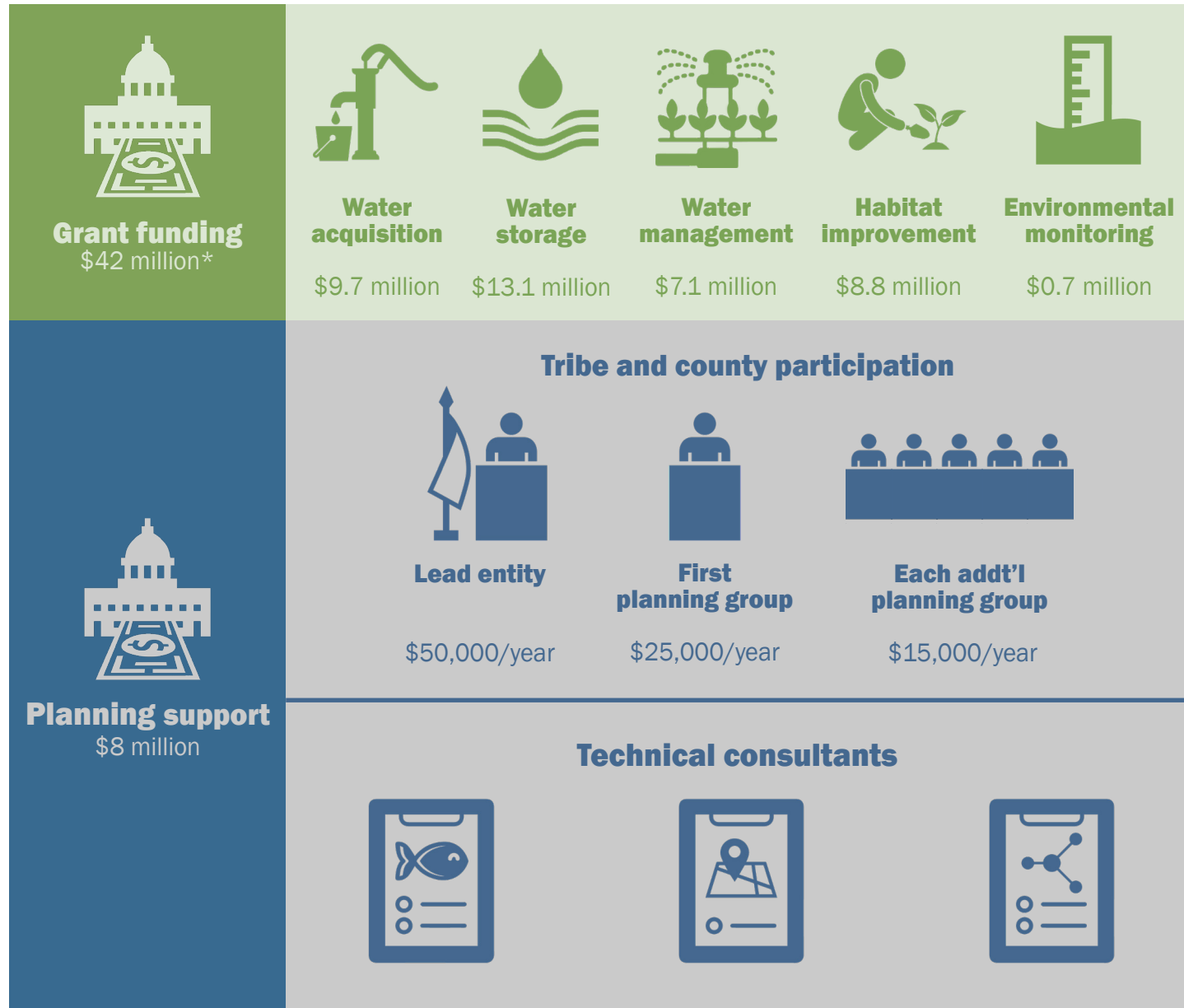
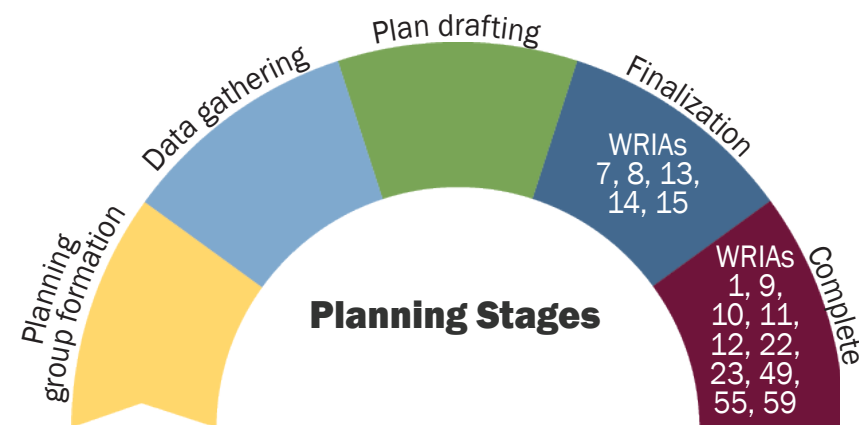
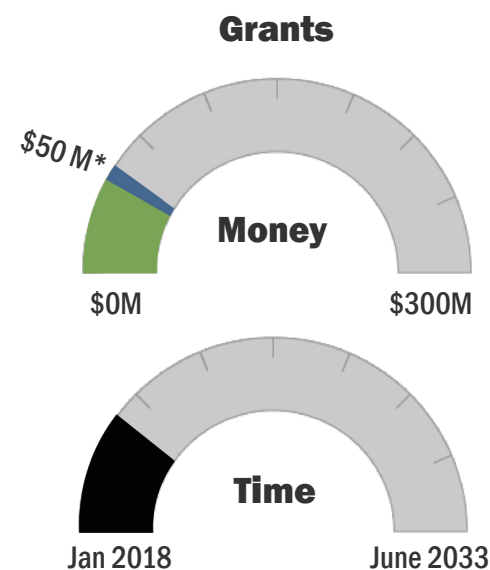


