

Preliminary Ranking
Community Forests Program
2025-2027

| Rank | Score | Project Number and Type ¹ | Grant Applicant | Project Name | Grant Request | Applicant Match | Total |
|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 51.62 | 24-1993 A | Mount Adams Resource Stewards | Mount Adams Community Forest: Klickitat Rim Phase Two | \$3,000,000 | \$616,000 | \$3,616,000 |
| 2 | 51.60 | 24-1522 A | Kittitas Conservation Trust | Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest Phase Two | \$3,000,000 | \$842,000 | \$3,842,000 |
| 3 | 50.75 | 24-1492 A | Nisqually Indian Tribe | Nisqually Community Forest Phase Four | \$3,000,000 | \$3,309,000 | \$6,309,000 |
| 4 | 50.62 | 24-1847 C | Outdoor Discovery Project | Carbon Canyon Community Forest | \$3,000,000 | \$553,500 | \$3,553,500 |
| 5 | 49.62 | 24-1679 A | Great Peninsula Conservancy | Green Mountain Community Forest | \$3,000,000 | \$3,600,000 | \$6,600,000 |
| 6 | 48.43 | 24-1941 A | Whidbey Camano Land Trust | Double Bluff Acquisition | \$3,000,000 | \$4,131,750 | \$7,131,750 |
| 7 | 47.88 | 24-1441 A | Whatcom Land Trust | Stewart Mountain Community Forest Phase Three Acquisition | \$2,962,590 | \$522,810 | \$3,485,400 |
| 8 | 46.75 | 24-1942 A | Whidbey Camano Land Trust | Lagoon Point Community Forest | \$2,967,135 | \$3,007,383 | \$5,974,518 |
| 9 | 45.43 | 24-1919 A | Columbia Land Trust | Grays River Community Forest Phase One | \$3,000,000 | \$530,000 | \$3,530,000 |
| 10 | 45.20 | 24-1900 A | Hoquiam | Hoquiam Community Forest | \$2,918,475 | \$515,025 | \$3,433,500 |
| 11 | 40.75 | 24-1926 A | Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation | Peshastin Creek Community Forest Acquisition | \$164,900 | \$29,459 | \$194,359 |
| 12 | 40.25 | 24-1565 C | Okanogan Land Trust | Havillah Farms Community Forest | \$3,000,000 | \$750,500 | \$3,750,500 |
| 13 | 37.00 | 24-1531 C | Wilkeson | Wilkeson's Skookum Mine and Timber Resource Addition | \$1,114,392 | \$196,658 | \$1,311,050 |
| Total | | | | | \$34,127,492 | \$18,604,085 | \$52,731,577 |

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition, C=Combination

Evaluation Scores
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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 | 24-1993 A | Mount Adams Community Forest: Klickitat Rim Phase Two | 13.12 | 12.75 | 13.25 | | 12.50 | 51.63 |
| 2 | 24-1522 A | Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest Phase Two | 13.20 | 12.60 | 12.00 | | 13.80 | 51.60 |
| 3 | 24-1492 A | Nisqually Community Forest Phase Four | 11.88 | 12.88 | 12.25 | | 13.75 | 50.75 |
| 4 | 24-1847 C | Carbon Canyon Community Forest | 12.50 | 12.88 | 10.25 | 2.38 | 12.62 | 50.63 |
| 5 | 24-1679 A | Green Mountain Community Forest | 12.38 | 13.25 | 12.75 | | 11.25 | 49.63 |
| 6 | 24-1941 A | Double Bluff Acquisition | 12.29 | 12.43 | 11.86 | | 11.86 | 48.43 |
| 7 | 24-1441 A | Stewart Mountain Community Forest Phase Three Acquisition | 12.25 | 11.38 | 11.38 | | 12.88 | 47.88 |
| 8 | 24-1942 A | Lagoon Point Community Forest | 12.62 | 11.62 | 11.75 | | 10.75 | 46.75 |
| 9 | 24-1919 A | Grays River Community Forest Phase One | 13.00 | 11.43 | 11.57 | | 9.43 | 45.43 |
| 10 | 24-1900 A | Hoquiam Community Forest | 12.20 | 11.20 | 12.60 | | 9.20 | 45.20 |
| 11 | 24-1926 A | Peshastin Creek Community Forest Acquisition | 10.38 | 9.75 | 10.12 | | 10.50 | 40.75 |
| 12 | 24-1565 C | Havillah Farms Community Forest | 9.25 | 9.75 | 8.75 | 2.00 | 10.50 | 40.25 |
| 13 | 24-1531 C | Wilkeson's Skookum Mine and Timber Resource Addition | 8.50 | 9.62 | 7.25 | 2.00 | 9.62 | 37.00 |

