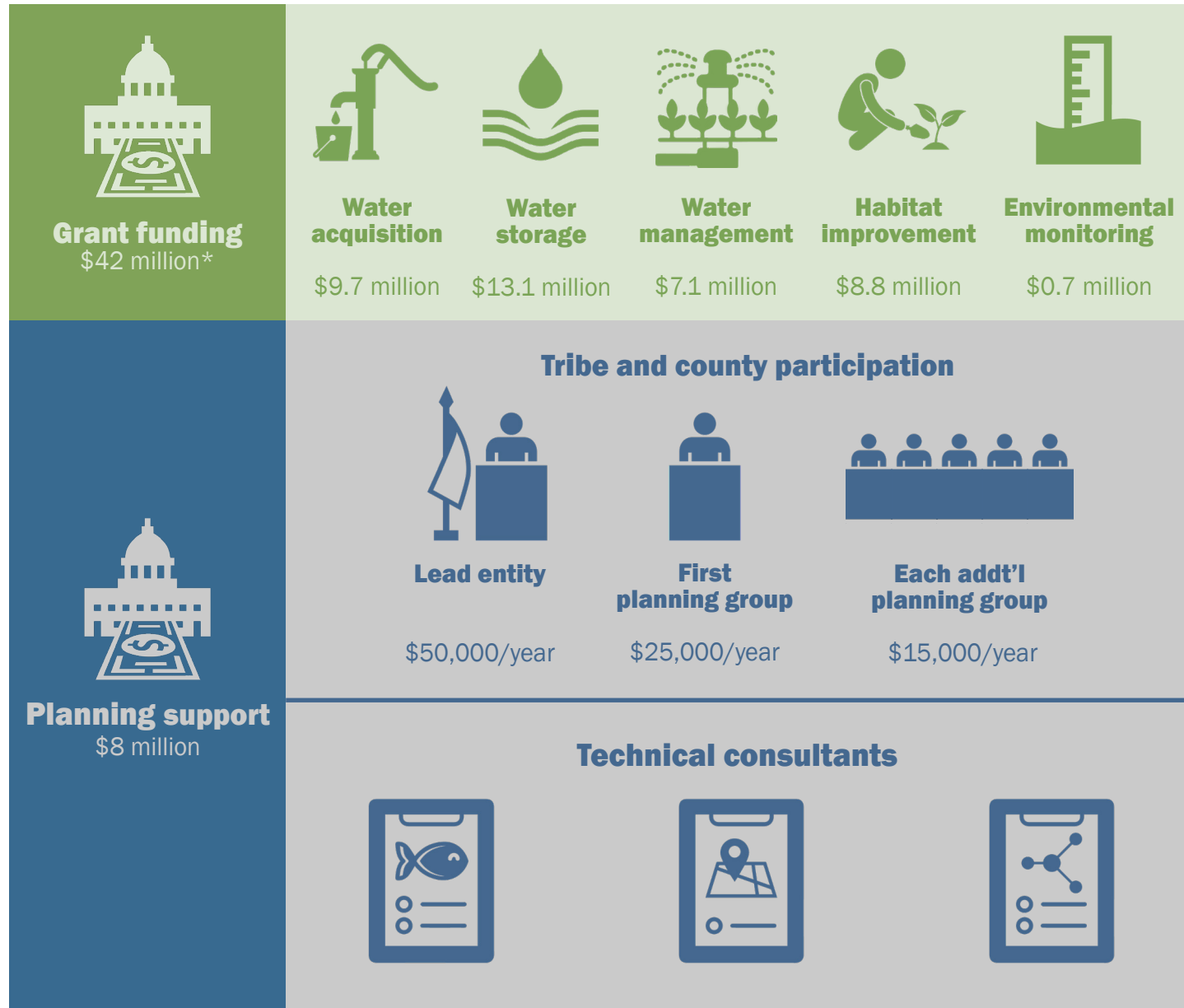
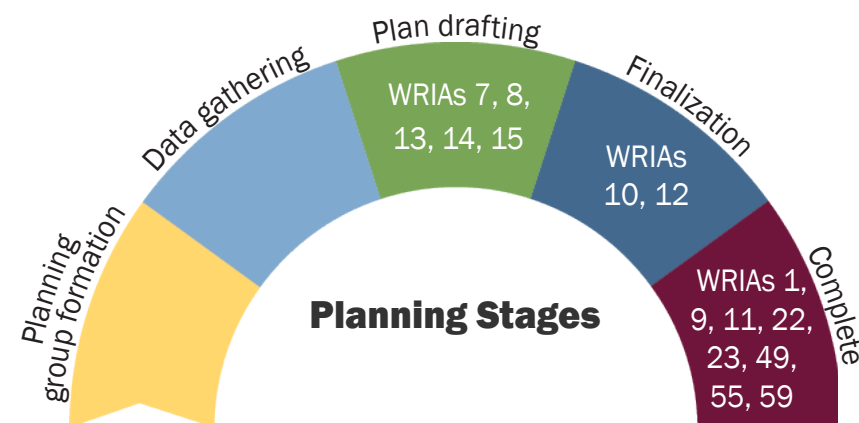
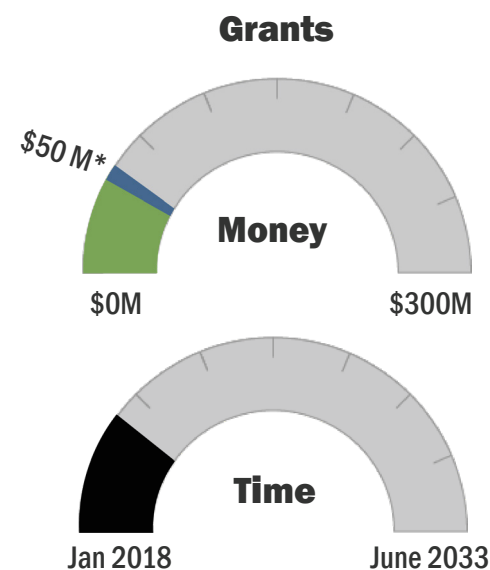