# Investment of time and money to date



\*Based on offered amounts pending final agreements



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# STREAMFLOW RESTORATION Program status



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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, Chapter 90.94 RCW, was passed in response to a 2016 Washington State Supreme Court decision, the Hirst decision. The Hirst decision 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 also directed 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 dollars over 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 the streamflow restoration law to develop watershed plans and fund projects to improve streamflows.

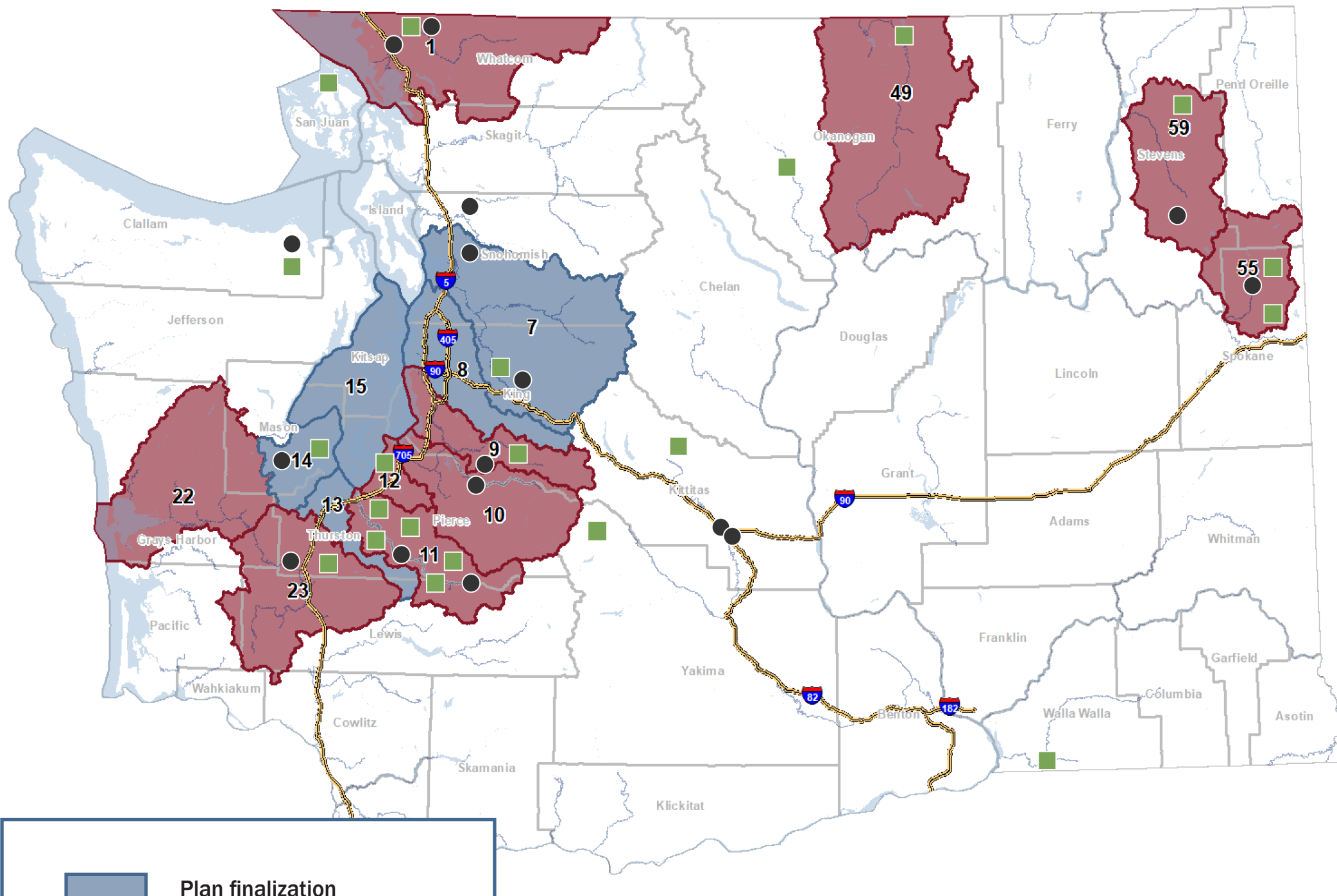
### Watershed planning

- Ecology has adopted nine watershed plans and completed one rulemaking.
- Local planning groups were required to prepare, approve, and submit watershed plans to Ecology.
- Ecology reviewed watershed plans to determine whether they meet the minimum requirements of the law.
- Ecology then adopted watershed plans by the legislative deadlines,
- Five plans remain to be completed. Ecology will finalize these five plans for WRIs 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15.

### Competitive grants

- Grant funding is awarded on a competitive basis as funds are available.
- Since 2018, Ecology has held two grant rounds and invested approximately \$42 million in streamflow restoration projects.
- In 2019, we funded 19 projects, awarding approximately \$20 million. In October 2020, we funded 21 projects, awarding 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 and other sources of funding beyond these grants will be needed.

# Watershed planning and project funding across the state



- Plan finalization**  
WRIAs 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15
- Plans complete**  
WRIAs 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 49, 55 & 59
- Competitive grant rounds**
- 2020 grant projects
- 2019 grant projects

For more details on plan finalization in WRIAs 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15, please see our planning update: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2111015.pdf>.

For more on Streamflow Restoration, visit: [ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowRestoration](http://ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowRestoration).  
For more on the competitive grants, visit: [ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowGrants](http://ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowGrants).

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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 — \$150,000