonds' 2020 grant application to RCO for the final design of the tidal channel from the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary to Puget Sound (including through the Marina Beach property) was withdrawn due to technical review comments and the Unocal property issues (see Project #20-1056). A 2019 NFWF grant to the City for tidal design work also was retracted by the grantee in 2020. We cannot support issuance of the ALEA and WWRP grants until such time that there is certainty on the City proceeding with an approved final design for the tidal channel as part of the overall restoration project.

The ALEA and WWRP grant applications "assume" that the tidal channel final specifications including channel width, meander provisions, channel hardening/armoring, and buffer widths have been determined - but that is not the case currently - how can any of the Marina Beach Park renovation design and other work proceed without an approved (and funded) plan for the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project? The City's 2016 Master Plan for Marina Beach acknowledged that the final tidal channel design and buffer widths had to be determined (by restoration scientists) before specific design of Park facilities (including bathroom and parking areas) could be finalized (see minutes of the February 2, 2016 Edmonds City Council Public Meeting).

As stated in the attached letters, the community fully supports restoring the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary so that salmon will be able to swim through Marina Beach Park to enter the Marsh-Estuary and upland streams. But, we do not support a piecemeal approach to the overall restoration project by these two grants that would fund Marina Beach Park renovation work around a tidal channel that is yet to be designed. We are also concerned this piecemeal approach will exhaust the City's capability to provide

matching funds for the overall restoration project that we would definitely like to see happen sooner rather than later. The minutes of the City Council's

May 4, 2021 Public Meeting provides details on these concerns including funding concerns for the City coming up with the additional \$4M for the Marina Beach project "outside" the realm of the overall restoration project.

I recommend the RCO either delay issuance of these grants until the overall restoration project is approved by RCO (and include appropriate grant conditions that confirm the 'sub-component' aspect of the two grants), OR deny issuance of the grants at this time due to the lack of resolution on final design of the tidal channel that the grants need to be 'working around'.



July 30, 2020

Recreation and Conservation Office  
1111 Washington Street S.E.  
Olympia, Washington 98501  
WRIA 8 Grant Funding Committee

Dear Esteemed Members of the Recreation and Conservation Office,

Please accept this letter of support from The Off-Leash Area Edmonds (OLAE) for the City of Edmonds' plan to renovate Marina Beach Park as part of the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project. OLAE is a local non-profit group that was founded in 2005 to steward, restore, educate and clean-up the off-leash area in Edmonds. Our hard-working volunteers over the past 15 years in conjunction with Rich Lindsay, Parks and Recreation Manager have removed tons of debris and managed five Eagle Scout Project to bring this area to be recognized by the Seattle Times as "the Club-Med of Dog Parks" (see attached page).

This project is an essential component of the Edmonds Marsh near-shore restoration and has been a popular regional park and Native Wildlife Park with the community for decades. The OLAE Board supports the overall Marsh Estuary Restoration project that will reconnect the Marsh to Puget Sound restoring critical estuary functions and salmon migrations, and expanding a wildlife sanctuary. The Marina Beach comprehensive design took over two years to complete and was a massive public outreach project. Initially the consultants came up with a design that completely eliminated the off-leash area. Citizens were up in arms and after hundreds of hours of testimony, open houses and public comments, the final design included a smaller off-leash area where park users will cross a bridge over the tidal channel to our park. The overlook from bridge should provide wonderful views of the tidal exchange and adult salmon migrating back into the Marsh estuary. For the record, water quality tests at the off-leash area are BETTER than any other area tested along that shoreline.

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The Board of OLAE always supports the efforts of the City of Edmonds to redevelop Marina Beach and restore the Edmonds Marsh estuary as we must remember that generations to come need a place: for recreation, for understanding, learning and discovering this unique ecosystem; for enjoying nature's backdrop of beauty; and most importantly for dog owners to have a beautiful "Club-Med" for their dogs to play.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely the Board of OLAE (woof),

/s/Brian Albright,  
/s/Diane Buckshnis,  
/s/Shay Hastler,  
/s/Kristie Kloomer,  
/s/Glenda Konkol,  
/s/Lori Parsons,  
/s/Joshua Wilde

cc: City of Edmonds,  
OLAE Board Members

Visit [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) to find out details about us!

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**Subject:** Withdrawal of OLAE support for ALEA Project #20-1322 and WWRP Project #20-1296

External Email

Dear Esteemed Environmentalists,

We would like to withdraw the Off Leash Area Edmonds (OLAE) letter of support for Project #20-1322 "Willow Creek at Marina Beach Park" and Project #20-1296 "Marina Beach Park Redevelopment".

As we stated in our original letter of support, we support "the City of Edmonds' plan to renovate Marina Beach Park AS PART OF the overall Edmonds MarshEstuary Restoration Project." However, the overall Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Project has been put on hold pending resolution of the inland property issues (i.e., cleanup of the Unocal property, title transfer to WSDOT, and WSDOT receiving compensation from the City of Edmonds). Thus, the final design of the tidal channel that will cross the Unocal property and Marina Beach Park has not been completed.

The City of Edmonds' 2020 grant application to RCO for the final design of the tidal channel from the Edmonds MarshEstuary to Puget Sound (including through Marina Beach Park) was withdrawn due to technical review comments and the Unocal property issues (see Project #20-1056). Although the Marina Beach Park renovation is an essential part of the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary Restoration Project, it cannot and should not proceed separately from the overall restoration project which has been delayed due to the Unocal property issue. Further, without a final design on channel location, width, meander, and buffer widths across Marina Beach Park, it would be a waste of grant funds to proceed with any aspect of the Park renovation at this time (since all aspects of the Park remodel are contingent upon the exact locations of and buffer widths around the tidal channel).

The Edmonds community and WRIA 8 scientists have urged the City to take a comprehensive and holistic approach to restoring the Edmonds Marsh-Estuary (that

obviously includes Marina Beach Park) for salmon recovery and the Meadowdale Beach near-shore restoration currently being restored was used as an example of the holistic approach that also includes a public park aspect. So, we believe it is premature for the City to proceed with the scopes of work proposed in the ALEA and WWRP grants. As such, the Board of O.L.A.E. support cancellation or a future issuance of the ALEA and WWRP grants until such time that there is certainty on the overall restoration project including an approved final design for the tidal channel across Marina Beach Park.

Sincerely and woofs,

Brian Albright, Diane Buckshnis, Shay Hastler, Glenda Konkol, Julie Nealy, Lori Parson and Josh Wilde



## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Approve Grants for the 2021-23 Biennium:  
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

#### Summary

The Legislature approved \$11 million for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is requesting approval of the final ranked lists and grant awards for projects meeting statutory and policy requirements.

#### Board Action Requested

This item will be a: ☒ Request for Decision  
☐ Request for Direction  
☐ Briefing

**Resolution #:** 2021-25

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve the final ranked lists of projects and funding amounts shown in *Table 1*.

### Background

The Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program provides grants 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 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.

### Application Process

Applicants submitted 47 YAF project proposals to RCO in 2020 and requested more than \$11million in grant funds. One applicant withdrew its proposal to better prepare for a future grant cycle and another project was unexpectedly funded as an alternate from the previous grant cycle. Using an evaluation process and criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board), the YAF advisory committee reviewed and ranked the remaining 45 project proposals, submitted for two categories,

YAF Large and YAF Small. A description of the two categories is included in the November 2020 meeting materials in [Item 8](#).

In anticipation of legislative approval of a state capital budget that would include funding for YAF, the board adopted the preliminary ranked list of projects via Resolutions 2020-21 at the November 2020 meeting.

### **Certification of Match Required**

YAF applicants must provide a minimum fifty percent match, unless they qualify for a match reduction. Board policy allows this exception for communities in need, counties in need, underserved populations, or because the applicant is providing facilities in a federal disaster area. To help mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all applicants qualified for a match reduction per the board's approval of the federal disaster pathway for 2020 applicants.<sup>1</sup> This means the match was reduced from fifty percent to twenty-five percent for all applicants. Some applicants qualified for an even lower match using one of the other match reduction pathways.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) requires applicants to certify that they have matching funds available at least one month<sup>2</sup> before the June 30, 2021, funding meeting. Staff notified applicants of this requirement on April 8 and May 6, 2021. Most applicants certified that their matching funds are available. We do not have a match certification, however, for the following project:

#### *YAF Large Category*

- Rank 7 – Warrior Ridge Sports Park Field Number 1 Lighting ([20-1890D](#)). Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe did not certify match for this project because of its low ranking and proposed grant amount compared to the overall project cost.

This application is no longer eligible for funding consideration and is shown as “Not Eligible” on the final ranked list in Table 1.