Investment of time and money to date



*Based on offered amounts pending final agreements



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STREAMFLOW RESTORATION Program status



Photo by the Department of Ecology

In January 2018, the Legislature passed the Streamflow Restoration law to help restore streamflows to levels necessary to support robust, healthy, and sustainable salmon populations while providing water for homes in rural Washington.

This law, codified as Chapter 90.94 RCW, was passed in response to a 2016 Washington State Supreme Court decision, the Hirst decision, that limited a landowner's ability to get a building permit for a new home when the source of water was a permit-exempt well. The law clarifies how counties can issue building permits for homes that use a permit-exempt well for a water source.

The law directs 15 local planning groups to develop watershed plans that would offset impacts from new domestic permit-exempt wells and achieve a net ecological benefit.

Implementation is another key feature of the law. The Legislature intends to authorize \$300 million over the next 15 years to support projects that improve streamflows. These funds are available statewide and administered through a competitive grant program.

This brochure provides a status update on work to implement Chapter RCW 90.94 to develop watershed plans and fund projects to improve streamflows. Ecology, planning groups, and technical consultants have been developing watershed plans since January 2018. Planning is anticipated to take approximately three years. Grant funding is awarded on a competitive basis as funds are available.

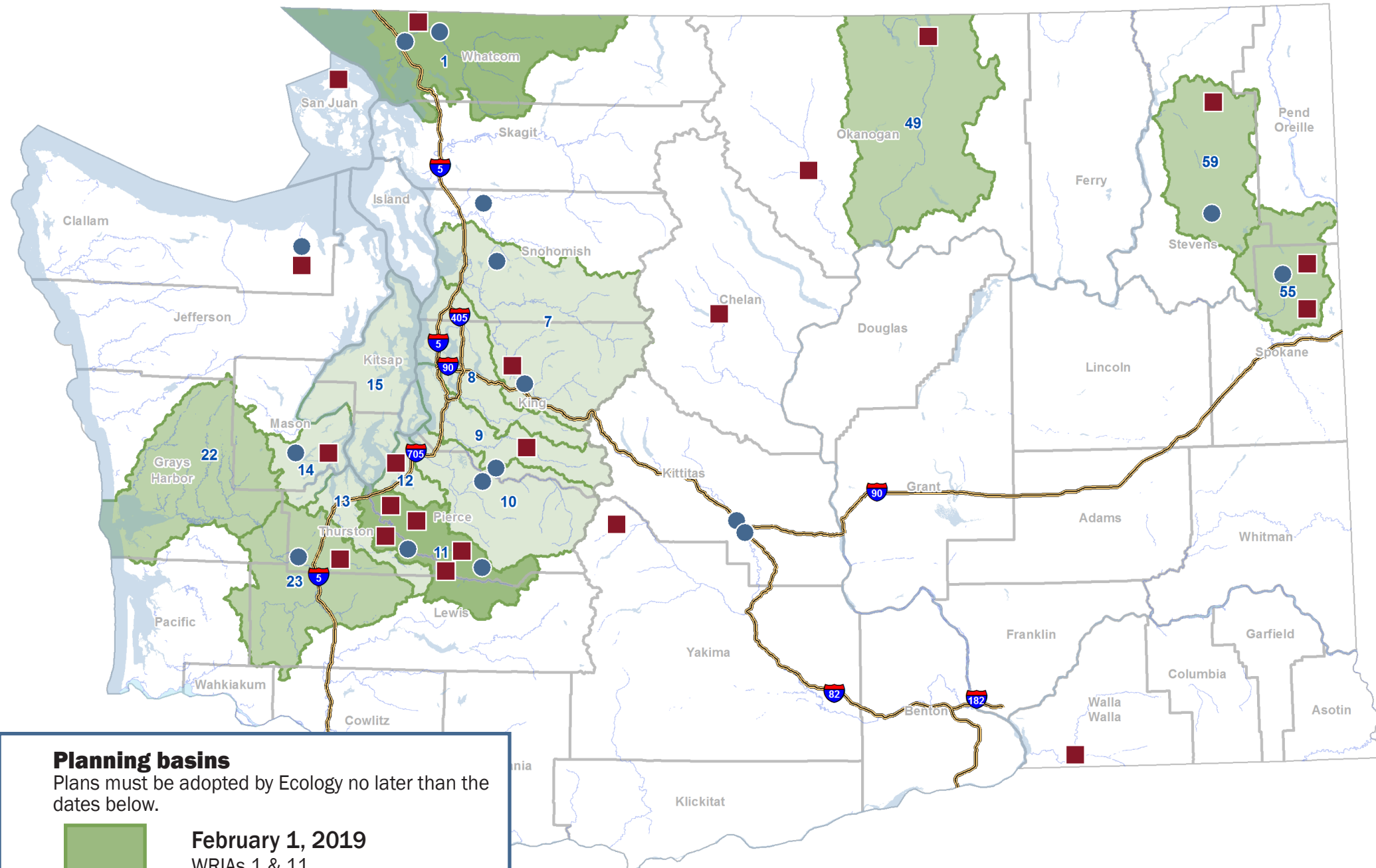
Watershed planning

- Ecology has adopted eight plans and completed one rulemaking.
- Local planning groups are required to prepare, approve, and submit watershed plans to Ecology.
- Ecology reviews the approved watershed plans and determines whether they meet the minimum requirements of the law.
- Ecology then adopts submitted watershed plans by the legislative deadlines. If plans are not adopted by the deadline, Ecology either completes the plans or revises relevant rules.

Competitive grants

- Since 2018, Ecology has held two grant rounds and invested approximately \$42 million in streamflow restoration projects.
- In 2019, we funded 19 projects, investing approximately \$20 million. In October 2020, we funded 21 projects, investing approximately \$22 million.
