

Grants Awarded
Land and Water Conservation Fund
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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Applicant			
					Grant Request	Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	46.11	22-1479 A	Kent	Ruth Property at Clark Lake Park	\$2,000,000	\$4,750,000	\$6,750,000	\$2,000,000
2	45.22	22-1264 D	Lynnwood	Scriber Lake Park Boardwalk Trail	\$2,000,000	\$2,367,058	\$4,367,058	\$2,000,000
3	43.44	22-1258 D	Seattle	Little Brook Park Improvements	\$800,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,800,000	\$800,000
4	43.33	22-1299 D	Olympia	Yelm Highway Community Park Phase 1	\$2,000,000	\$11,500,438	\$13,500,438	Withdrawn
5	43.22	22-1473 D	Spokane	Make Beacon Hill Public Phase 2	\$1,060,000	\$1,074,000	\$2,134,000	\$1,060,000
5	43.22	22-1583 D	Spokane	Riverfront Park South Suspension Bridge Renovation	\$1,400,000	\$1,414,500	\$2,814,500	\$1,400,000
7	42.67	22-1724 D	Lakewood	Wards Lake Park Phase 2	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000
8	42.06	22-1430 D	Spokane County	Bear Lake Regional Park Phase 1 Renovation	\$1,383,323	\$1,585,000	\$2,968,323	\$1,383,323
9	42.00	22-1253 D	Seattle	Rainier Beach Playfield Skatepark	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
10	41.83	22-1644 D	Othello	Kiwanis Park Spray Park, Lighting, and Walking Trails	\$600,000	\$658,120	\$1,258,120	\$600,000
11	41.33	22-1694 D	Spokane Valley	Greenacres Park Phase 2	\$1,000,000	\$1,061,761	\$2,061,761	\$1,000,000
12	40.67	22-1703 D	Fife	Wedge Park Revitalization	\$418,822	\$418,822	\$837,644	\$418,822
13	40.39	22-1310 D	Pierce County	Orangegate Park Phase 1	\$1,000,000	\$5,837,000	\$6,837,000	\$1,000,000
14	39.06	22-1399 D	Snohomish County	Kayak Point Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	\$2,000,000	\$3,569,112	\$5,569,112	\$2,000,000
15	39.00	22-1608 D	Lacey	Greg Cuoio Park	\$2,000,000	\$3,529,819	\$5,529,819	
16	38.89	22-1590 C	Port of Allyn	Sweetwater Creek Waterwheel Park	\$828,075	\$1,099,077	\$1,927,152	
17	38.78	22-1392 D	Sumner	Seibenthaler Park Phase 1 Spray Park	\$762,500	\$762,500	\$1,525,000	
18	38.56	22-1488 D	Colfax	Pool Update	\$1,530,000	\$1,597,500	\$3,127,500	
19	36.56	22-1434 D	Monroe	North Hill Area Park	\$2,000,000	\$3,013,500	\$5,013,500	
20	36.17	22-1751 D	Walla Walla	Pioneer Park Inclusive Playground	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	
21	36.06	22-1526 D	La Center	Holley Park Playground	\$383,036	\$383,036	\$766,072	
22	36.00	22-1262 D	Seattle	Soundview Playfield Renovation	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	

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23	35.78	22-1389 D	Bellevue	Bridle Trails 140th Avenue Northeast Neighborhood Park	\$2,000,000	\$2,240,000	\$4,240,000	
24	33.50	22-1448 D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	South Whidbey Community Park Outdoor Amphitheater	\$215,000	\$281,000	\$496,000	
25	33.28	22-1599 D	King County	Rock Creek Horse Park	\$2,000,000	\$3,268,297	\$5,268,297	
Total					\$32,880,756	\$57,410,540	\$90,291,296	\$15,912,145

