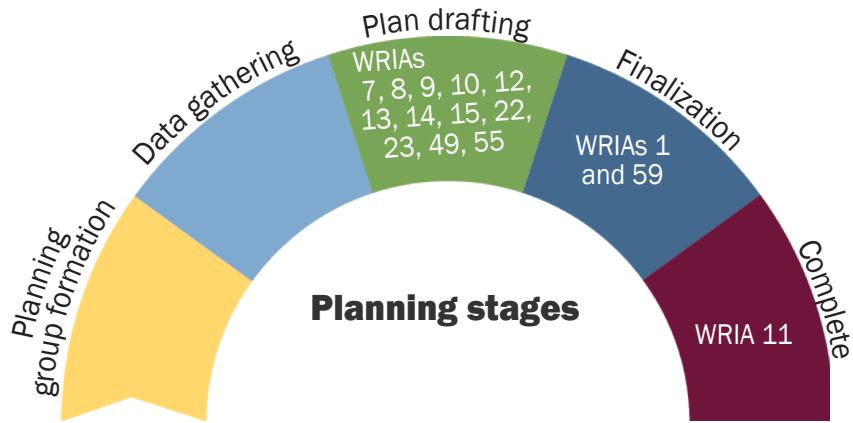
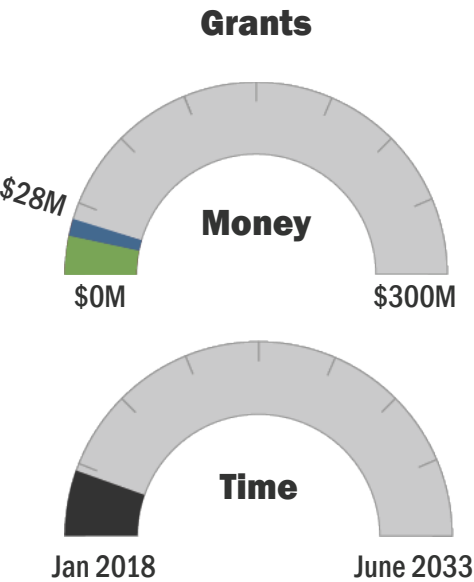
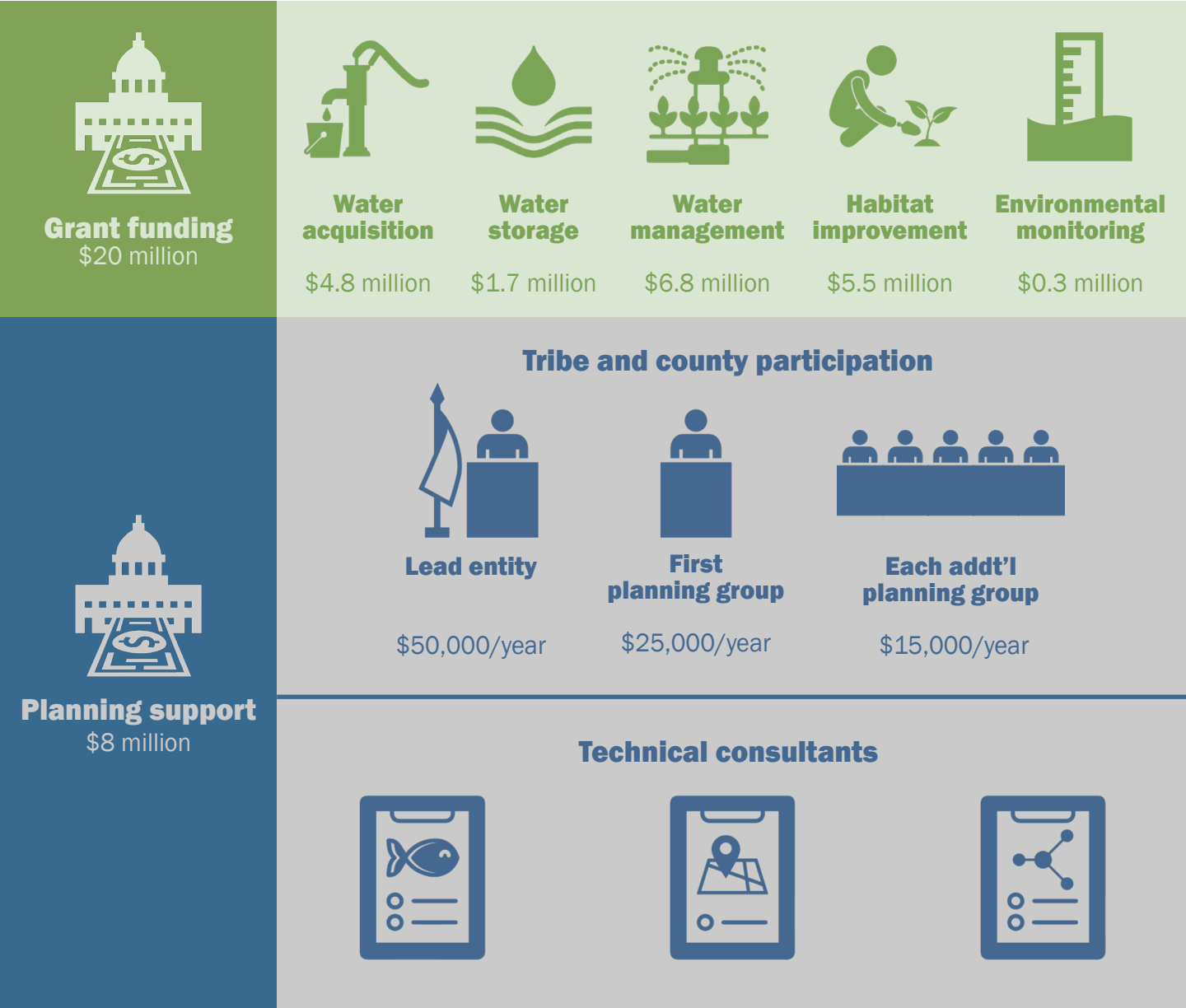