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Mt. Adams Resource Stewards **Expanding the Mount Adams Community Forest**

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Mt. Adams Resource Stewards will use this grant to buy 861 acres to more than triple the size of the Mount Adams Community Forest. This second phase acquisition is along the Glenwood Highway, eight miles east of unincorporated Glenwood. The goal of the community forest is to protect and manage a working forest that has been the backbone of several rural communities and land-based livelihoods in Klickitat County. The forest is actively managed for logging, wildfire resiliency, recreation, wildlife habitat, and maintenance of the rural character of the region. The proposed addition includes a mix of tree types and ages, including mixed conifer plantations; mature, naturally regenerated Douglas fir and ponderosa second growth; a stand of old-growth trees; and pine-oak woodland. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1993)

Kittitas Conservation Trust **Buying the Cle Elum Ridge Forest**

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Kittitas Conservation Trust and Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 8,450 acres of Cle Elum Ridge to expand the adjacent Teanaway Community Forest. The land is above Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Ronald, providing the towns with their idyllic backdrop and access to the Teanaway Community Forest and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest beyond. This project, which is the second and final phase, will protect the land from residential and resort development. The land is entirely forested with mainly ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. The overall goal is for the entire Cle Elum Ridge to become part of the department's 50,241-acre Teanaway Community Forest and to be managed for trail use, fire resiliency, wildlife habitat, and water quality and quantity in the Yakima River basin. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1522)

Nisqually Indian Tribe **Expanding Nisqually Community Forest**

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Nisqually Indian Tribe will use this grant to buy 1,381 acres of commercial timberlands and critical salmon habitat to expand the 4,120-acre Nisqually Community Forest. The land is next to the community forest, and contains part of Busy Wild Creek, which is the headwaters of the Mashel River, the largest tributary to the Nisqually River. After the Nisqually River, Busy Wild Creek is ranked as the watershed's highest freshwater priority for protection and restoration in both the Nisqually Chinook salmon and steelhead recovery plans. Both species are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The portion of Busy Wild Creek to be purchased is federally designated critical habitat for both. The plan for the forest is to restore old-growth forest characteristics while supporting forestry jobs. The purchase also will provide an opportunity to extend education and research programs and public access for mountain biking, hunting, and cross-country skiing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1492)

Outdoor Discovery Project
Creating the Carbon Canyon Community Forest

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Outdoor Discovery Project will use this grant to buy 1,246 acres of forestland to create a community forest in the Carbon River valley next to Mount Rainier National Park. The land includes one hundred acres along waterways that are home to Endangered Species Act-listed fish and birds including Chinook salmon, bull trout, marbled murrelet, and northern spotted owl. The land is next to protected public lands and the purchase will reduce fragmentation of wildlife habitat. The Outdoor Discovery Project also will build a campground, day-use areas, and hiking trails. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1847)

Great Peninsula Conservancy
Conserving Green Mountain Community Forest

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to conserve 719 acres of prime forestland next to Bremerton as the Green Mountain Community Forest. Nestled in a matrix of fifteen thousand acres of public forestlands, the land is an ideal location for a community forest with high public recreation value, critical habitat, and sustainable timber production. The forest has high timber productivity, trees of diverse ages, and well-maintained roads. Part of the popular Ueland Tree Farm, which hosts more than eighty thousand visitors annually, the forest includes well-used hiking trails and a natural fitness training area for sailors stationed at Naval Base Kitsap. The forest contains critical headwaters of Chico Creek, the most productive salmon system on the Kitsap Peninsula, and wetland complexes crucial for groundwater storage and cool, consistent summer flows. The forest also connects to a Rhododendron Preserve with rare Puget Sound lowland old-growth forest, the Bremerton watershed reserve, Green Mountain State Forest, and active timberland owned by the City of Bremerton, all of which makes the site highly critical to maintaining a contiguous forested landscape. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1679)

Whidbey Camano Land Trust
Conserving the Double Bluff Community Forest

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy 257 acres of forestland on Whidbey Island, conserving the land forever, as the Double Bluff Community Forest. Undeveloped blocks of land this size are rare on Whidbey Island. The Island is experiencing rapid conversion of forestland to residential development. Healthy and well-managed forestland is critical for community and ecological resilience and the overall health of the Salish Sea. The Double Bluff Community Forest will help ensure that future residents and visitors can enjoy the recreational and ecological benefits of this forest long into the future. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1941)