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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Need	2. Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation	3. Immediacy of Threat and Viability	4. Project Design	5. Sustainability	6. Community Support	7. Cost Efficiencies	8. Proximity to People	9. County Population Density	10. Applicant Compliance	Total
		Point Range	0-15	0-10	0-15	0-10	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-1.5	0-1.5	-2-0	
1	22-1479 A	Ruth Property at Clark Lake Park	13.00	8.00	14.33			3.67	4.11	1.50	1.50	0.00	46.11
2	22-1264 D	Scriber Lake Park Boardwalk Trail	13.00	8.67		8.67	4.22	4.11	3.56	1.50	1.50	0.00	45.22
3	22-1258 D	Little Brook Park Improvements	13.33	8.44		8.00	4.00	4.33	3.33	1.50	1.50	-1.00	43.44
4	22-1299 D	Yelm Highway Community Park Phase 1	12.67	7.56		8.22	3.67	4.56	3.67	1.50	1.50	0.00	43.33
5	22-1473 D	Make Beacon Hill Public Phase 2	12.00	8.00		8.89	3.44	4.44	4.44	1.50	1.50	-1.00	43.22
5	22-1583 D	Riverfront Park South Suspension Bridge Renovation	13.00	8.44		9.11	3.44	4.11	3.11	1.50	1.50	-1.00	43.22
7	22-1724 D	Wards Lake Park Phase 2	13.33	9.33		7.11	3.56	4.22	3.11	1.50	1.50	-1.00	42.67
8	22-1430 D	Bear Lake Regional Park Phase 1 Renovation	12.33	7.78		8.67	4.22	4.11	3.44	0.00	1.50	0.00	42.06
9	22-1253 D	Rainier Beach Playfield Skatepark	11.67	8.44		8.22	3.33	4.78	3.56	1.50	1.50	-1.00	42.00
10	22-1644 D	Kiwanis Park Spray Park, Lighting, and Walking Trails	12.33	9.11		7.78	3.89	4.00	3.22	1.50	0.00	0.00	41.83
11	22-1694 D	Greenacres Park Phase 2	11.67	7.78		8.00	3.11	4.11	3.67	1.50	1.50	0.00	41.33

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12	22-1703 D	Wedge Park Revitalization	12.33	7.56		8.00	3.00	4.00	2.78	1.50	1.50	0.00	40.67
13	22-1310 D	Orangegate Park Phase 1	11.67	8.00		7.78	3.56	4.11	3.78	0.00	1.50	0.00	40.39
14	22-1399 D	Kayak Point Waterfront Improvements Phase 2	12.00	7.56		8.44	4.00	3.89	2.67	0.00	1.50	-1.00	39.06
15	22-1608 D	Greg Cuoio Park	10.33	6.89		7.56	4.00	4.67	3.56	1.50	1.50	-1.00	39.00
16	22-1590 C	Sweetwater Creek Waterwheel Park	11.33	7.56	3.33	4.11	3.89	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.89
17	22-1392 D	Seibenthaler Park Phase 1 Spray Park	10.67	7.33		7.33	2.78	4.22	3.44	1.50	1.50	0.00	38.78
18	22-1488 D	Pool Update	13.00	7.56		7.56	3.67	3.89	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.56
19	22-1434 D	North Hill Area Park	11.00	6.22		6.67	3.22	3.67	2.78	1.50	1.50	0.00	36.56
20	22-1751 D	Pioneer Park Inclusive Playground	11.33	6.67		7.56	2.67	3.67	3.78	1.50	0.00	-1.00	36.17
21	22-1526 D	Holley Park Playground	11.33	6.44		6.89	3.00	3.44	3.44	0.00	1.50	0.00	36.06
22	22-1262 D	Soundview Playfield Renovation	10.67	6.22		7.56	3.67	3.44	2.44	1.50	1.50	-1.00	36.00
23	22-1389 D	Bridle Trails 140th Avenue Northeast Neighborhood Park	10.33	6.22		7.33	3.33	3.78	2.78	1.50	1.50	-1.00	35.78
24	22-1448 D	South Whidbey Community Park Outdoor Amphitheater	8.67	6.00		7.11	2.78	3.78	3.67	0.00	1.50	0.00	33.50
25	22-1599 D	Rock Creek Horse Park	10.00	5.78		7.33	3.00	3.11	3.56	0.00	1.50	-1.00	33.28

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Kent

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Expanding Clark Lake Park

The City of Kent will use this grant to buy the remaining 17 acres of private land in Clark Lake Park, completing city ownership of 150 acres for the park. Located on the East Hill of Kent, Clark Lake Park is surrounded by dense residential development. The addition of the 17 acres will allow for completion of a loop trail with views of Clark Lake and opportunities for a more formal use area in the park. The park is used primarily for walking, hiking, birdwatching, and other passive-use recreation. Kent will contribute more than \$4.7 million in Conservation Futures,¹ a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, cash, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1479)