### **Program Funding and Legislative Action**

YAF funding comes from the sale of general obligation bonds. The Legislature passed the 2021-23 state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$11,227,000 in bond monies for YAF projects. The Legislature also approved a Youth Athletic Facilities project list via LEAP Capital Document No. RCO-2-HB-2021.

Board policy allows use of up to ten percent of the YAF appropriation for projects in the Small Category.<sup>3</sup> The total requested for that category is \$368,873 or three percent of

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 2020-09

<sup>2</sup> Washington Administrative Code 286-13-040(3)

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 2017-34

the funds available. Per board policy, all remaining funds are allocated to projects in the YAF Large Category.

The monies appropriated for the 2021-23 biennium provide full funding for all projects on the Legislature's list.

## Analysis

### 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

Staff presented to the board the written testimony regarding these grant proposals at the November 2020 meeting. Staff will provide any additional public comment at the upcoming meeting.

## Staff Recommendation

RCO staff recommends approval of the final ranked list of projects and the funding amounts shown in Table 1.

## Next Steps

If the board approves the list and funding amounts, the RCO director would be authorized to execute project agreements for projects that meet all post-approval requirements.

## Attachments

- A. Resolution 2021-25, including Table 1 – *Youth Athletic Facilities Program, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for the 2021-23 Biennium*

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board**  
**Resolution 2021-25**  
**Youth Athletic Facilities**  
**Approval of Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards for 2021-23 Biennium**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2021-23 State Capital Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. RCO-2-HB-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects develop and renovate public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting board priorities in *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022* and the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the board has discussed and reviewed these projects 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**, *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2021-23* now indicates the project that is not eligible for funding since the sponsor has not certified match; and

**WHEREAS**, all remaining projects meet program eligibility requirements as stipulated in administrative rule and Manual 17, *Youth Athletic Facilities*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has enacted the state capital budget, which includes an appropriation of \$11 million for the YAF Program for the 2021-23 biennium;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the final ranked lists and award grants to the projects depicted in *Table 1 – Youth Athletic Facilities, Final Ranked Lists and Grant Awards, 2021-23*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes RCO's Director to execute project agreements for funded projects to facilitate prompt project implementation.

*Resolution moved by:*

*Resolution seconded by:*

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*

**Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities  
Large Grant Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	48.00	20-1361 D	Othello	Lions Park Basketball Zone	\$350,000	\$132,000	\$482,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
2	46.18	20-1664 D	Clark County	Curtin Creek Community Park Youth Athletic Fields	\$350,000	\$1,935,130	\$2,285,130	\$700,000	\$350,000
3	45.18	20-1263 D	Kent	Kent Memorial Park Renovation	\$350,000	\$4,407,000	\$4,757,000	\$1,050,000	\$350,000
3	45.18	20-1285 D	Pierce County	Sprinker Recreation Center Youth Ballfields Synthetic	\$350,000	\$3,617,000	\$3,967,000	\$1,400,000	\$350,000
5	45.09	20-1323 D	Bremerton	Haddon Park Sport Court and Restroom Improvements	\$350,000	\$64,195	\$414,195	\$1,750,000	\$350,000
6	44.73	20-1553 D	Olympia	Little Baseball Association Park Field Number 2	\$350,000	\$364,034	\$714,034	\$2,100,000	\$350,000
7	44.45	20-1890 D	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Warrior Ridge Sports Park Field Number 1 Lighting	\$350,000	\$3,631,700	\$3,981,700	\$2,450,000	Not Eligible <sup>2</sup>
8	44.27	20-1765 D	Lakewood	Fort Steilacoom Park Artificial Turf Infields	\$350,000	\$994,000	\$1,344,000	\$2,800,000	\$350,000
9	44.18	20-1237 D	Port Angeles	Port Angeles PumpTrack	\$350,000	\$47,500	\$397,500	\$3,150,000	\$350,000
10	43.91	20-1811 D	White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park	White Salmon Valley Pool	\$350,000	\$1,251,523	\$1,601,523	\$3,500,000	\$350,000
11	43.73	20-1735 D	Whatcom County	East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court	\$350,000	\$200,470	\$550,470	\$3,850,000	\$350,000
12	43.27	20-1764 D	Lakewood	Wards Lake Pump Track	\$350,000	\$38,907	\$388,907	\$4,200,000	\$350,000
13	42.91	20-1268 D	Buckley	Rainier Gateway Court	\$75,000	\$92,694	\$167,694	\$4,275,000	\$75,000
14	42.82	20-1211 D	Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley	Clarkston Club Athletic Field Renovation	\$334,306	\$38,146	\$372,452	\$4,609,306	\$334,306
14	42.82	20-1773 D	Mountlake Terrace	Evergreen Tennis Courts Restoration	\$350,000	\$209,000	\$559,000	\$4,959,306	\$350,000
14	42.82	20-1886 D	Rj's Kids	Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track	\$166,875	\$69,425	\$236,300	\$5,126,181	\$166,875
17	42.73	20-1642 D	Mountlake Terrace	Evergreen Playfield Phase 2 Infield Turf and Light	\$350,000	\$1,129,000	\$1,479,000	\$5,476,181	\$350,000
17	42.73	20-1829 D	Hoquiam	Olympic Stadium Repair and Preservation	\$350,000	\$100,000	\$450,000	\$5,826,181	\$350,000
19	42.64	20-1808 D	Ilwaco	Baseball and Basketball Improvements	\$190,933	\$139,999	\$330,932	\$6,017,114	\$190,933
20	42.36	20-1560 D	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Replacement	\$350,000	\$637,466	\$987,466	\$6,367,114	\$350,000
21	42.27	20-1303 D	Seattle	West Queen Anne Play Field Athletic Field Renovation	\$350,000	\$441,000	\$791,000	\$6,717,114	\$350,000
21	42.27	20-1810 D	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Usk Basketball Courts	\$233,333	\$116,667	\$350,000	\$6,950,447	\$233,333
23	42.09	20-1356 D	Port Angeles	Volunteer Field Turf	\$350,000	\$255,500	\$605,500	\$7,300,447	\$350,000
24	41.82	20-1238 D	Wenatchee	Wenatchee City Pool Renovation	\$350,000	\$538,000	\$888,000	\$7,650,447	\$350,000
25	41.64	20-1434 D	Winthrop Rink	Winthrop Ice Rink Phase 3	\$141,648	\$47,217	\$188,865	\$7,792,095	\$141,648
26	41.55	20-1639 D	Pasco	Highland Park Improvements Phase 2	\$221,870	\$82,000	\$303,870	\$8,013,965	\$221,870
26	41.55	20-1712 D	Omak	Omak Eastside Park Skatepark Upgrade	\$350,000	\$68,465	\$418,465	\$8,363,965	\$350,000
28	41.45	20-1231 D	Sumner	Rainier View Park Covered Court	\$350,000	\$587,500	\$937,500	\$8,713,965	\$350,000

**Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities  
Large Grant Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
28	41.45	20-1826 D	Pacific Little League	So Kids Can Play 2.0	\$128,432	\$14,271	\$142,703	\$8,842,397	\$128,432
30	41.36	20-1355 D	Aberdeen	Little League Field and Restroom	\$261,900	\$39,960	\$301,860	\$9,104,297	\$261,900
31	41.09	20-1298 D	Seattle	Maple Wood Playfield Renovation	\$350,000	\$2,486,890	\$2,836,890	\$9,454,297	\$350,000
32	39.55	20-1662 D	North Bonneville	Outdoor Community Sport Court and Public Restrooms	\$114,750	\$38,250	\$153,000	\$9,569,047	\$114,750
32	39.55	20-1675 D	Snohomish County	Fairfield Park Irrigation and Drainage	\$65,000	\$35,000	\$100,000	\$9,634,047	\$65,000
34	39.27	20-1729 D	South Bend	South Bend Athletic Field	\$350,000	\$1,048,345	\$1,398,345	\$9,984,047	\$350,000
35	38.45	20-1566 D	College Place	Lions Park Multi-Use Field and Restrooms	\$349,550	\$117,614	\$467,164	\$10,333,597	\$349,550
36	37.18	20-1579 D	Everett	Edgewater Park Sports Court	\$224,841	\$74,947	\$299,788	\$10,558,438	\$224,841
37	36.00	20-1290 D	Chuckanut Bay Rugby Club	Chuckanut Bay Access and Parking Improvement	\$140,475	\$46,825	\$187,300	\$10,698,913	\$140,475
38	29.18	20-1232 D	Fircrest	Fircrest Park Athletic Field Improvements	\$158,515	\$158,515	\$317,030	\$10,857,428	\$158,515
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$10,857,428</b>	<b>\$25,296,155</b>	<b>\$36,153,583</b>		<b>\$10,507,428</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development

