Habitat Protection & Restoration Grants

Recreation and Conservation Office
If you wish to:

• Acquire habitat for conservation purposes,

• Acquire habitat for future restoration or passive public access,

• Develop, restore or enhance conservation lands or species habitat,

• Or a combination of these

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board/Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (SRFB/PSAR)

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)
  • Critical Habitat (WWRP-CH)
  • Natural Areas (WWRP-NA)
  • Riparian Protection (WWRP-RP)
  • State Lands Restoration (WWRP-SLR)
  • Urban Wildlife (WWRP – UW)

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SRFB/PSAR Program Overview

• Provides grant support to:

  • Inventory, assess, and complete restoration designs

  • Purchase critical habitat or property to restore habitat

  • Restore salmon and forage fish habitat

• State and federal funds

• Work through lead entity process
Typical Projects Include:
- Design
- Acquisition of important habitat
- Restoration of salmon habitat

Eligible Applicants:
- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Non-profits

Project Types:
- Assessment, Inventory, or Design
- Acquisition
- Restoration
- Combination
Funding Limits:

- Acquisition – none
- Restoration – none
- Combination – none
- 15 percent match required

- $5,000 minimum
- Design-only – No match
Aqua# Lands Enhancement
Account (ALEA)

**ALEA Program Overview**

- Provides grant support to:
  - Purchase, improve and protect aquatic lands
  - Improving public access to aquatic lands
- Money from DNR’s management of 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands.
- Projects must be adjacent to navigable waters of the state.
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

Typical Projects Include:
- Acquisition of important habitat
- Parks - near the water
- Trails – to access water
- Restoration of aquatic lands

Eligible Applicants:
- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies

Project Types:
- Acquisition
  - Acquiring aquatic and/or uplands
- Development
  - Facilities that support public access
- Restoration
- Combination
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

Funding Limits:

• Acquisition – maximum $1,000,000
• Restoration – maximum $500,000
• Development – maximum $500,000
• Combination – may not exceed $1,000,000 total of which not more than $500,000 may be for restoration or development
• 50 percent match required
Program Overview

Critical Habitat - Habitat for game and non-game species. Includes habitat for endangered, threatened or sensitive species.

Includes:

- wetlands
- forest
- shrub-steppe
- deer-elk winter range
- salt and freshwater habitats
Program Overview – cont.

*Public Use* - May include public use where appropriate.
  - consumptive
  - non-consumptive

However exclusion of public use to protect habitat is allowed.

*Restoration* - Habitat enhancement and creation is allowed.
Eligible Applicants:
- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies

Funding Limits:
- No minimum or maximum amount
- 50% match required – Local agencies and Tribes
- No match requirement for State agencies

Project Types:
- Acquisition
- Development - limited
- Restoration
- Combination
  - Facility renovation ineligible
Program Overview

Open to WDFW, DNR, State Parks and General Administration only

- Purchase and limited development of
  - High quality native ecosystems
  - Unique plant and animal communities
  - Rare geologic features
- Areas must have retained their natural character
- Areas managed primarily for preservation, protection, and study
- “Limited” or “no” public use acceptable

Includes:

- Wetlands
- Forest
- Shrub-steppe
- Riparian areas
- Salt and freshwater habitats
- Other native ecosystems
Funding Limits:
• No minimum or maximum grant request per project
• No match requirement

Project Types:
• Acquisition
• Development (limited)
• No Restoration Projects allowed
**Program Overview**

Riparian Protection- Provides for the protection of lands adjacent to any water body and/or submerged lands.

Includes the protection of:

- Wetlands
- Streams and rivers
- Nearshore marine habitat
- Shorelines
- Lakes
- Estuaries
Program Overview – Cont.

Projects **must** include real property acquisition

Projects may include habitat for salmonids, other fish and wildlife species

- Restoration and enhancement allowed
- Passive public access allowed
**Eligible Applicants:**
- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations

**Project Types:**
- Acquisition – Must Include
- Development - limited
- Restoration
- Combination
- Site stewardship plans

**Funding Limits:**
- Minimum amount - $25,000
- No maximum amount
- 50% match required
- No match requirement for State agencies
Program Overview

Open to WDFW and DNR only

- Restore or enhance existing state lands
- Areas primarily managed for resource preservation and protection
- Public use may be excluded

Includes:

- Wetlands
- Forest
- Shrub-steppe
- Riparian areas
- Salt and freshwater habitats
- Other native ecosystems
**Funding Limits:**

- Minimum grant amount - $25,000
- Maximum grant amount - $1,000,000 per single site project
- No match required
Program Overview

Urban Wildlife Habitat – “lands that provide habitat important to wildlife in close proximity to a metropolitan area.”

• Priority is given to endangered, threatened or sensitive species.

• May serve as a wildlife corridor
• May include and encourage public uses:
  • Wildlife interpretation & observation
  • Education and scientific values
Eligibility:
A proposal must lie

- Within the corporate limits of a town or city with a population of at least 5,000 or within 5 miles of such town or city, or its adopted urban growth area boundary

  “OR”

- Within 5 miles of an adopted urban growth area in a high density county (250 people per square mile).
**Eligible Applicants:**
- Local governments,
- Native American tribes
- State agencies

**Funding Limits:**
- No minimum or maximum amount
- 50% match required – Local agencies and Tribes
- No match requirement for State agencies

**Project Types:**
- Acquisition
- Development - limited
- Restoration
- Combination
  - Facility renovation ineligible
Questions?

Is this the end?

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**Tips for Success:**

1. Do your homework and determine the best grant category for your project.

2. Take time to accurately scope your project.

3. Assemble your team of experts.

4. Find the ‘To Do’ list on RCOs web site.

5. Communicate with your Grants Manager (EARLY and OFTEN).

6. Complete your application and required materials early.