Lynnwood

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Building a Scriber Lake Park Boardwalk Trail

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department will use this grant to build a boardwalk and two wildlife viewpoints accessible to people with disabilities on the shore of Scriber Lake in Scriber Lake Park. The City will build about a quarter-mile of elevated boardwalk and lake viewpoints, improve connections to a floating dock, update two parking stalls and the route from the parking lot to the boardwalk to be accessible to people with disabilities, and restore the lake's natural hydrology and habitat. With 24 acres of wetlands, a lake, streams, trails, forest, and hillsides, Scriber Lake Park provides a haven for wildlife and a respite from the city for people. The city's only public lake supports a variety of waterfowl, osprey, largemouth bass, perch, river otter, and beaver. The goal of the project is to provide year-round access to the natural environment for residents of the city's lowest income neighborhood. Lynnwood will contribute more than \$2.3 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, a private grant, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1264)

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$800,000

Improving Little Brook Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate the 1-acre Little Brook Park to include a play area, community garden, seating walls, gathering space, a central lawn, picnic tables and grills, and a looped walking path—all interwoven under large trees with views of a stream. This community-led project would improve this northeast park that is the only public green space in a high-density, diverse, low-income neighborhood. Separate projects will provide interpretive signs about stream water quality and complete the street frontage as a park extension. Seattle will contribute \$1 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and

¹Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Recreation Program, a local grant, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1258)

Olympia **Grant Requested: \$2,000,000** **Beginning Development of the Yelm Highway Community Park**

The City of Olympia will use this grant to begin development of the 60-acre Yelm Highway Community Park. In this first phase of development, the City will build a rectangular field with synthetic turf and lights. This work will coincide with the Olympia School District's construction of a lit, synthetic turf, rectangular field and track on abutting land. Combined, the two fields will lay the groundwork for the future addition of two more fields at the park to fully build out a soccer complex. These will be Olympia's first dedicated rectangular fields in its park system. Soccer players have long requested dedicated, quality fields in Olympia. Additionally, players of other rectangular field sports are on the rise, such as lacrosse, rugby, football, and ultimate Frisbee, and need field space. While soccer will be the primary use of these fields, they will be available for other sports. Also in this phase of development, the City will build a playground, two basketball courts, six pickleball courts, 1.25 miles of walking paths, a mountain bike skills area, a dog park, a restroom, a picnic shelter, and a 176-stall parking lot. Olympia will contribute more than \$11 million in cash and grants from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and state Youth Athletic Facilities program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1299)

Spokane **Grant Requested: \$1,060,000** **Improving Beacon Hill Recreation Area**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Division, in partnership with Spokane County, will use this grant to expand and enhance public access and add amenities to the 566-acre Beacon Hill Recreation Area and its 46-mile trail system in the heart of the city and county. The two agencies will renovate, expand, and significantly improve two trailheads, connect the two trailheads with new trails to the nearby Centennial Trail, create a climbing trail, install a bouldering playground, and update support facilities. Beacon Hill has been at the epicenter of mountain biking and climbing in the region for decades as well as a popular neighborhood recreational area for hiking, dog walking, trail running, and more. Spokane will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1473)

Spokane **Grant Requested: \$1,400,000** **Repairing Riverfront Park's South Suspension Bridge**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to replace the bridge deck, rails, corroded steel, and ends of the south suspension bridge over the Spokane River in the city's downtown Riverfront Park. Originally installed for Expo 1974, the bridge provides excellent views and is a major recreational connection for walkers, runners, cyclists, and sightseers. The south

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part of the bridge recently was closed due to critical risk of failure. Bridge decking has failed, railings do not provide adequate fall protection, and significant portions of the steel framing are corroded and failing. This grant will extend the life of an extremely popular attraction in the city's most popular urban park. Spokane will contribute more than \$1.4 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1583)