<sup>2</sup>Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding

**Table 1: Youth Athletic Facilities  
Small Grant Category**  
Final Ranked List and Grant Awards  
2021-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Cumulative Total	Staff Recommends
1	40.36	20-1437 D	Fircrest	Gene Goodwin Tennis Courts Resurfacing	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$32,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
2	40.27	20-1880 D	Boys and Girls Clubs of Olympic Peninsula	Youth Outdoor Activity Area Sequim Boys and Girls	\$35,542	\$11,848	\$47,390	\$51,542	\$35,542
3	39.36	20-1481 D	Springdale	Springdale Park Athletic and Americans with Disabilities Act Upgrades	\$75,000	\$58,700	\$133,700	\$126,542	\$75,000
4	38.82	20-1747 D	Fairfield	The Pit Youth Facilities	\$33,000	\$11,000	\$44,000	\$159,542	\$33,000
5	37.36	20-1864 D	Milton	Milton Community Park Courts	\$75,000	\$65,000	\$140,000	\$234,542	\$75,000
6	35	20-1784 D	Colfax	Colfax Pool Mechanical Room Renovation	\$75,000	\$41,969	\$116,969	\$309,542	\$75,000
7	34.27	20-1429 D	Wilbur	Wilbur Youth Recreation Support Facilities	\$59,331	\$19,777	\$79,108	\$368,873	\$59,331
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$368,873</b>	<b>\$224,294</b>	<b>\$593,167</b>		<b>\$368,873</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project type: D=Development



## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Grant Evaluation Process

**Prepared By:** Kyle Guzlas and Marguerite Austin, Section Managers

#### Summary

This memo summarizes the grant application review and evaluation processes used for many Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) grant programs. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff recommends the board review the summary of the applicant and advisory committee survey data, and consider adopting a "live virtual presentation" process for future grant cycles rather than the traditional "in-person" evaluation process.

#### 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 #:** 2021-26

**Purpose of Resolution:** Approve using a virtual evaluation presentation process for board grant programs.

### Background

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board has adopted two evaluation processes for its grant programs. Advisory committees use these processes for both technical review and evaluations. These are referenced as "in-person" and "written" processes. Here are brief descriptions of each process.

***In-Person:*** The process used for grant programs or categories where evaluation of projects involves an applicant attending a meeting (typically held in Olympia) to make an "in-person", oral and graphic presentation, addressing the board-adopted evaluation criteria, to the advisory committee. The committee listens to



the presentation, asks follow-up questions, then scores the project using the PRISM Online Review and Evaluation Module.

**Written:** The process used for grant programs where electronic application materials are made available to volunteer advisory committee members. Application materials include written responses to board adopted evaluation criteria, project descriptions, cost estimates, maps, plans, photos, and more. The materials are accessed by the advisory committee at any point during the review or evaluation timeframe. The members then transmit their comments or scores using the PRISM Online Review and Evaluation module.

The Recreation and Conservation Office facilitates these processes for nine board programs and two office programs for a total of 32 separate categories. This includes 14 “written” and 18 “in-person” evaluation sessions.

Grant Program	Grant Process	
	Written	In-person
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account		1
Boating Facilities Program (2 categories)		2
Boating Infrastructure Grant (2 categories)*	2	
Community Forests Program	1	
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation		1
Land and Water Conservation Fund (2 categories)*	1	1
No Child Left Inside (3 categories)	2	1
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (4 categories)	1	3
Recreational Trails Program (2 categories)	2	
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (12 categories)	3	9
Youth Athletic Facilities Program (2 categories)	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>

\*One category evaluated by a national panel.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented a unique challenge for RCO’s facilitation of the “in-person” grant review and evaluation process. To comply with the Governor’s Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation, staff acted very quickly to pivot to a 100 percent virtual process in April 2020. Completing the development and implementation of the PRISM Review and Evaluation Module, and public acceptance of virtual meeting platforms like Zoom<sup>®</sup> made this transition relatively smooth.

From May 2020 through May 2021, RCO staff facilitated over 350 hours of virtual review and evaluation meetings, involving presentations by more than 140 organizations. To

help ensure transparency, RCO staff broadcast live on YouTube<sup>®</sup> so members of the public had the opportunity to see and hear the presentations in real-time. Those recorded sessions remain available for applicants to view, and may help applicants critique their applications or work on preparing for the next grant round.

## Decision Authority

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) sets the parameters and outlines the board's authority to make decisions on grant review and evaluation procedures. Specifically, WAC 286-13-020 states:

### **Application requirements and the evaluation process.**

- (1) The board shall adopt a competitive evaluation process to guide it in allocating funds to grant applicants. The board may also adopt a technical review process to assist applicants in preparing for evaluation of their applications.
- (2) The board's technical review and evaluation process for applications shall:
  - (a) Be developed, to a reasonable extent, through the participation of a grant program advisory committee and interested parties;
  - (b) Consider applicant, local, regional, and statewide needs, a project's technical merits, and other evaluation criteria;
  - (c) Be adopted by the board in open public meetings;
  - (d) Be made available in published form to interested parties;
  - (e) Be designed for use by an advisory committee selected for this purpose; and
  - (f) Be in accord with chapters [46.09](#), 79A.15, 79A.25, [79A.35](#) RCW, and RCW [79.105.150](#) and all other applicable statutes and federal laws and rules.
- (3) The office shall administer the technical review and evaluation process adopted by the board. The office shall inform all applicants of the application requirements and the technical review and evaluation process.
- (4) All applications completed in the format prescribed and submitted to the office that meet the application requirements and deadlines in this chapter will be referred to an advisory committee for evaluation.
- (5) The results of the evaluation of applications from an advisory committee shall be referred to the director. The director shall use the results of the evaluation process to make funding recommendations to the board.

At present, the board-adopted policies are outlined in the program and procedural [manuals](#) used for each grant program.

## Analysis and Considerations

Applicant and advisory committee surveys completed earlier this year, provided specific feedback related to the review and evaluation process. Staff will present the survey results at the June meeting.

In summary:

- A majority of *advisory committee members* that completed the survey selected that their future preferred review and evaluation format is “virtual (online presentations), remote locations for both the applicant and advisory committee”.
- A majority of *applicants* that completed the survey showed strong support for the virtual review and evaluation process.
- The primary concern of transitioning permanently to a virtual online process is the loss of interaction between *advisory committee* members.
- Primary feedback received in open-ended questions throughout the *applicant* survey indicated appreciation for not having to travel to Olympia to present projects.

Additional considerations:

- Cost for hosting in-person meetings. During the 2018 grant reviews and evaluations, RCO reimbursed approximately \$55,000 in per diem costs to 65 advisory committee members.
- Requiring “in person” review creates a carbon footprint impact associated with motor vehicle transportation to and from Olympia for applicants and advisory committee members.
- Travel costs for applicants was minimal for some, but costly for others depending on geographic location. This expense can be a barrier for smaller communities.
- Required “in-person” review and evaluation meetings can be a barrier to participation on advisory committees, because some people cannot or do not want to travel to Olympia.

## Strategic Plan Link

This change would support the board’s strategy of achieving a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to the board by ensuring that funded programs are managed efficiently, with integrity, in a fair and open

manner, and in conformance with legal authorities. This change would also support the board's goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation.

### **Public Comment**

Staff will present the survey results associated with this proposal as part of Item 4, Grant Cycle Survey Data at the June 2021 meeting. Staff will provide any additional public comment at the upcoming meeting as well.

### **Staff Recommendation**

RCO staff recommends the board authorize use of virtual video-conferencing review and evaluation meetings rather than the traditional in-person evaluation meetings for future grant cycles. Resolution 2021-26 is provided for consideration.

### **Next Steps**

If approved, staff will update the policy manuals and online application materials to prepare applicants for the 2022 grant cycle. Staff will continue to closely monitor use of this process and adjust and adapt as needed to ensure open, fair, and efficient grant processes.

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution 2021-26  
Grant Review and Evaluation Process for Board Programs**

**WHEREAS** the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) uses a written or in-person review and evaluation process for its grant programs; and

**WHEREAS** it has been demonstrated that the in-person review and evaluation process can be accomplished using available technology and remain accessible to members of the public; and

**WHEREAS** this virtual video-conferencing option reduces stress and allows a more cost efficient and environmentally friendly option for applicants and advisory committee members across the state; and

**WHEREAS** the board has discussed and reviewed this procedural decision in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that funded programs are managed efficiently, with integrity, in a fair and open manner, as well as supporting the board's goal to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby authorizes use of a virtual meeting format for review and evaluation of board grant programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the RCO Director is authorized to make necessary changes to the review and evaluation process, as needed, to enhance and improve the options available to applicants and advisory committee members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes RCO's Director to make appropriate changes to all applicable grant program manuals and other applicant and advisory committee resources related to grant review and evaluation meeting formats.

