

## Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative 2023-2025 Grant Program

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The Coast Salmon Partnership and Washington Recreation and Conservation Office are pleased to announce the upcoming 2023-25 biennial grant round for the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative grant program.

### Program Overview

The Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRRI) is a grassroots coastal initiative jointly administered by the WCRRI Steering Committee and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), which functions as the program administrator and fiscal agent. The mission of the WCRRI is to protect or restore the natural processes that create and sustain ecosystems of the Washington Coast while promoting the resilience of coastal communities through job creation and hazard reduction.

The 2023-2025 WCRRI Investment Plan will be presented to the Washington State Legislature for consideration in the 2023-2025 capital budget appropriations.

Programmatic guidance, including an in-depth description of eligibility and the application process, and applications materials may be found on [RCO's WCRRI Web page](#).

### Online Application Workshop

An informational application workshop covering the application process and requirements will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on February 17, 2022. If interested, please [Register Here](#).

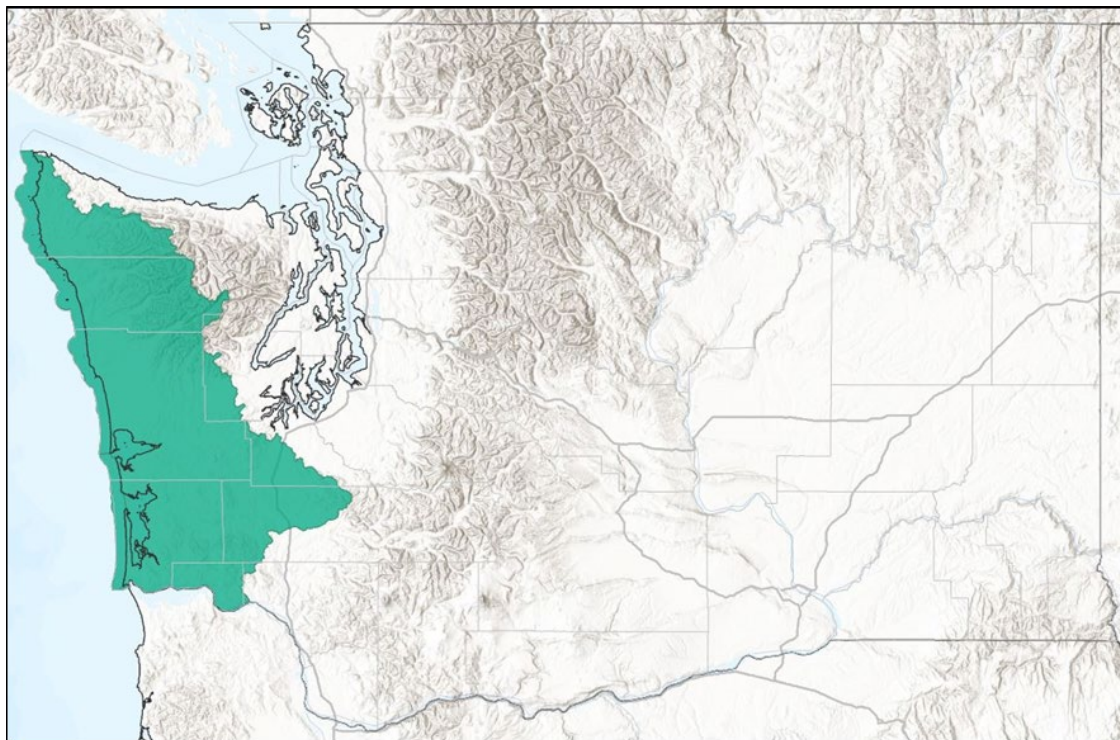
### Schedule and Important Dates

TASK	DATE	DESCRIPTION
Grant round opens	January 24, 2022	Applicants may begin applications by submitting a form to the Coast Salmon Partnership Salmon Recovery Portal technician.
Application Workshop	February 17, 2022	Online application workshop to provide information on how to apply.
Draft Applications Due	March 10, 2022	Applicants must have draft application materials completed in PRISM.
Eligibility Notification	March 28, 2022	RCO will notify sponsors whether project meets minimum eligibility standards.
Project Site Visits	April 25 to May 6, 2022	Technical Review Panel will conduct in-person site visits with project sponsors.
Review Comments to Project Sponsors	May 20, 2022	Technical Review Panel comments on draft applications and site visits will be provided to applicants.
Final Project Proposals Due	June 9, 2022	Applicants must submit final applications in PRISM.
Project Scoring and Ranking	June 13 to July 15, 2022	Technical Review Panel will evaluate projects and develop a ranked project list based on the evaluation process.

TASK	DATE	DESCRIPTION
Draft Investment Plan Completed	August 1, 2022	Applicants will be notified of the final project ranking. This ranked list will be provided to the Legislature for funding.
Funding Notification	July 2023 (estimated)	Funding awarded dependent upon the Washington State Legislature 2023-2025 capital budget.

### Eligible Geography

Projects must occur within the geographic boundary of the Coast Salmon Partnership, which includes any watershed between Cape Flattery and Cape Disappointment that drains directly into the Pacific Ocean OR within the geographic boundary of one of the four Coastal Marine Resource Committees (North Pacific Coast [includes portions of Clallam and Jefferson Counties]; Grays Harbor County; Pacific County; or Wahkiakum County).



### Eligible Projects

The primary purpose of the project must address the following: 1) the stimulation of local economic growth through job creation addressing the regions highest priority ecological protection/restoration needs, and 2) substantial protection/restoration of ecosystem functions, goods, and services through cost-effective methods.

Projects with the primary objective of providing recreational access or remediating chemical contamination are not eligible as stand-alone projects; however, these activities may be eligible components of larger efforts.

Project awards will not be provided for work that relieves obligatory compensation or mitigation requirements incurred by the sponsor or a third party, as determined by the Technical Review Panel. However, funding may be provided for actions associated with compensation or mitigation, if those actions are above and beyond the mitigation requirements and can be easily isolated from the required mitigation activities.

Sponsors of large, multi-phase projects should be aware that receiving WCRRI funding for a particular project phase will not result in guaranteed funding of future phases.

### Award Administration

WCRRI awards will be administered through grant agreements between project sponsors and RCO. All discussions of award funding level, scope, and project implementation schedules are preliminary until the Washington State legislative process is complete, the Final Spending Plan is published, and funding award notices are distributed. The project sponsor assumes full risk for any costs incurred before publication of the Final Spending Plan and subsequent award notification.

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