

Preliminary Ranking
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
2025-2027

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	88.79	24-1951 A	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	Frog's Home Acquisition	\$706,803	\$706,804	\$1,413,607
2	85.21	24-1341 D	Snohomish County	Flowing Lake Dock and Waterfront Access	\$500,000	\$796,332	\$1,296,332
3	84.71	24-1944 D	Lakewood	Edgewater Park Waterfront Improvements	\$500,000	\$3,970,153	\$4,470,153
4	84.32	24-1625 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Lakebay Marina Shoreline Restoration	\$205,001	\$205,001	\$410,002
5	77.58	24-1934 D	Lake Forest Park	Lakefront Park Development	\$500,000	\$7,807,094	\$8,307,094
6	77.08	24-1876 D	Port of Woodland	Austin Point Water Recreation Park	\$500,000	\$1,595,699	\$2,095,699
7	76.88	24-1521 D	Vashon Park District	Tramp Harbor Dock Replacement	\$500,000	\$2,740,433	\$3,240,433
8	76.75	24-1927 C	Anacortes	Heart Lake Shoreline Restoration	\$472,000	\$472,000	\$944,000
9	74.88	24-1766 D	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Narrows Park Accessibility Improvements	\$500,000	\$646,304	\$1,146,304
10	74.21	24-1724 D	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	DeMolay Sandspit Accessibility and Park Upgrades	\$500,000	\$3,050,480	\$3,550,480
11	74.04	24-1979 D	Whatcom County	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	\$500,000	\$4,760,600	\$5,260,600
12	73.29	24-1894 D	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Fox Island Fishing Pier and Beach Access	\$460,560	\$460,579	\$921,139
13	73.06	24-1759 C	Everett	Lowell Riverfront Trail Development and Restoration	\$500,000	\$944,748	\$1,444,748
14	72.17	24-1780 D	Port Orchard	Port Orchard Waterfront Plaza Phase Two	\$500,000	\$2,303,551	\$2,803,551
15	71.1	24-1803 A	San Juan County Land Bank	Dolphin Bay Beach Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$2,216,000	\$3,216,000
Total					\$7,844,364	\$32,675,778	\$40,520,142

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		Point Range	0-15	0-15	0-20	0-20	0-15	0-15	0-20	0-15	0-5	0-20	0-7	0-7	0-5	1-3.0	0-3.0	0-3.0	0-1.0	-1-0.0	
1	24-1951 A	Frog's Home Acquisition		14.25		19.33		14.75	19.00				5.25	5.88	4.33	1.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	88.79
2	24-1341 D	Flowing Lake Dock and Waterfront Access	14.00		17.33		14.00			13.50	4.50		7.00	6.62	4.25	1.00	0.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	85.21
3	24-1944 D	Edgewater Park Waterfront Improvements	12.50		17.33		12.50			13.50	3.83		6.62	6.25	4.17	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	84.71
4	24-1625 R	Lakebay Marina Shoreline Restoration		13.91		18.00		13.64				17.09	6.00	5.86	3.82	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	84.32
5	24-1934 D	Lakefront Park Development	13.00		16.00		12.50			11.75	3.17		6.75	6.50	3.92	2.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	77.58
6	24-1876 D	Austin Point Water Recreation Park	12.00		16.00		12.00			12.00	4.08		5.88	5.12	3.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	77.08
7	24-1521 D	Tramp Harbor Dock Replacement	12.25		16.50		12.75			12.25	4.25		6.00	5.62	4.25	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	76.88

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8	24-1927 C	Heart Lake Shoreline Restoration	6.88	7.00	10.62	7.50	6.38	6.50		4.50	1.83	6.25	6.00	5.88	4.42	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	76.75
9	24-1766 D	Narrows Park Accessibility Improvements	12.50		14.67		11.50			11.50	4.00		6.38	6.25	4.08	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	74.88
10	24-1724 D	DeMolay Sandspit Accessibility and Park Upgrades	12.25		15.50		11.75			11.25	3.92		6.25	6.38	3.92	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	74.21
11	24-1979 D	Birch Bay Beach Park Development	11.25		15.17		12.00			12.25	3.92		5.62	5.75	4.08	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	74.04
12	24-1894 D	Fox Island Fishing Pier and Beach Access	12.00		14.50		11.75			11.50	4.08		6.25	6.12	4.08	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	73.29
13	24-1759 C	Lowell Riverfront Trail Development and Restoration	6.00	5.00	9.48	7.50	5.62	5.75		4.50	2.25	6.00	5.88	5.50	3.58	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	73.06
14	24-1780 D	Port Orchard Waterfront Plaza Phase Two	10.50		14.17		9.50			11.50	4.25		5.50	5.25	3.50	1.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	72.17