*Resolution moved by:*

*Resolution seconded by:*

*Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

*Date:*



## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Complimentary Uses Policy Briefing

**Prepared By:** Adam Cole, Natural Resources Policy Specialist

#### Summary

This memo summarizes our current policies and grant agreement terms and conditions regarding retail operations, and concessionaire and third-party providers of parks and recreation services on board funded properties. At this meeting, we will discuss these issues in the context of stakeholder requests to liberalize policies to expand the provision of retail and third-party provider of parks and recreation goods and services on board funded properties.

#### Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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

### Background

Via a survey of Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) members in 2019, the board identified "Address Commercial Uses in Parks" as its number one priority in the RCO 2019-21 Policy Work Plan. Since then, through direction from the board at its January meeting (see [Item 5](#) for more background) and meetings with stakeholders, this issue has been narrowed to possible changes to RCO policies. Possible changes pertain to retail activities in parks, trails, and open space areas by third parties (often called "concessionaires") that support or "complement" the experiences of outdoor recreationists.

What follows is a summary of board policies and grant agreement terms and conditions, which explain what types of retail activities, and concessionaire or third-party provider activities are allowed on board funded properties.

At this meeting, staff will lead a discussion on current events and stakeholder requests to allow some concessionaire/third party providers to operate on board funded properties within the limits of policy and grant agreement terms and conditions.

## Current Policies and Grant Agreement Terms and Conditions

RCO's approach to evaluating and approving retail operations, and concessionaire/third party provider of parks and recreation services on board funded properties can be described in two general categories 1) grant agreement terms and conditions, and 2) board adopted policies, which are incorporated into RCO's grant agreement terms and conditions.

### RCO's Grant Agreement Terms and Conditions

The following is an example of grant agreement terms and conditions of a currently active board funded project between the RCO and the City of Lynwood:

#### "DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The City of Lynwood will use this grant to renovate South Lynnwood Park. Development at the 4.2-acre park will include playground, picnic shelter, park furniture, restrooms, a bike station, tennis courts, handball/racquetball court, native plantings area with an interpretive sign, walking paths, parking, and new entry signs. The primary outdoor recreational opportunities provided by this project will be active and passive recreation.

#### LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROJECTS AND SPONSORS

A. **Long-Term Obligations.** This section applies to completed projects only.

B. **Perpetuity.** For acquisition, development, and restoration projects, or a combination thereof (unless otherwise allowed by applicable manual, policy, program rules, or this Agreement, or approved in writing by RCO), the RCO requires that the project area continue to function for the purposes for which these grant funds were approved, in perpetuity.

C. **Conversion.** The Sponsor shall not at any time convert any real property (including any interest therein) or facility acquired, developed, renovated, and/or restored pursuant to this Agreement, unless provided for in applicable statutes, rules, and policies. Conversion includes, but is not limited to, putting such property (or a portion of it) to uses other than those purposes for which funds were approved or transferring such property to another entity without prior approval via a written amendment to the Agreement. All real property or facilities acquired, developed, renovated, and/or restored with funding assistance shall remain in the same ownership and in public use/access status in perpetuity unless otherwise expressly provided in the Agreement or applicable policies, or

unless a transfer or change in use is approved by the RCO through an amendment.

Failure to comply with these obligations is a conversion.

Further, if the project is subject to operation and or maintenance obligations, the failure to comply with such obligations, without cure after a reasonable period as determined by the RCO, is a conversion. Determination of whether a conversion has occurred shall be based upon all terms of the Agreement, and all applicable state or federal laws or regulation.

When a conversion has been determined to have occurred, the Sponsor shall remedy the conversion as set forth in this Agreement (with incorporated documents) and as required by all applicable policies, manuals, WACs and laws that exist at the time the remedy is implemented or the right to the remedy is established by a court or other decision-making body, and the RCO may pursue all remedies as allowed by the Agreement or law."

The remedy for a conversion is either the acquisition of a property of similar size and recreational or conservation utility, or development of a restoration project that offsets any impact to the board funded property that is converted.

The project property considered in any conversion may be the extent of the entire project property such as a park or conservation area, or a functional portion thereof, which provides access to the grant funded elements of the property.

## **Board Adopted Policies**

This section explains our current suite of policies and practices for managing private enterprise ventures on board funded sites.

There are two general ways in which RCO currently manages retail activities and third-party service providers of parks and recreation services: 1) eligible scope items paid for within a grant; and 2) allowed uses of a funded property.

### **Eligible Scope Items Paid for Within A Grant:**

1. **Eligible**, or "allowable," costs within a grant are those to acquire, develop, renovate, or restore areas that are for the direct use of the general recreating public or conservation. Investments in facilities that may be occupied by third party providers serving outdoor recreationists are, for the most part, not eligible costs within an RCO grant. Examples of these types of ineligible project costs



include restaurants, concession stands, and paved areas or hook-ups for food trucks.

### **Allowed Uses of Funded Properties:**

1. Many retail activities through third party providers are allowed on board funded properties without special permission from the board or RCO. These include ad hoc public events, pop-up markets, recreation or summer camp programs, and special competitions. However, the frequency and scale of such activities may be prohibited by the RCO through interpretation of the grant project agreement and what constitutes an activity that is inconsistent with the issuance of the grant.
2. Third party service providers and related facilities are allowed only if approved by existing policies (see below).

### **Existing Policies for Third Party Facilities and Retail Activities**

[Manual 7, Long-Term Obligations](#) contains the complete policies described below.

1. **Conversion Policy**<sup>1</sup>. A conversion occurs when one or more of the following takes place, whether affecting an entire site or a portion of a site funded by RCO:
  - Permanent property interests are conveyed for non-public, outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, or salmon recovery uses.<sup>2</sup>
  - Permanent property interests are conveyed to a third party not eligible to receive grants in the program from which funding was derived.
  - 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 or non-eligible structures are built in the project area.
  - Public use of the property or a portion of the property acquired, developed, or restored with an RCO grant is terminated unless public use was not allowed under the original grant.

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<sup>1</sup> [RCW 79A.25.100](#) Marine recreation land with respect to which money has been expended under [RCW 79A.25.080](#) shall not, without the approval of the board be converted to uses other than those for which such expenditure was originally approved. The board shall only approve any such conversion upon conditions which will assure the substitution of other marine recreation land of at least equal fair market value at the time of conversion and of as nearly as feasible equivalent usefulness and location.

[RCW 79A.15.030 \(9\)](#) Habitat and recreation land and facilities acquired or developed with moneys appropriated for this chapter may not, without prior approval of the board, be converted to a use other than that for which funds were originally approved. The board shall adopt rules and procedures governing the approval of such a conversion.

<sup>2</sup>Unless approved as an Exception to Conversion. See Exception to Conversion section in [Manual 7, Long-Term Obligations](#), p13-15.

- 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.

2. **Allowable Uses Policy.**<sup>3</sup> To be in compliance with the grant, use of grant-assisted project site must be one of the following:

- Identified in the grant agreement.
- Allowed by RCO policy.
- Approved by RCO or the funding board.
- The use must be consistent with the essential purposes of the grant (i.e., consistent with the grant agreement and grant program).
- All practical alternatives to the use, including the option of no action, must have been considered and rejected on a sound basis.
- The use must achieve its intended purpose with the least possible impact to the habitat or outdoor recreation resource.
- If the use impacts the type of resource the grant is designed to protect (habitat or outdoor recreation), it must provide at least equivalent benefit to that type of resource so there is no overall impairment.
- To remain in compliance with the grant, the project site use must continue in the manner approved by RCO.

3. **Income Use and Fee Policy**<sup>4</sup>. Any site-based income must be market rate and not excessively overpriced for nonresidents. Income must be used to support the operation of the facility or similar facilities managed by the sponsor. If different fees are charged for residents and nonresidents, the non-resident fee must not exceed twice that imposed on residents. If no resident fee is charged, then a non-resident fee must not be charged.

#### Use of Income

Regardless of whether income or fees in a project work site (including entrance, utility corridor permit, cattle grazing, timber harvesting, farming, etc.) are gained during or after the reimbursement period cited in the agreement, unless precluded by state or federal law, the revenue may be used only to offset the following:

- The sponsor's matching funds.
- The project's total cost.