Investment of time and money to date



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STREAMFLOW RESTORATION
Program status



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

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

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

The Legislature intends to authorize \$300 million dollars over the course of 15 years to help with implementation of projects that improve streamflow. The funds are available statewide and administered through a competitive grant program.

The law is codified as Chapter 90.94 RCW.

Ecology, planning groups, and technical consultants have been working on watershed plan development since January 2018. Planning is anticipated to take approximately three years. Grant funding will be available on a competitive basis. This brochure provides an approximate status of where we are as of the publication date.

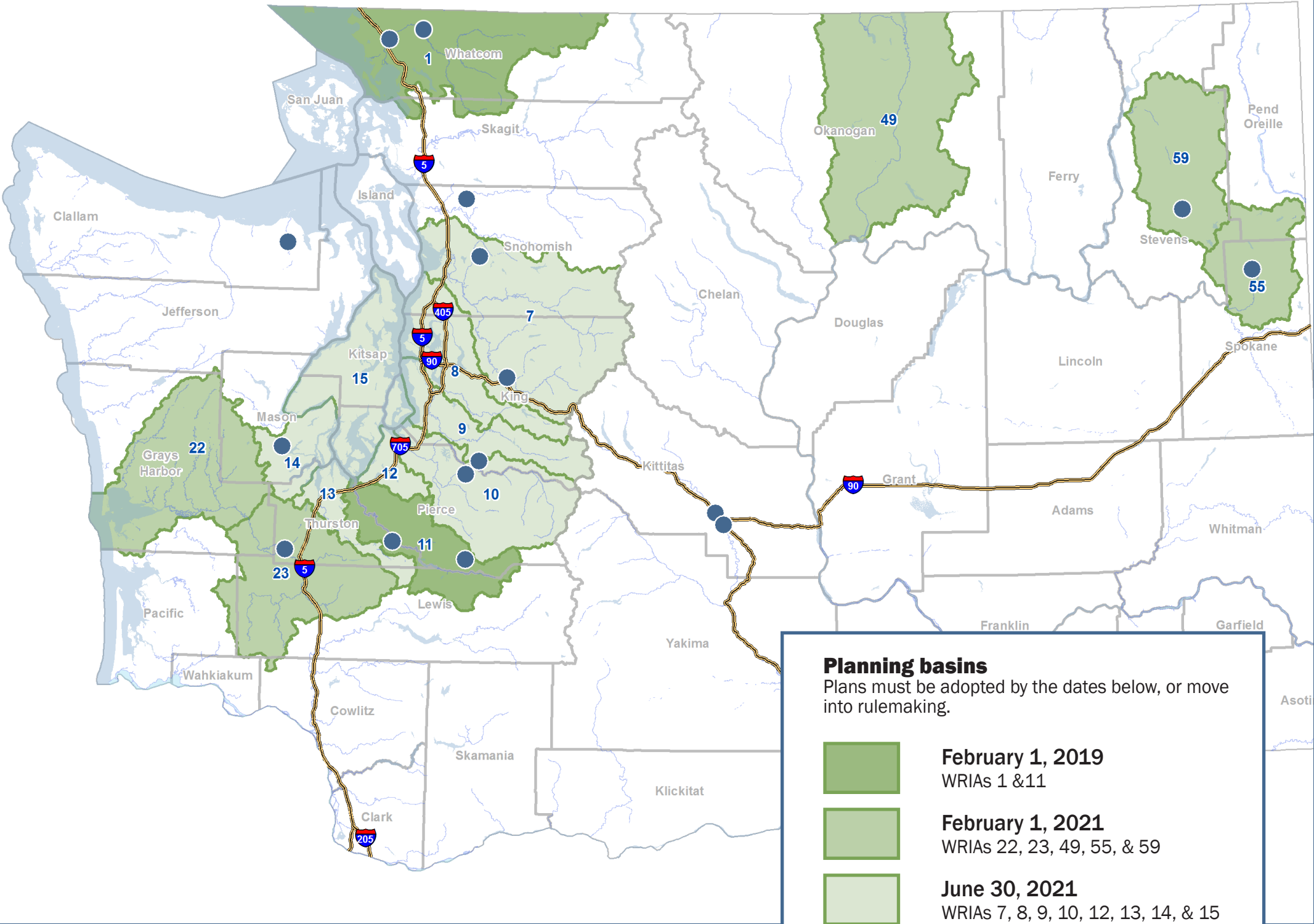
Planning

- Watershed plans are prepared, approved, and submitted by watershed planning groups.
- 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 deadlines provided by the legislation or moves into rulemaking.

Competitive grants

- Inaugural round: in January 2019, we selected 16 projects from a competitive, statewide pool of applicants. In total, we awarded approximately \$20 million.
- Grant funding will help incentivize state and local agencies, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations to implement 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.
- The second round of grant funding opened on January 30, 2020 and Ecology will accept applications through the end of March. Ecology anticipates sending offer letters to successful applicants in August 2020. For more information please review the grants guidance: ecology.wa.gov/Streamflowgrants.

Watershed planning and project funding across the state



For more information on Streamflow Restoration, please visit:
ecology.wa.gov/Streamflowrestoration