Lakewood

Grant Requested: \$1,250,000

Continuing Development of Wards Lake Park

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to continue development of the 27-acre Wards Lake Park, which is a natural area park in a very diverse, low-income, and underserved area of the city. The City will build two, nature-based adventure playgrounds; a restroom; and trails and pathways to connect and expand access throughout the park. In addition, the City will separate a soon-to-be-built BMX (dirt bike racing) track from walking trails and sensitive areas with fencing and other natural materials. The City also will open heavily vegetated areas to create safe lines of sight while preserving and enhancing important natural areas such as wetland buffers, old-growth forest, and oak prairie areas. Finally, the City will expand parking at the main entrance, extend sidewalks, and add a parking area and trailhead in the southern part of the park. The City will furnish the park with picnic shelters, tables, benches, bike racks, lights, garbage cans, and wayfinding and interpretive signs. The work is intended to enhance underused and difficult to manage areas, remove and replace aging infrastructure, and make the park more inviting and accessible to all. Lakewood will contribute more than \$1.2 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1724)

Spokane County

Grant Requested: \$1,383,323

Renovating Bear Lake Regional Park

The Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf Department will use this grant to expand and enhance access to Bear Lake for swimming, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking, in Bear Lake Regional Park. The County will remove retaining walls, concrete and metal stairs, an undersized wood fishing pier, and a picnic shelter. These features will be replaced by sand and boulder beaches along designated swimming areas, a floating swim dock, three low-maintenance fishing piers, a designated launch area for paddlers, a picnic shelter, and parking and pathways for people with disabilities. The County also will put in a septic drain field and reopen the restroom. The 66-acre Bear Lake Regional Park is 15 miles north of Spokane, adjacent to State Route 2. Public lakefront access is limited in the county and these improvements are critical for meeting high demands for water access at Bear Lake. Spokane County will contribute more than \$1.5 million in cash and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1430)

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Seattle

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Building a Rainier Beach Playfield Skatepark

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a skateboard facility in Rainier Beach Playfield in southeast Seattle. Rainier Beach is one of the most demographically diverse communities in Seattle and among the most underserved in park resources. The grant will help pay for demolition, erosion control, grading, and installation of stormwater infrastructure, a skateboard facility, picnic shelters, a circular pathway, seating, tables, and landscaping. There are two public schools next to the playfield. The project is community driven with residents bringing project ideas to the department, proactively securing funding for the planning and design stages using Seattle Neighborhood Matching Funds, and participating in outreach including large public meetings, classroom visits, and events at the site. Seattle will contribute \$1.5 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, a local grant, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1253)

Othello

Grant Requested: \$600,000

Adding a Spray Park and Renovating Trails in Kiwanis Park

Othello will use this grant to build a spray park, renovate walking trails, and add lighting in Kiwanis Park, one of only two active parks in the community of nearly 9,000 residents. The project's goal is to make this park, known for its family-oriented and informal recreation, an appealing, safe, accessible park that will be more useable now and into the future for all ages of users. This project also will meet the residents' desire for free, safe, healthy, youth-centric activities in a community where kids are 39 percent of the population, the poverty rate is 27 percent, and 88 percent of students qualify for free and reduced lunch. The spray park, which will be designed primarily for children 12 and younger, will be a welcome cooling center during Othello's hot summers. The City will install lighting throughout the park to improve security, address a significant graffiti problem, and extend the useable hours for activities and facilities. The walking trails have deteriorated since they were built in the 1970s and are no longer accessible for anyone using a wheelchair, pushing a stroller, or riding a bike. The City will resurface the trails to restore connections that tie together all park areas. Othello will contribute \$658,120 in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1644)

Spokane Valley

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Continuing Development of Greenacres Community Park

The City of Spokane Valley will use this grant to continue development of Greenacres Community Park by adding a tennis court, six pickleball courts, two basketball courts, a backstop, a community garden, shade structures, and trees. The City also will expand the playground and splash pad, add 17 parking spaces, pave an existing perimeter path, and renovate the disc golf course to create a 3-hole introductory course with practice green.