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<sup>3</sup> [Manual 7, Long-Term Obligations](#) p18-19

<sup>4</sup> [Manual 7, Long-Term Obligations](#) p41-42

- The expense of operation, maintenance, stewardship, monitoring, or repair of the facility or program assisted by the funding board grant.
- The expense of operation, maintenance, stewardship, monitoring, or repair of other similar units in the sponsor's system.
- Capital expenses for similar acquisition, development, or restoration.

If the income exceeds the system's operation, maintenance, or monitoring costs, it must be deposited in a capital reserve fund. This fund must meet the following criteria:

- Be identified in the sponsor's official annual budget for acquisition and/or development of lands or facilities.
- Only be used to further the capital goals and objectives identified in the sponsor's park and recreation, habitat conservation, or salmon recovery plan.
- Only be applied to the sponsor's other Recreation and Conservation Funding Board projects in the same category.

4. **Concessionaire Facilities**<sup>5</sup>. A project sponsor may provide for the operation of a Recreation and Conservation Funding Board-assisted facility by granting a concession agreement or lease to a private organization or individual under certain conditions. The project sponsor is responsible for assuring compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements. Delegation or transfer of certain management or operational responsibilities to concessionaires or lessees does not relieve the project sponsor of any compliance obligations, including those relating to conversion of an RCO-funded property.

All concession or lease documents for the operation of board funded projects by private organizations or individuals must address the following:

- In order to protect the public interest, the project sponsor must have clear ability to periodically review the performance of the lessee or concessionaire and terminate the lease or agreement if its terms and the provisions of the grant agreement (including standards of maintenance, public use, and accessibility) are not met.
- The document shall clearly indicate that the leased/concession area is to be operated by the lessee/concessionaire for public purposes in compliance with the provisions of the grant agreement.
- The document shall require that the area be identified as being publicly owned and operated for public outdoor recreation and/or habitat conservation purposes.

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<sup>5</sup>[Manual 7, Long-Term Obligations](#) p42-43

- The document shall require that all fees charged by the lessee/concessionaire to the public must be competitive with similar facilities.
- Any proposed lease/agreement must be reviewed and approved by RCO.

5. **Commercial “Use Certification” Policy.** In the Boating Facilities Program<sup>6</sup> (only), the operator of a grant funded facility may allow commercial uses of the facility in the form of the moorage or launching of commercial vessels, boat rental facilities, or food concessionaires (for example) if the use is de minimis for the overall site.

In these cases, if retail activities are deemed outside of policy or if not mitigated for, requests may be denied, mandated to be mitigated, or result in a conversion (which would require mitigation), often in the form of a dedication of replacement property.

## Next Steps

After this briefing, staff will identify possible policy proposals to further the goals and mission of the board with regard to concessionaire/third party retail activities on board funded properties. At the direction of the board, staff will outreach with stakeholders to gather input on a way ahead to benefit the recreating public and come back in October 2021 to report on progress on this issue.

## Strategic Plan Link

The boards strategic plan prioritizes the evaluation and development of plans and policies that support our partners’ and the state’s recreation and conservation priorities. We assist communities in their need to provide services to the citizens of the state. It also directs the board and RCO to develop clear and transparent policies and procedures that allow our sponsors to be successful in delivering parks and recreation, and conservation services. We do this by gathering and interpreting data and sponsor feedback that informs our programs to provide flexibility across a range of activities. Clear and transparent policies ensure we continually strengthen our partnerships as well as our relationship with the general public through a demonstration of increasing public understanding of project benefits derived from accepting RCO funding. Lastly, we consistently move towards providing more opportunity for the public by providing and allowing a diversity of parks and recreation and conservation venues to ensure statewide outdoor recreation and conservation needs are being met through grant programs within statutory constraints.

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<sup>6</sup> [Manual 9. Boating Facilities Program](#). p15, 23-25

**APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY**

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Raising the Grant Limit for the Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Prepared By:** Marguerite Austin, Recreation and Conservation Section Manager

**Summary**

This memo provides information about grant limits for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and starts a conversation regarding whether the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board should consider raising the grant limits for this program. At the board meeting, staff will share funding data regarding this program and ask for board guidance on the next steps.

**Board Action Requested**

This item will be a:

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**Background**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965<sup>1</sup> was enacted to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring access to the outdoor recreation resources needed to strengthen the health and vitality of citizens and visitors to the United States. The Act created a grant program that provides funds to states for planning, acquiring, and developing land and water areas and facilities for public access.

Congress approves funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and since 1965, Washington State has received over \$85 million for grants. Federal law mandates that grant applicants must provide a minimum 50 percent or 1:1 match for LWCF projects. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) administers the program for Washington State; however, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board)

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<sup>1</sup>Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat 897

establishes grant limits, the evaluation process and criteria, and other policies for the program.

## History

For many years, Washington State had a general grant competition and allocated LWCF monies to projects on approved ranked lists. On January 24, 2000, the board (then known as the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation) held a hearing to change Washington Administrative Code 286-40-02, Land and Water Conservation Fund: Funding and Candidate Selection. The purpose of the change was to provide greater flexibility and efficiencies in using money that became available for LWCF, including establishing a separate grant program for these funds.

In December 2000, Washington received an allocation of \$1.4 million in LWCF monies for federal fiscal year 2001. This was the largest LWCF allocation to the state since 1980. To comply with updated federal grant program policies, the board adopted an interim evaluation process for distribution of LWCF grants in January 2001. Before final adoption, the board amended Resolution 2001-08 and set minimum and maximum grant limits for LWCF. The limits have now been in place for 20 years.

This table compares the historic LWCF grant limits to the limits set for the Local Parks Category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), which funds the same type of outdoor recreation sites and facilities.

Grant Program	LWCF	LWCF	Local Parks	Local Parks
Years for Limits	1966-2000 (34 years)	2001-2021 (20 years)	1992 -2006 (14 years)	2007-2021 (14 years)
Acquisition	Grant	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Development	amounts	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$500,000
Combination	ranged from	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
(acquisition and development)	\$2,500 to \$870,000		(development may not exceed \$300,000)	(development may not exceed \$500,000)
Minimum Request	None	\$25,000	None	None

In the past, the board set grant limits for some programs or categories in response to stakeholders who wanted limits to help ensure a wider distribution of grant funds to communities across the state. In other instances, the board has not set limits in response to input from stakeholders or to ensure use of all available funds.

## Analysis

RCO accepts LWCF applications during the even-numbered year of each biennium. The board approves the ranked list of projects and typically delegates authority to RCO's Director to award grants. The board authorizes use of two federal fiscal years of funding for each ranked list, following Congressional approval of the apportionment and the Legislature's approval of the biennial budget, which includes spending authority for these federal funds.

Just as in 2000, the amount of LWCF dollars available to Washington State has increased considerably. In the 2019-21 biennium, Washington State received \$10.7 million for LWCF and anticipates receiving the same amount or more for the 21-23 and future biennia. This is just 2 percent less than the amount allocated to the WWWP Local Parks Category during the 2019-21 biennium. In 2020, applicants submitted 23 LWCF projects, compared to 91 projects submitted for the Local Parks Category. 83 percent or 19 LWCF projects requested \$500,000, which is the maximum. Based on the application data, if there were higher limits, applicants would have requested additional funding since the total requested was only 19 percent of the total project cost.

This chart shows the percent of grant applications requesting the maximum grant amount and it shows that grant funds requested is just a small percentage of the total project costs. Also, over the last five cycles, there is an increase in the percent of projects where the applicants requested the maximum grant amount.

Grant Cycle	Number of Projects	Percent Requesting the Maximum	Grant Funds Requested	Applicant Match	Total Cost	Grant Percent of Total Cost
2021-2023	23	83%	\$10,917,008	\$45,249,164	\$56,166,172	19%
2019-2021	18	67%	\$7,658,304	\$27,920,854	\$35,579,158	22%
2017-2019	22	59%	\$8,834,410	\$21,144,498	\$29,978,908	29%
2015-2017	16	50%	\$5,222,376	\$20,360,337	\$25,582,713	20%
2013-2015	12	33%	\$3,385,777	\$9,263,852	\$12,649,629	27%

With the availability of additional funds to Washington State for this grant program, staff is asking the board to consider raising the grant limits to make this a more appealing and competitive grant program. In addition, staff plans to expand its outreach efforts to generate more interest in this federal program that has been the backbone of outdoor recreation grants for many years.

## Alternatives for Consideration

The following alternatives are for consideration. Alternatives 1 and 2 would increase the grant request limit for all project types. Alternative 3 would increase the limit for development projects to \$1.5 million and increase the limits for acquisition and combination projects to \$2 million. Alternative 4 removes the maximum limit.