To request ADA accommodation, visit ecology.wa.gov/accessibility, call 360-407-6872, Relay Service 711, or TTY 877-833-6341.

- WRIA 1 Nooksack (Whatcom County) — \$712,000
California Creek domestic well use offset and streamflow restoration project
- WRIA 1 Nooksack (Whatcom County) — \$1.3 million
Nooksack River basin water supply management study and project implementation
- WRIA 5 Stillaguamish (Snohomish County) — \$800,000
North Fork Stillaguamish River floodplain and water right acquisition
- WRIA 7 Snohomish (Snohomish County) — \$511,000
Community based water storage restoration in the Snohomish River watershed
- WRIA 7 Snohomish (King County) — \$268,000
Snoqualmie natural storage enhancement and comprehensive storage study
- WRIA 10 Puyallup-White (Pierce County) — \$759,000
White River tailrace water acquisition
- WRIA 10 Puyallup-White (Pierce County) — \$491,000
White River regional reserved water right acquisition
- WRIA 11 Nisqually (Pierce County) — \$3.7 million
Nisqually watershed Busy Wild Creek protection
- WRIA 11 Nisqually (Pierce & Thurston Counties) — \$1.3 million
Nisqually watershed riparian and floodplain habitat protection
- WRIA 14 Kennedy-Goldsborough (Mason County) — \$520,000
Goldsborough streamflow restoration project
- WRIA 18 Elwha-Dungeness (Clallam County) — \$4.1 million
Dungeness flow restoration and aquifer recharge off-channel reservoir
- WRIA 23 Upper Chehalis (Thurston County) — \$1.2 million
Albany street stormwater pond
- WRIA 39 Upper Yakima (Kittitas County) — \$9.1 million
Tributary supplementation through water conservation—KRD south branch
- WRIA 39 Upper Yakima (Kittitas County) — \$1.7 million
Yakima River floodplain acquisition—surface water rights
- WRIA 55 Little Spokane (Spokane County) — \$1.1 million
Water right acquisition
- WRIA 59 Colville (Stevens County) — \$859,000
Water right acquisition and mitigation source substitution

*Amounts shown are requested funds. Actual figures vary.