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

Grant Request: \$2,962,590

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 1,113 acres of upland and creekbank forest along Sygitowicz and Hard Scrabble Falls Creeks to add to the Stewart Mountain Community Forest. The purchase is the third phase of a proposed 5,500-acre community forest on Stewart Mountain. The land contains steep, forested slopes and salmon-bearing tributaries to the South Fork Nooksack River. The community forest will be managed as a working forest to optimize a wide variety of ecological, economic, and community benefits such as watershed health, sustainable jobs, wildlife habitat, and recreational access. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1441)

Whidbey Camano Land Trust **Conserving Lagoon Point Community Forest**

Grant Request: \$2,967,135

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy 260.5 acres to create the Lagoon Point Community Forest. Whidbey Island is experiencing an influx of new residents and many acres of forestland are being developed for homes. The Lagoon Point Community Forest will be a model of working forest and community resilience. Conserving and managing the forest will include long-rotation timber harvests for forest health and revenue generation. Conservation of the forest also will support carbon dioxide storage, wildlife habitat, Puget Sound water quality protection, aquifer recharge, and educational opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1942)

Columbia Land Trust **Creating the Grays River Community Forest**

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy 528 acres along Fossil Creek, north of the community of Grays River, for the first phase of the Grays River Community Forest. The community forest will support the community's values of sustainable forest use to create money for public services; public access for fishing, hunting, birding, and other recreation; stabilization of steep slopes to reduce flooding; and healthy river and salmon habitat. Grays River supports the largest chum salmon population in the Columbia River system. Chum salmon are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. The community forest also will provide continuity to marbled murrelet critical habitat owned by the land trust and Washington Department of Natural Resources. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1919)

Hoquiam **Expanding Hoquiam Community Forest**

Grant Request: \$2,918,475

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to buy nearly 406 acres to expand Hoquiam Community Forest. The land includes the Little Hoquiam River and Fry Creek, which support coho salmon and other fish, and a mixed Douglas fir and western hemlock forest. The land will be managed as a cohesive community forest with goals of protecting the watersheds and critical habitat,

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allowing logging to support community services, and providing recreation opportunities. The land also will allow for expansion of city trails along the Little Hoquiam River, providing access to the riverfront for the public. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1900)

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Conserving Peshastin Creek Community Forest

Grant Request: \$164,900

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will use this grant to buy 22.3 acres of undeveloped land next to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, and develop a community forest management plan. The land includes Peshastin Creek, which flows along the length of the property. Tribal staff will work to maintain healthy creek, forest, and creekbank habitat for Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, bull trout, and northern spotted owls. The land is near U.S. Route 97, providing easy public access for walking, short hikes, and enjoyment of nature. This project is part of tribe's larger effort to protect, restore, and conserve critical spawning areas and habitat for salmon. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1926)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Request: \$3,000,000

Buying and Restoring the Havillah Farms Community Forest

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy and restore 1,291 acres for the Havillah Farms Community Forest, thirteen miles northeast of Tonasket in the Okanogan Highlands. The land is next to U.S. Forest Service and Washington Department of Natural Resources land and is being used for grazing, wheat growing, and recreating. The land contains state priority wildlife habitat consisting of mixed conifer forest, shrub-steppe, regenerating forest and steppe, wetlands, springs, and a half-mile of salmon-bearing Antoine Creek. The land trust will restore thirty-seven acres by removing invasive plants, replanting, and placing woody structures along the creekbanks. In the forest, the land trust will thin and limb trees and plant one hundred acres to accelerate natural regeneration. The area will continue to be used for logging and livestock grazing, and by wildlife, including steelhead trout, lynx, and gray wolves. The land trust also will build trails extending from Forest Service trails for hiking, biking, bird watching, and harvesting of culturally significant native plants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1565)

Wilkeson

Grant Request: \$1,114,392

Conserving Coal Mining History and a Forest

The Town of Wilkeson will use this grant to buy and develop 137 acres just south of the town. Once a coal mining slope in the heart of Wilkeson's uptown, and most recently a working forest, the land will be used for recreation, logging, and education about the town's history. The Town will complete a preliminary design of a walking bridge for site access, design a loop trail to the Skookum Mine including informational graphics, and complete a cultural resource survey. The Town will showcase the Skookum Slope, which is the entrance to a more than 150-year-old coal mine. The Town also will feature coal mining from the mine to the coal washing station, to the

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coke ovens for purification. About fifty-seven acres will be logged to generate money for the town. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#) (24-1531)