- Grant funding will help state and local agencies, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations with implementing local watershed plans and projects.
- Local project needs are greater than available statewide funds. The grant process is competitive and other sources of funding beyond these grants will be needed.

Watershed planning and project funding across the state



Planning basins

Plans must be adopted by Ecology no later than the dates below.



February 1, 2019

WRIs 1 & 11



February 1, 2021

WRIs 22, 23, 49, 55 & 59



June 30, 2021

WRIs 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15

Competitive grant rounds



2020 grant projects



2019 grant projects

For more on Streamflow Restoration, visit: ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowRestoration and for more on the competitive grants, visit: ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowGrants. For more on 2020 grant recipients, please see our summary publication: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2011082.html>.

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2020 Grant Recipients

- Chelan County— \$327,224
- Clallam County Community Development — \$3,875,699
- King County — \$525,173
- City of Lynden — \$4,696,899
- Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation — \$1,034,453
- Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group — \$1,175,098
- Nisqually Land Trust — \$145,770
- Nisqually Land Trust — \$150,460
- Nisqually River Foundation — \$431,000
- Quinault Indian Nation — \$148,500
- San Juan County Land Bank — \$250,000
- Spokane County Utilities — \$600,000
- Spokane County Utilities — \$656,517
- City of Snoqualmie — \$477,400
- Squaxin Island Tribe — \$88,000
- Stevens County — \$94,700
- City of Tacoma — \$387,200
- Thurston County — \$222,956
- Thurston County — \$241,408
- Walla Walla, City of — \$681,422
- Western Rivers Conservancy — \$4,192,535

2019 Grant Recipients

- Clallam County — \$4,092,854
- Kittitas County — \$1,700,000
- Kittitas Reclamation District — \$2,000,000
- Nisqually Land Trust — \$1,347,435
- Nisqually Land Trust — \$3,726,336
- Snohomish Conservation District — \$510,726
- Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District — \$268,095
- Spokane County — \$1,054,000
- Squaxin Island Tribe — \$520,000
- Stevens County — \$859,150
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians — \$800,000
- City of Sumner — \$758,950
- City of Sumner — \$491,128
- Thurston County — \$1,194,619
- Whatcom County — \$711,675
- Whatcom County AG Water Board — \$150,000