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Spokane Valley will contribute more than \$1 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, cash, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1694)

Fife

Grant Requested: \$418,822

Revitalizing Wedge Park

The City of Fife will use this grant to add a permanent restroom, replace the playground and small gazebo, and resurface the basketball half-court in the 2.4-acre Wedge Park. Although the park is small, it is highly use because of its convenient location directly off Valley Avenue East and near multiple apartment complexes. Currently, the park only has a portable restroom, a play structure in poor condition, a playground with portions blocked off for safety, and a basketball court with cracks and dips. Fife will contribute \$418,822. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1703)

Pierce County

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Beginning Development of Orangegate Park

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to begin developing the 150-acre Orangegate Park, which now is a forest with informal trails in the Summit-Waller community at the intersection of 84th Street East and 46th Avenue East. A half-mile of the Pipeline Trail, which is a regional, paved, non-motorized commuter trail connecting Tacoma to South Hill, will cross through the park. The County will build a 97-stall parking lot, a universally inclusive nature play area, picnic shelters, a restroom, a 5-acre enclosed dog park, trails, and signs. The County also will improve safety at 84th Street East, where a trail connects south to the Pipeline Trail. The park will serve a variety of users, including pedestrians, dog walkers, bicyclists, and equestrians. Pierce County will contribute more than \$5.8 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, cash, and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1310)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Continuing Improvement of Kayak Point Park Waterfront

Snohomish County Parks, Recreation & Tourism Division will use this grant to improve Kayak Point Regional Park's waterfront and day-use area. The County will develop one-third mile of meandering promenade, seven beach access paths, two beach overlooks, and a quarter-mile of soft-shore berm for native plantings. In addition, the County will move ten picnic shelters, update two restrooms, update the playground, build a gathering and performance plaza, install three new picnic shelters, and update the utility systems for stormwater, electrical, and septic throughout the park's day-use area. Kayak Point Regional Park is south of Stanwood, on the eastern shore of the Salish Sea. This project will complete renovations at a well-loved facility that provides public access to more than a half-mile of shoreline, one of the few public boat launches in the area, and a fishing pier. Snohomish County will contribute more than

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\$3.5 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1399)

Lacey **Beginning Development of Greg Cuoio Park**

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

The City of Lacey will use this grant to plan and begin development of the 139-acre Greg Cuoio Park, which is partially in the city and partially in Thurston County, between the intersections of Draham and Carpenter Roads to the south and Hawks Prairie and Carpenter Roads to the north. The City will develop safe entry off a busy county road, 50 parking stalls, about 2 miles of trails, 18 holes of disc golf, a park shelter, sitting and open play areas, and the first phase of a large all-access playground. The City also will add signs, a portable restroom enclosure, and maintenance and emergency access. The project's goal is to provide public access to outdoor recreation space with a focus on passive use and protection of the wetlands, sensitive habitat areas, and streams. Lacey will contribute more than \$3.5 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1608)

Port of Allyn **Developing Sweetwater Creek Waterwheel Park**

Grant Requested: \$828,075

The Port of Allyn, in partnership with the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, will use this grant to buy nearly 1 acre and develop the 5-acre Sweetwater Creek Waterwheel Park, in north Mason County, near Belfair. The Port will build a viewing platform, a pier, loop trails with lights, a picnic shelter, a nature-themed playground, restrooms powered by solar panels, and 13 parking stalls. The Port also will expand a pond to accommodate water activities, improve landscaping and habitat, and erect botanical markers, signs, and interpretive displays. Volunteers will restore the historic waterwheel that is a feature of the park. The trail will connect to Hood Canal trail systems including the adjacent Theler Trail. The Port of Allyn will contribute more than \$1 million in a local grant, a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor, land or property interest, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1590)

Sumner **Developing New Features in Seibenthaler Park**

Grant Requested: \$762,500

The City of Sumner will use this grant to develop and renovate Seibenthaler Park. Sumner will build its first spray park, modify the basketball court to be a multipurpose court, create space for a permanent restroom, move the dog park to its permanent location at the north side of the park, add two parking spaces for people with disabilities, and build paths to connect many of the newest features. The project will benefit underserved neighborhoods in north Sumner. Sumner will contribute \$762,500 in cash and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1392)

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Colfax **Upgrading Colfax City Pool**

Grant Requested: \$1,530,000

The City of Colfax will use this grant to rehabilitate the Colfax City Pool in Schmuck Park, off State Route 195 on the Palouse River. The pool, locker room, and restrooms are more than 50 years old and past their useful life. The City will fix a 35,000 gallons per day leak, replace the non-functioning wading pool with a splash pad, create an entry for people with disabilities, and renovate the locker room. These improvements will provide access to the facilities for people with disabilities, add recreational features, and reduce operational and maintenance costs. Colfax will contribute more than \$1.5 million in a grant from the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, a state appropriation, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1488)