Project Type	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	No Limit
Development	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	No Limit
Combination	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	No Limit
Minimum Request	10 percent of the maximum			\$200,000

As always, the board may choose to retain the current minimum (\$25,000) and maximum (\$500,000) grant limits or may consider other limits not shown in these alternatives such as the limits currently used for the Local Parks Category. Due to the amount of work required to apply for and administer these federal grants, the minimum request would increase to 10 percent of the maximum, with a minimum of \$200,000 for the “no limit” option.

## Considerations

When considering grant limits, the board may want to contemplate its overall goal for LWCF funding projects. What is the primary goal?

- To fund the highest priority projects.
- To distribute funds more widely to agencies across the state.
- To provide more funding to small or rural communities.
- To fund a greater number of projects.
- To ensure funds are dispersed equally or equitably to small and large projects.

Other questions to consider:

- What is the board’s funding strategy for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program?
- Should the board increase the grant limits?
- If the board increases the limits, what is the maximum amount an applicant could request?

Increasing the limits would provide the opportunity for applicants to submit some of their more costly projects in this next round and help guarantee use of all anticipated funds.



## Next Steps

If the board decides to consider raising the grant limits, staff will solicit public comment and bring a recommendation back for a decision in October 2021.



## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Projects

**Prepared By:** Allison Dellwo, Outdoor Grants Manager

#### Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office accepted grant applications for federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program funding. This memo provides an overview of the program, a summary of the grant proposals, and outlines the evaluation and selection process. The June 2021 meeting provides an opportunity for review of the proposals in an open public meeting of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

#### Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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### Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is soliciting proposals for the federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program. Given the timing of the federal process, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board has delegated the following authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director for the BIG program:

- The director may approve funding for Tier 1 projects after the Boating Programs Advisory Committee reviews the grant applications. If there are multiple applications, the committee evaluates and ranks the projects.
- The director may submit Tier 2 projects to the USFWS for the national competition following review of the projects by the Advisory Committee and presentation of the applications at a regular meeting of the board.

At the board meeting in June, staff will present the grant applications submitted for funding consideration and fulfill the open public meeting requirement.

## Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Policies

The U.S. Congress created the BIG Program under the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 1998. The program is managed by the USFWS and provides funds to develop, renovate, and maintain boating facilities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Sponsors may also use funds to provide directional information and enhance boater education. Facilities eligible for funding include transient moorage docks, breakwaters, buoys, and upland support amenities.

The USFWS has established two “tiers” of grants.

- Tier 1 is for projects that request \$200,000 or less. Each year the state of Washington may submit an unlimited number of projects requesting funds on behalf of the state or eligible sub-sponsors. However, the total may not exceed \$200,000. Tier 1 applications are not guaranteed but have a high probability of funding approval.
- Tier 2 is for projects that request between \$200,001 and \$1.5 million. States may submit applications for any number of Tier 2 grants on behalf of itself or an eligible sub-sponsor. These projects are submitted for national competition with no assurances of success.

### Program Policies

Rules governing Washington’s program are in Manual #12, *Boating Infrastructure Grant Program*.

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Local agencies, state agencies, port districts, tribal governments, and private marinas and nonprofit organizations with facilities open to the general public.
<b>Eligible Projects</b>	Development, renovation, maintenance, and education and information.
<b>Match Requirements</b>	Grant recipients must provide at least 25 percent in matching resources.
<b>Funding Limits</b>	Tier 1: The minimum fund request is \$5,000 with a maximum request of \$ 192,086. <sup>1</sup> Tier 2: The minimum fund request is \$200,001 with a maximum request of \$1,440,645. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Public Access</b>	Required for the longest useful life period identified for one or more capital improvements.

<sup>1</sup> The board’s adopted policy is to set aside 4.12 percent for program administration.

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<b>Other</b>	• Projects must be located on navigable waters.
<b>Program</b>	• Transient moorage is limited to a 15 day stay.
<b>Characteristics</b>	• Key priorities in the evaluative process include meeting documented needs, improving boater access, and demonstrating efficiencies, partnerships, innovation, and environmental stewardship.

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RCO typically accepts grant applications for Tier 1 projects only during even-numbered years as part of the biennial grants cycle. If there are not enough applications to use all available funds, however, RCO may offer a supplemental grant cycle in an odd-numbered year. Applicants may submit Tier 2 projects each year for the annual national competition.

### **Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Cycle**

RCO received three pre-applications for BIG funding consideration during this grant cycle; one Tier 1 request and two Tier 2 requests. The proposals are described in Attachment A.

### **BIG Tier 1 and 2 Technical Review**

The Boating Programs Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives from state and local agencies and citizens with expertise in boating access facilities. It is their responsibility to review the project proposals. This technical review will occur in July after applicants submit their complete applications. Applicants will have two weeks to update their proposals and submit changes following advisory committee review.

### **BIG Tier 1 and 2 Project Evaluation**

The Boating Programs Advisory Committee will evaluate the one Tier 1 project in August. The director will approve Tier 1 funding based on the ranked list and recommendation of the committee.

After considering the recommendations of the advisory committee for the Tier 2 projects, the director will submit the project applications to the USFWS in early September for the national competition. Tier 2 projects go through a six-step national review and selection process: application acceptance, pre-ranking review, application ranking, application selection, risk assessment, and finally award notification. The BIG National Review Panel scores and ranks projects and recommends a ranked list to the USFWS director who makes the final decision.

## Program Funding

BIG receives a percentage of the annual revenues to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The revenue comes from excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, fuel taxes attributable to motorboats, and import duties on fishing tackle, yachts, and pleasure craft.

\$2.2 million of spending authority was included in our state capital budget for the 2021-23 biennium. This amount is enough to authorize funding for the applications submitted this year. Nationwide, the USFWS awarded approximately \$3.28 million for BIG Tier 1 projects in federal fiscal year 2021, and \$13.6 million for BIG Tier 2 projects, including over \$1.6 million for Washington State's submittals for the Port of Bremerton's Port Orchard Marina Breakwater and the City of Mercer Island's Luther Burbank Pier.

## Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of 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 goal to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it. The criteria for selecting projects support strategic investments in the protection, restoration, and development of recreation opportunities.

Projects considered for BIG support board adopted priorities in the *Recreational Boating Plan* and the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*.

## Public Comment

No public comment has been received to date.

## Next Steps

The director will select and submit the Tier 1 project to the USFWS for federal fiscal year 2022 funding following public comment and review by the advisory committee. The director also will submit the Tier 2 projects to the USFWS for federal fiscal year 2022 fund consideration following public comment and final review by the advisory committee.

## Attachments

- A. Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Project Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 2022
- B. Map of Project Locations

## Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 1 Project Proposal for Federal Fiscal Year 2022

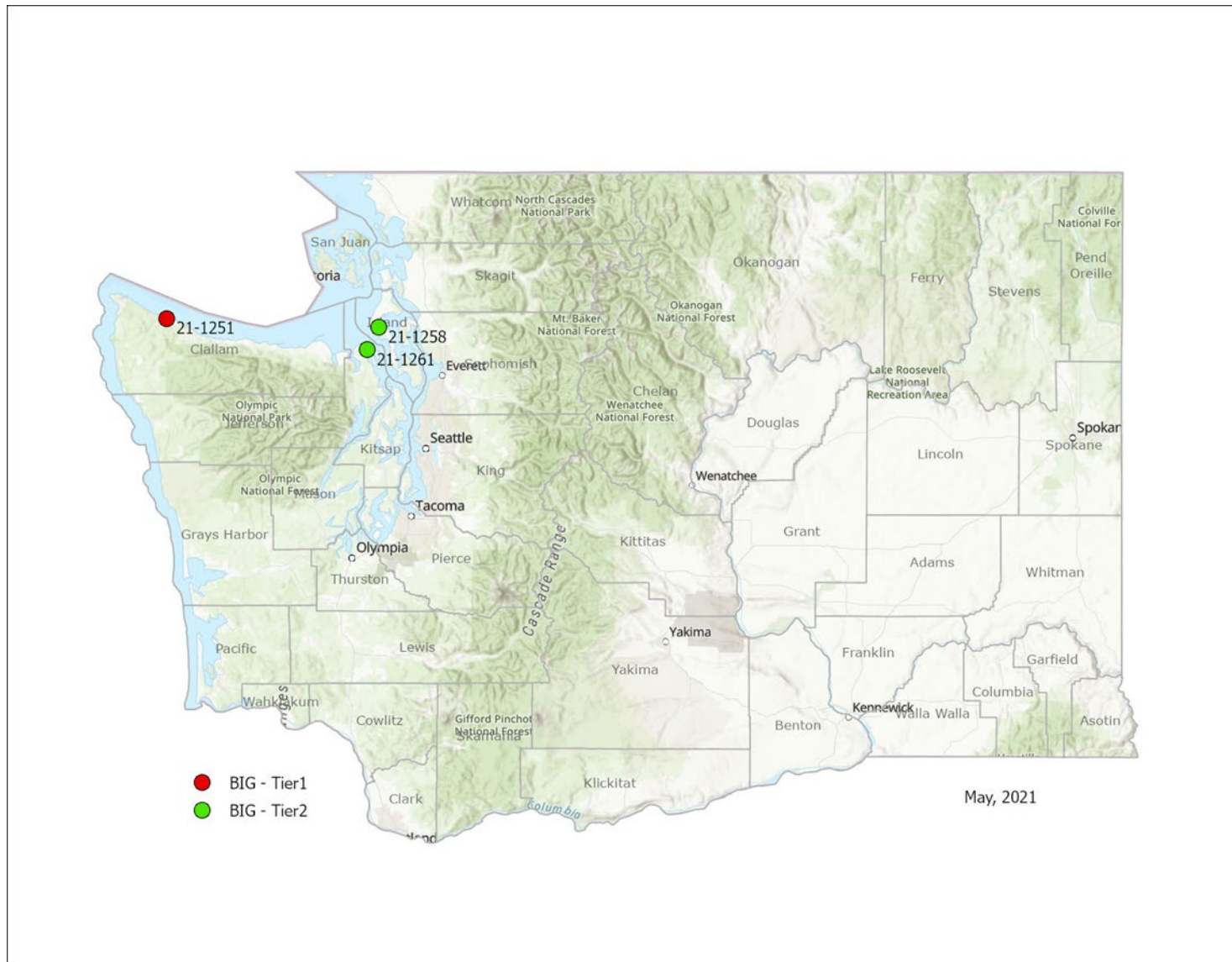
Number	Name	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
<a href="#">21-1251</a>		Olson's Resort &			
Development	<b>Dock Replacement</b>	Marina	\$191,625	\$63,875	\$255,500