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15	24-1803 A	Dolphin Bay Beach Acquisition	5.75	6.88	9.17	8.65	5.88	7.00	13.50				4.50	4.88	3.92	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	-1.00	71.1

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Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation **Grant Request: \$706,804** **Conserving Land along the Yakima River**

Forterra and the Yakama Nation will use this grant to buy 176 acres of environmentally and culturally significant land, known as Frog's Home. The land is along the Yakima River and Union Gap Canal in Moxee, south of Yakima and next to the Yakama Reservation. The land contains side channels of the Yakima River, which are habitat for Chinook and coho salmon, steelhead trout, and bull trout. The purchase will allow the Nation to permanently eliminate livestock grazing, improve river and wetland buffers, and restore the former ranch to improve the amount and quality of water in the Yakima River for migrating fish. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more information and photographs of this project. (24-1951)

Snohomish County **Grant Request: \$500,000** **Improving Accessibility at Flowing Lake Park**

The Snohomish County Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department will use this grant to replace an aged floating dock in Flowing Lake Park and make the waterfront area more accessible to people with disabilities. The waterfront and dock are old and present many access issues. The County will install a floating dock that includes an accessible kayak launch and fishing areas, an extended fishing pier, safety railings, and accessible benches. The County also will add a path through the day-use area. Other improvements include adding or replacing paved walkways to improve accessibility, adding educational signs and overlooks along the waterfront, and improving accessible parking. The new dock will have a grated surface to allow sunlight to reach the water below and the County will remove invasive plants and add native plants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1341)

Lakewood **Grant Request: \$500,000** **Developing Edgewater Park**

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to begin developing the 2.8-acre Edgewater Park on the northeast shore of Lake Steilacoom. The work will create new water access, improve safety, and restore shoreline habitat. The City will build a fishing pier, trails, a swimming area, parking, a launch for hand-carried boats, pocket beaches, and site furnishings. The City also will restore shoreline habitat by removing invasive plants, planting wetlands and buffers with native plants, and reducing erosion. Lake Steilacoom is the second largest lake in the city at just more than three hundred acres and supports many species of fish and other wildlife. This park is the only public access to the lake. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1944)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Lakebay Marina Shoreline

Grant Request: \$205,001

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the shoreline of Lakebay Marina to its natural condition and provide access to the water for swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, and other hand-powered boats. The department will remove a wood bulkhead, including twenty-eight creosote pilings, grade the shoreline, and replant it. The work will restore and improve natural processes of sediment movement and sandspit growth and create habitat that could benefit surf smelt, sand lance, Chinook salmon, bocaccio, and bull trout. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1625)

Lake Forest Park Developing Lakefront Park

Grant Request: \$500,000

The City of Lake Forest Park will use this grant to develop a 3.3-acre park on the northwest shores of Lake Washington, near the city's Town Center. The City will build a dock for swimmers and kayakers, a grassy area, a plaza, a picnic shelter, a bathhouse, a playground, and community gathering spaces, all near the highly used Burke-Gilman Trail. The new park will provide access to a sandy beach. The City also will renovate the Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve area of the park to be a more natural forested buffer. This will enhance the salmon-bearing stream and shoreline buffer there. The City also will add viewing platforms and educational and interactive signs. The City lacks public access to the water and park space that is walkable to residents, and has a low ratio of park acres to population. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1934)

Port of Woodland Building the Austin Point Water Recreation Park

Grant Request: \$500,000

The Port of Woodland will use this grant to create a park with access to the Columbia and Lewis Rivers. The park will include paths, restrooms, lookouts with shade structures, parking, lighting, a fish-cleaning station, shoreline fishing, and increased access to a primitive boat launch. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1876)

Vashon Park District Replacing Tramp Harbor Pier

Grant Request: \$500,000

The Vashon Park District will use this grant to replace the Tramp Harbor fishing pier. Crews will replace the more than 340-foot-long, creosote wood pier with one that is 343 feet long and made with steel or fiberglass grating and concrete pilings. The dock, located at Dockton Road Southwest, is closed. The new dock will allow light to penetrate the water, which is good for wildlife there, including surf smelt, Pacific cod, geoducks, clams, crab, squid, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. The Tramp Harbor pier is the only deepwater fishing pier on Vashon Island.

