

Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative 2025-2027 Grant Program

The Coast Salmon Partnership and Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) are pleased to announce the upcoming 2025-27 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 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.

Grant policies, an in-depth description of eligibility and the application process, and application materials may be found on [RCO's WCRRI web page](#).

Online Application Workshop

A free application workshop covering the application process and requirements will be from 10 a.m. to noon on February 15, 2024. [Register here](#).

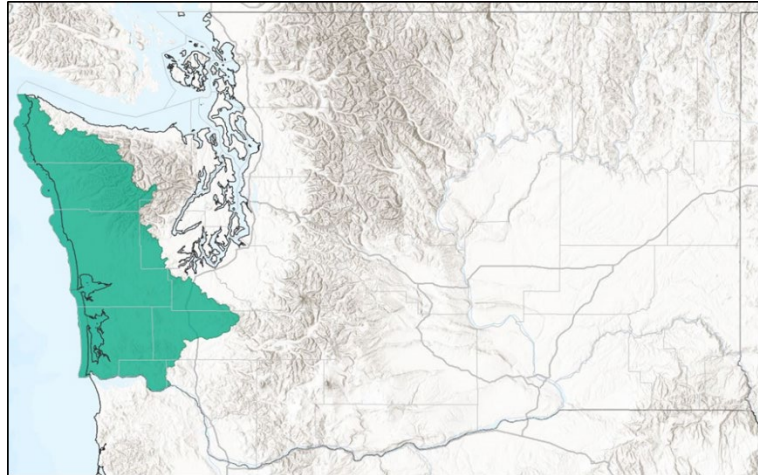
Schedule and Important Dates

Task	Date	Description
Grant round opens	January 22, 2024	Applicant submits conceptual project form to the Coast Salmon Partnership Salmon Recovery Portal technician.
Application Workshop	February 15, 2024	Online workshop provides information on how to apply.
Draft Applications Due	March 14, 2024	Applicant completes draft application materials in PRISM.
Eligibility Notification	March 29, 2024	RCO notifies applicant whether project meets minimum eligibility standards.
Project Site Visits	April 24-May 8, 2024	Project sponsor conducts virtual or in-person site visits with the Technical Review Panel.
Review Comments to Project Sponsors	May 23, 2024	Applicant receives Technical Review Panel comments on draft applications and site visits.
Final Project Proposals Due	June 6, 2024	Applicant submits final applications and comment responses in PRISM.
Project Scoring and Ranking	June 7-July 12, 2024	Technical Review Panel evaluates projects and develops a ranked project list based on the evaluation criteria.

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Draft Investment Plan Completed	August 5, 2024	Applicant is notified of final project ranking. This ranked list will be provided to the Legislature for funding consideration.
Funding Notification	July 2025 (estimated)	Legislature awards funding pending the 2025-2027 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, which 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 region's highest priority ecological protection and restoration needs while stimulating economic growth and creating jobs in coastal communities and (2) substantial protection and restoration of ecosystem functions, goods, and services through cost-effective methods.

A project with the primary objective of providing recreational access or remediating chemical contamination is not eligible as a stand-alone project; 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 isolated easily from the required mitigation activities.

WCRRRI funds discrete projects based on their individual merit. Projects must be a stand-alone, focused effort with discreet metrics. Projects funded by WCRRRI may be part of a larger or phased restoration program; however, WCRRRI funding of a single phase of any given project does not guarantee funding for a subsequent phase in the next WCRRRI grant round.

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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