**Description:** Olson's Resort and Marina will be replacing an already existing dock string. The replacement will take place at the Mason's Resort Marina located on the Olympic Peninsula in Sekiu, WA. The project will replace old wooden docks with new ones. By replacing these docks, it will provide a safer experience for boats over 26 feet to tie off and moor. The new docks will be better equipped to hold boats of that size safely and securely.

## Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier 2 Project Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 2022

Number	Name	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
<a href="#">21-1261</a> Development	<b>Boat Haven Linear Dock Replacement Project</b>	Port of Port Townsend	\$884,277	\$294,759	\$1,179,036
<b>Description:</b> The Port of Port Townsend will replace the linear dock within the recreational basin at its Boat Haven facility. Constructed in the 1967, the 1,035-foot linear dock is nearing the end of its useful life. This project will ensure that moorage facilities for eligible class vessels (i.e., transient, recreational, non-trailerable vessels of 26' or greater in length) remain available to the public at one of the most popular and beautiful boating destinations in Washington State. Port Townsend Boat Haven is one of only two facilities providing public transient recreational boating moorage for eligible class vessels on Admiralty Inlet, north Puget Sound (the other such facility is the Port's Point Hudson Marina, approximately 2 miles to the east). The proposed project will provide 28 transient public recreational slips at a key location on the inland waters of Washington State.					
<a href="#">21-1258</a> Development	<b>Coupeville Wharf Dock Replacement</b>	Port of Coupeville	\$370,000	\$130,000	\$500,000
<b>Description:</b> The Port of Coupeville will replace the wharf wooden dock. The wharf was originally built in 1905 and is located on the water in Penn Cove. Coupeville intends to utilize the current footprint, and replace with a fiber-grate dock, allowing 60% light transmission thru the deck, to meet current standards.					

## State Map of Boating Infrastructure Grant Projects







## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Briefing Memo

### APPROVED BY RCO DIRECTOR MEGAN DUFFY

**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2021

**Title:** Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, State Parks Category  
Criteria Changes for 2022

**Prepared By:** Karl Jacobs, Senior Outdoor Grants Manager

#### Summary

This memo summarizes a request from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to revise the evaluation criteria for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, State Parks Category.

#### Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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### Background

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides grants for purchase of valuable recreation and habitat lands, preservation of farmland, and construction of recreation and public access sites for a growing population. The State Parks category in the WWRP Outdoor Recreation Account is open only for projects proposed by the State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission).

WWRP State Parks category projects may consist of acquisition, development, or a combination of acquisition and development. Projects involving renovation of existing facilities are not eligible. There is no minimum or maximum grant request per project. State Parks does not need to provide a match for WWRP State Parks category grants.

### Evaluation Criteria for the State Parks Category

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approves policies that govern WWRP including the evaluation criteria that standing advisory committees use to evaluate projects. The current board-adopted criteria for evaluating projects in the WWRP State Parks category is included in Manual 10a, *WWRP Outdoor Recreation Account*.

Based on feedback and recommendations from the WWRP State Parks Advisory Committee, State Parks staff, and the Commission's Real Estate Committee, Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff suggest changes to the existing evaluation criteria in preparation for the 2022 grant cycle. Attachment A is a track-changes version of the criteria with the proposed modifications.

## Issues

The evaluation criteria by which projects are evaluated in the WWRP State Parks category are currently based on the Commission's 2013 Transformation Strategy. In response to a request from State Parks, the board last updated the criteria in April 2016 to refine the scoring criteria and process, and to incorporate a Commission-scored question on priorities, among other refinements. The Commission approved the State Parks Statewide Acquisition and Development Strategy in July 2016 to guide land acquisition and park development. The overarching goal of the strategy is for Washington's state parks to be recognized as the collection of places and experiences that are distinctly Washington.

State Parks staff has been working with the RCO to update the WWRP State Parks evaluation criteria. The purpose is to:

1. Reflect the Commission's current strategic goals for land acquisition and park development as expressed in the Statewide Acquisition and Development Strategy; and
2. Reorganize or move elements embedded in the evaluation criteria to the most appropriate evaluation question.

Some minor changes were approved administratively by RCO's director prior to the 2020 grant cycle, such as broadening the criteria to reference other plans, removing a reference to operational impacts, and adding considerations for climate change and accessibility. The more significant changes were held over to ensure adequate public review and approval by the board. This memo summarizes those changes.

## Analysis

The primary changes proposed to the evaluation criteria are as follows:

**Public Need and Need Satisfaction** – Limit criteria to *public need* only because *need satisfaction* is better addressed in *threat and impact* (acquisition) and in *project design* (development) criteria.

**Project Significance** – Clarify that this reflects the Commission's current goals of the Statewide Acquisition and Development Strategy rather than consistency with the 2013 Transformation Strategy.

**Threat and Impact** – Address *need satisfaction* and limit to consider *immediacy of threat* only, and remove *operational impacts*. State Parks operational impacts will be considered during the agency’s operating budget development process.

**Project Design** – Revise criterion to address *need satisfaction, status of design, climate change, and sustainable development*.

**Sustainability and Stewardship** – Limit criterion to *resource stewardship* only because *sustainability* is better addressed in *project design* (development) criteria.

**Project Support** – Remove *voter-approved initiative* which rarely applies to State Parks.

**Partnerships or Match** – Emphasize *secured match*.

**Readiness to Proceed** – Limit consideration to *readiness to proceed* and remove *economic impact analysis* and *business plans*. Those factors will be considered during the agency’s operating budget development process.

## Link to Strategic Plan

Revising the board’s grant program policies and evaluation criteria addresses Goals 1, 2 and 3 in the board’s Strategic Plan:

1. We help our partners protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems.
2. We achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to us.
3. We deliver successful projects by inviting competition and using broad public participation and feedback, monitoring, assessment, and adaptive management.

## Next Steps

If directed by the board, RCO staff will solicit public comments for the proposed evaluation criteria changes. State Parks staff will be updating the Commission on the WWRP State Parks category proposed criteria changes for RCFB consideration at its July 2021 meeting. At the October 2021 board meeting, RCO staff will present the results of public comments, Commission review, and any further proposed changes for a decision.

## Attachments

Attachment A - Proposed Changes to the WWRP State Parks Category Evaluation Criteria

## Proposed Changes to the WWRP State Parks Category Evaluation Criteria

### Evaluation Criteria Summary

The following shows the proposed changes to the criteria.