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The park will be used for fishing, wildlife watching, picnicking, and gathering shellfish. Crews also will improve the parking and add an interpretive sign. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1521)

Anacortes

Grant Request: \$472,000

Restoring Heart Lake Shoreline

The City of Anacortes will use this grant to restore shoreline habitat, move a parking lot, improve a boat launch, and reroute traffic at Heart Lake in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. The City will replace a gravel parking lot with native shoreline habitat and regrade and pave the lower parking area, directing water into a bioswale to clean it before it enters the lake. The City also will improve and move the boat launch and separate pedestrians from vehicles to improve visitor safety. The work will improve access to the boat launch for people with low mobility. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1927)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park

Grant Request: \$500,000

Improving Accessibility in Narrows Park

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to improve accessibility in Narrows Park so people using wheelchairs can see and reach Puget Sound. The beach access ramp is narrow, outdated, and steep with handrails that restrict movement, and the path to the picnic area is gravel. The park district will redesign and install a pathway to the gazebo viewpoint and improve access to the beach below. It also will add a wheelchair-accessible restroom and pathways to picnic areas. Narrows Park is on Lucille Parkway Northwest, at the end of a scenic drive down a wooded ravine in Gig Harbor. This project will provide access for people of all abilities to enjoy stunning views of the Narrows Bridge and enjoy the beach and its abundant sea life. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1766)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Grant Request: \$500,000

Improving Access to the DeMolay Sandspit

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to remove buildings and structures from the DeMolay sandspit and refurbish the area to allow access by people with disabilities. Long treasured by residents, the spit has been difficult to reach by people with mobility issues. The park district will remove a 1950s blockhouse and septic system, a 1920s wellhouse, and an old access road and driveway used to get to the beach. The park district will add parking and a drop-off area, an accessible pathway to the beach, two restrooms, a picnic shelter, and signs. The park district also will replant disturbed areas and add other site amenities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1724)

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Whatcom County Developing Birch Bay Beach Park

Grant Request: \$500,000

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to design and develop a day-use park on Birch Bay in western Whatcom County. The land is in the central business district and shoreline area of the community and has 3.6 acres of uplands and 9.6 acres of tidelands with 400 feet of waterfront. The waterfront and tidelands are a major attraction in Birch Bay and the new park will allow visitors safe access to a picnic area, beach, and tidelands. The park will include parking, restrooms, activity areas, walking paths, lights, and planting improvements. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1979)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Improving Fox Island Fishing Pier Access

Grant Request: \$460,560

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to improve the Fox Island fishing pier and access to the beach for hand-launching boats. Located on the eastern tip of Fox Island, the pier is used for recreational fishing, wildlife viewing, and shoreline access. The park district will replace the pathway to the pier with a path for people using wheelchairs, install a crushed rock path from the restroom to the pier, install a picnic shelter, repair fencing, and improve the trail to the beach for hand-launched watercraft. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1894)

Everett Developing and Restoring the Lowell Riverfront Trail

Grant Request: \$500,000

Everett Parks and Community Services will use this grant to develop and restore the Lowell Riverfront Trail along the Snohomish River in the historic Lowell neighborhood. Parts of the trail are eroding and becoming a health and safety concern. The City will build about seven hundred feet of trail and elevated boardwalk that will protect wetlands. The City also will replant the shoreline, remove asphalt and creosote timber piles from the site's former turn-of-the-century industrial use, and install interpretive signs about the river environment. The work will give the public access to the riverfront, a multiuse trail, and a destination with scenic viewing locations. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1759)

Port Orchard Building the Port Orchard Marina Plaza

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to convert a waterfront parking lot into a waterfront plaza between the planned Community Event Center and existing marina. The City will rebuild the Bay Street pedestrian path along the waterfront and create a plaza that gives residents and

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boaters a place to sit and enjoy the waterfront. The finished plaza will include lighting, decorated pavers, improved signs, seating, a stage, and a shade canopy for events. The plaza also will accommodate a multimodal pathway running through the site along the water. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1780)

San Juan County Land Bank Conserving Dolphin Bay Beach

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to buy 23.8 acres of waterfront on Orcas Island. The land is undeveloped and includes forests, an intermittent stream, and thirteen hundred feet of shoreline on East Sound. The purchase will protect shoreline and upland forests from development and create a public preserve in an area without public access. Forests cover about seventeen acres and include maple, pine, fir, and cedar trees. The shoreline includes a pocket beach. East Sound is recognized as a high-priority area for possible use by Chinook, coho, chum, and pink salmon, and is one of the county's five spawning grounds for Pacific herring. Public access to the shoreline is limited on this island because there are very few undeveloped waterfront areas left. This purchase will give the public a preserve to hike, view wildlife, and access saltwater in a remote and distinct area of the island. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1803)