Monroe **Beginning Development of North Hill Area Park**

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

The City of Monroe will use this grant to finalize the design and develop 3 acres of the 5-acre North Hill Area Park, which is at 134th Street Southeast and 191st Avenue Southeast. The City will create 1 acre of open space play areas, install utilities, create hard-surface trails, and build 10 parking stalls, a viewing plaza, and picnic shelter. There are limited recreation sites in the North Hill area of the city, requiring most residents to drive to reach such opportunities. The City will keep all mature trees at the park and install a raingarden with native vegetation to handle stormwater from the parking lot. The new park will capitalize on views of the Olympic Mountains, Mount Rainier, and Skykomish Pass and include interpretive signs identifying them. Monroe will contribute more than \$3 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1434)

Walla Walla **Building an Inclusive Playground in Pioneer Park**

Grant Requested: \$1,250,000

The City of Walla Walla will use this grant to build an all-inclusive playground at Pioneer Park for people with disabilities. The playground will feature many natural features along with elements that represent the community. The current playground is outdated and not accessible for people with disabilities. Pioneer Park is the crown jewel of Walla Walla's park system and is used heavily by the community. Walla Walla will contribute more than \$1.2 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and a local appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1751)

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La Center

Grant Requested: \$383,036

Updating and Expanding the Holley Park Playground

The City of La Center will use this grant to replace an aging, unsafe, and outdated playground in Holley Park. The City will replace the play structure, which is geared toward kids ages 2-5, and build an additional play structure for kids 5-12. In addition, the City will install benches for parents watching their kids, resurface the playground with recycled materials, renovate restrooms, add sidewalks and pathways, plant trees to provide shade, reconfigure landscape irrigation, and add recycling stations, picnic tables, and lighting. La Center will contribute \$383,036 in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and a local appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1526)

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Renovating Soundview Playfield

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a grass playfield in the 10-acre Soundview Park in northwest Seattle. The City will install about 114,000 square feet of multi-purpose, all weather, synthetic turf and field amenities including lights, a looped walking path, bleachers, and seat walls. The City also will improve the stormwater, electrical, and irrigation systems. The project's goal is to upgrade a well-loved park's field that frequently is unplayable because of wet and muddy conditions. This project will enhance playability, improve safety, and create an accessible facility. This project is important to the community because youth participation in active sports is growing, while land for new sports facilities is limited. Game-quality fields and accessible facilities are particularly lacking in this area of Seattle, where the demand is high and most nearby playfields are grass. This project will support Little Leagues, youth baseball and softball, soccer, football, lacrosse, and ultimate Frisbee. Seattle will contribute \$2 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and a local appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1262)

Bellevue

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Developing the Bridle Trails 140th Avenue Neighborhood Park

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop a 1.6-acre neighborhood park with a playground, picnic shelter, restroom, parking, walking paths, benches, landscaping, and a lawn area. This park will feature a combination of passive- and active-use elements, offering visitors a variety of recreation opportunities. The eastern edge of the park abuts 5 acres that include a protected wetland. The City will remove invasive plants around the wetland and plant native plants. Bellevue will contribute more than \$2.2 million. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1389)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Summaries (In Rank Order)

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District

Grant Requested: \$215,000

Building an Outdoor Amphitheater in South Whidbey's Community Park

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to build an outdoor amphitheater in South Whidbey's Community Park. Theatrical and musical performances, poetry readings, and educational presentations are important recreational components of life on South Whidbey, and the Community Park does not have a facility well-suited to host these activities. The amphitheater will be built in an area of the park partially cleared of significant trees and with sloping terrain to accommodate a seating area. At the base of the slope, the district will build a partially sheltered stage and route electrical service to it for lights and equipment for performances. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$281,000 in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, staff labor, equipment use, and donations of cash and services. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1448)

King County

Grant Requested: \$2,000,000

Building the Rock Creek Horse Park

The King County Parks and Recreation Division will use this grant to develop a horse park in the Danville-Georgetown Open Space near Maple Valley. The horse park will include a large arena; a small, covered arena; horse trailer parking; conditioning and cart track; restroom; a show and event administration building; and a storage building. King County will contribute more than \$3.2 million in a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, a local grant, and a state appropriation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs](#) of this project. (22-1599)