State Parks Criteria Summary					
Score By	#	Question	Project Type	Maximum Points Possible	Focus*
Advisory Committee	1	Public Need <del>and Need-</del> <del>Satisfaction</del>	All	5	State
Advisory Committee	2	Project Significance	All	15	Agency
Advisory Committee	3	<del>Immediacy of</del> Threat <del>and Impact</del>	Acquisition Combination	10 5	State
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development Combination	10 5	Technical
Advisory Committee	5	<del>Sustainability and-</del> <del>Environmental</del> <del>Resource</del> Stewardship	All	10	State
Advisory Committee	6	Expansion/Phased Project	All	15	State
Advisory Committee	7	Project Support	All	10	Agency
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 People	All	1.5	State
RCO Staff	12	County Population Density	All	1.5	State
<b>Total Points Possible</b>				<b>89</b>	

## Detailed Scoring Criteria for the State Parks Category

### Advisory Committee Scored

- 1. Public Need ~~and Need Satisfaction~~.** What is the need for the proposed project? ~~To what extent will the project satisfy the need?~~ Consider whether the project is cited in an agency, regional, or local plan. ~~the following:~~

- ~~Whether the project is cited in an agency, regional, or local plan, for example:~~
  - ~~Cited in a Classification and Management Plan (CAMP), if one exists.~~
  - ~~Identified in a park master plan or other approved planning document.~~
  - ~~Included in the current State Parks' 10-year capital plan.~~
  - ~~Consistent with State Parks' strategic plan.~~
- ~~Whether the project or property is suited to serve the state need.~~

#### ▲ Point Range: 0-5 points

0 points	Not included in a plan, indirectly or does not implement the mission.
1-2 points	Not included in a plan but supports the mission.
3-4 points	Consistent with state, regional, or local plans, and implements the mission.
5 points	High priority in state, regional, or local plan and strongly implements the State Parks mission and vision.

Revised April 2016. Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-20.  
Updated April 2020, per Delegation Authority, Resolution 2020-10.

- 2. Project Significance.** Describe how this project supports ~~State Parks' strategic goals.~~ ~~Does it support~~ one or more of the following goals of State Parks' Statewide Acquisition and Development Strategy:

- Places to Be: Connecting people with Washington's iconic landscapes
- Stories to Know: Engaging people in authentic Washington stories
- Things to Do: Providing Washington's recreation mainstays
- Ways to Grow: Inviting novices to experience Washington's outdoors

- Something for Everyone: Improving the quality of life for all Washingtonians

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 3

0 points	Does not directly support any of the goals
1-2 points	Indirectly supports one or two goals
3-4 points	Directly supports at least one goal
5 points	Strongly and directly supports multiple goals

Revised January 2014, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2014-07  
Updated April 2020, per Delegation Authority, Resolution 2020-10.

**3. Immediacy of Threat and Impacts** (acquisition and combination projects only).  
Describe why it is important to acquire the property now. Consider the following:

- Does the acquisition satisfy the described need?
- Is there an immediate threat to the property that will result in a loss in quality or availability of habitat or future public use?
- Is the acquisition needed to adapt to climate change?

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2 for acquisition projects

0 points	No evidence of threat to the property
1-2 points	Minimal threat to the property
3-5 points	Imminent threat of the property losing quality or becoming unavailable for future public use, or a threat led to a land trust acquiring rights in the land at the request of State Parks

Updated April 2020, per Delegation Authority, Resolution 2020-10.

**4. Project Design** (development and combination projects only). Is the project well designed? Describe your project in detail. Consider the following:

- Does the design satisfy the described need?
- Where are you in the design process (e.g., concept, schematic, detailed, completed construction documents)?
- Does this property support the type of development proposed? Describe the attributes: size, topography, soil conditions, natural amenities, location and access, utility service, wetlands, etc.

- Have you considered the potential impacts to climate change in your design? How has climate change been incorporated into the project?
- How does this project exceed current universal accessibility requirements and provide equal access for people with disabilities?
- Does the design appeal to diverse populations of the state?
- Does the nature and condition of existing or planned land use in the surrounding area support the type of development proposed?
- Is the project permissible? Are there likely to be environmental permitting complications that will need to be overcome with this project? What, if any, are the mitigation requirements?
- Describe how the project will integrate sustainable elements such as low impact development techniques, green infrastructure, environmentally preferred building products, or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Is the cost estimate realistic?

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2 for development projects

0 points	Design is not appropriate for the site or the intended use.
1-2 points	Design is moderately appropriate for the site and the intended use.
3-4 points	Design is appropriate for the site and the intended use, and cost estimates are accurate and complete.
5 points	Design is appropriate for the site, construction documentation is complete <del>and addresses all elements of the question very well,</del> and cost estimates are accurate and complete.

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5. ~~**Sustainability and Environmental Resource Stewardship.**~~ What techniques or resources are proposed to ensure the project will result in a quality, sustainable, recreational, heritage preservation, or educational opportunity, while protecting and/or improving the integrity of the ecological resources environment? Describe how the project will protect and/or enhance natural and cultural resources ~~and integrate sustainable elements such as low impact development techniques, green infrastructure, or environmentally preferred building products, or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.~~

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2

0 points	No <del>or little</del> stewardship elements.
1-2 points	Contains stewardship elements and avoids impacts to natural or cultural resources. <del>Consistent with State Parks' Sustainability Plan and goals.</del>
3-4 points	Numerous stewardship elements, protects, enhances, or restores natural or cultural resources. <del>Implements many of State Parks' sustainability goals.</del>
5 points	Maximizes natural or cultural resource protection, enhances or restores natural or cultural resources, and contains innovative and outstanding stewardship elements. <del>Implements many of State Parks' sustainability goals.</del>

Revised April 2016. Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-20.  
Updated April 2020, per Delegation Authority, Resolution 2020-10.

**6. Expansion/Phased Project.** Does this project implement an important phase of a previous project, represent an important first phase, or expand or improve an existing site? Consider the following:

- Is the project part of a phased acquisition or development?
- To what extent will this project advance completion of a plan or vision?
- Is this project an important first phase?
- What is the value of this phase?
- How does the project complement an existing site or expand usage, preservation, or education within a site?

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 3

0 points	Neither a significant phase or expansion, nor a distinct stand-alone project
1-2 points	Project is a quality or important phase or expansion
3-4 points	Project is a key first phase or expansion or moves a project significantly towards realizing a vision
5 points	Project is a highly important first phase, final (or near final phase), moves a project a great deal towards realizing a vision.

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**7. Project Support.** How has your organization informed the public (statewide, community, or user groups) about the project and how has the public shown support for the project?

- Describe the extent of your organization's efforts to identify and contact all parties, (i.e. an outreach program to local, regional, and statewide entities).
- Describe the extent of the project support. Broadly interpret the term "Project Support" to include, but not be limited to, the following:

~~o Voter-approved initiative~~

- o Public participation and feedback
- o Endorsements or other support from advisory boards and user and friends groups
- o Media coverage

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2

0 points	No evidence presented.
1-2 points	Marginal community support. Opportunities for only minimal public involvement (i.e. a single adoption hearing), or little evidence that the public supports the project.
3 points	Adequate support and opportunity presented for participation.
4-5 points	The public has received ample and varied opportunities to provide meaningful input into the project and there is overwhelming support. The public was so supportive from the project's inception that an extensive public participation process was not necessary.

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**8. Partnerships or Match.** Describe how this project supports strategic partnerships or leverages secured matching funds. Consider the following:

- Does the project help form strategic partnerships with other agencies, tribes, or nonprofits? (A strategic partnership is one that ultimately is expected to offset expenses, leverage investments, or stimulate activity that directly or indirectly generates a financial return.)
- Does the partnership facilitate a key State Parks' goal or objective?
- Does the project have a match of cash, grants, or in-kind services?

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points

0 points	No partners or match
1-2 points	One partner or up to 10 percent match
3-4 points	Two partners or 10.01-24.99 percent match
5 points	Three or more partners or 25 percent or more match

**9. Readiness to Proceed.** Describe the project's timeline. Is the project ready to proceed? Consider the following:

- For development projects, is it fully designed and permitted?
- For acquisition projects, is there written documentation indicating a willing seller?
- For acquisition projects, is there a written sales agreement or option with the property owner?
- Are there any significant zoning, permitting issues, or encumbrances?

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points, which are multiplied later by 2

0 points	Not ready, <del>business case not evident.</del>  (Acquisition) No agreement with landowner <del>and fiscal impact will be substantial.</del>  (Development) No construction drawings.
1-2 points	(Acquisition) Willing seller identified.  (Development) Construction drawings <del>less than at or near</del> 60 percent complete.
3-4 points	(Acquisition) Property (purchase) secured in some way by legal instrument to include a letter of intent or being held in trust or by a non-governmental organization (for example).  (Development) Construction drawings at or more than 60 percent complete.
5 points	(Acquisition) State Parks has purchases and sales agreement or option signed and the purchase will be made within its existing term.  (Development) Plans completed and all permits in hand.