

Preliminary Ranking
Community Forests Program
2023-2025

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	50.12	22-1568 A	Forterra	Montesano Community Forest	\$1,612,450	284550	\$1,897,000
2	49.00	22-1535 A	Nisqually Indian Tribe	Nisqually Community Forest Phase 3	\$2,873,200	\$1,560,000	\$4,433,200
3	47.12	22-1301 A	Whatcom Land Trust	Stewart Mountain Community Forest	\$3,000,000	1470123	\$4,470,123
3	47.12	22-1565 A	Forterra	Hoquiam Community Forest	\$2,541,075	448425	\$2,989,500
5	43.00	22-1663 A	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	Lagoon Point Community Forest	\$3,000,000	\$1,999,193	\$4,999,193
Total					\$13,026,725	\$5,762,291	\$18,789,016

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

Evaluation Scores
Community Forests Program
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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Forestland Benefits	2. Public Benefits	3. Stewardship and Management	4. Development and Restoration	5. Community Engagement	Total
		Point Range	0-15	0-15	0-15	0-3	0-15	
1	22-1568 A	Montesano Community Forest	0	12.00	12.38	12.88	12.88	50.13
2	22-1535 A	Nisqually Community Forest Phase 3	0	12.12	11.88	12.88	12.12	49.00
3	22-1301 A	Stewart Mountain Community Forest	0	11.62	11.38	11.88	12.25	47.13
3	22-1565 A	Hoquiam Community Forest	0	11.00	11.75	12.25	12.12	47.13
5	22-1663 A	Lagoon Point Community Forest	0	11.38	10.50	10.88	10.25	43.00

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Project Summaries (In Rank Order)

Forterra Northwest **Expanding Montesano's Community Forest**

Grant Requested: \$1,612,450

Forterra will use this grant to buy 240 acres in Montesano to expand the City's community forest, the Chaplin Collins Memorial Forest. The forest will be managed to sustainably harvest timber to support the quality of life for current and future generations of Montesano residents. Forterra will contribute \$284,550 in donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1568)

Nisqually Indian Tribe **Expanding Nisqually Community Forest**

Grant Requested: \$2,873,200

The Nisqually Indian Tribe will use this grant to buy 1,042 acres to expand the Nisqually Community Forest. The land adjoins the existing community forest along Busy Wild Creek, which is the highest priority for protection in the Nisqually Chinook salmon and steelhead trout recovery plans. Both species are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, and a portion of Busy Wild Creek that will be purchased is federally designated as critical habitat for steelhead. The Nisqually Community Forest Management Plan supports local, family-wage forestry jobs through a program of sustainable forest management that generates steady annual production of commercial timber. The Nisqually Indian Tribe will contribute more than \$1.5 million in donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1535)

Whatcom Land Trust **Expanding Stewart Mountain Community Forest**

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 1,615 acres to expand the Stewart Mountain Community Forest. The trust plans to expand the community forest to about 6,000 acres, which will be managed as a working forest that provides a range of community benefits. The forest will support sustainable local forestry jobs, enhance watershed health and resilience, expand recreational access and connectivity, and promote local control of forest resources. The Whatcom Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.4 million in another grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1301)

Forterra Northwest **Expanding Hoquiam Community Forest**

Grant Requested: \$2,541,075

Forterra will use this grant to buy 85.7 acres along the Little Hoquiam River and 320 acres in the Fry Creek watershed to expand the City of Hoquiam's community forest program. The land will be managed to protect the city's watersheds and sustainably harvest timber to support community services. In addition, the land will add to Hoquiam's trail network along the Little Hoquiam River and provide public access to the riverfront area. Forterra will contribute

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\$448,425. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1565)

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Establishing Lagoon Point Community Forest

Grant Requested: \$3,000,000

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy 253.5 acres of forestland to establish the Lagoon Point Community Forest on Whidbey Island. An influx of residents on the Island has resulted in a large amount of forestland being converted to residential development. Forestland is critical to island resilience and the health of Puget Sound. The Lagoon Point Community Forest will provide public enjoyment and recreation, as well as long-rotation timber harvests and benefits such as healthy forest, revenue generation, wildlife habitat, and improved water quality. Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.9 million in a local grant, a private grant, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1663)