

STREAMFLOW RESTORATION FUNDING

Competitive Grants Status



This brochure provides the status of the statewide work to fund a range of water supply and habitat projects. The Washington State Department of Ecology is committed to investing in our local communities and economies through streamflow restoration competitive grants.

Eligible applicants include tribal governments, public entities, and nonprofit organizations within Washington.

Competitive Grants

Grant funding is awarded on a competitive basis as funds become available.

- Since 2018, Ecology has held three grant rounds and invested approximately \$90 million in this work across Washington State.
- In 2019, Ecology funded 16 projects, offering about \$20 million. In October 2020, we funded 21 projects, offering about \$22 million. In 2022, Ecology funded 26 projects, offering about \$35 million.
- Grant funding will help state and local agencies, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations implement local watershed plans and water resources projects.
- Local project needs may be greater than available grant funds and other sources of funding may be needed to complete proposed projects.

Application Evaluation Process

Each round we selected awardees through a fair and rigorous process that involves Ecology and Department of Fish & Wildlife staff. All funded projects meet criteria in the statute and Ecology's Funding Guidance. Evaluation includes:

- Technical review.
- Evaluations and scoring.
- Cross program review.
- Management review and approval.
- Agency director approval.
- Offer letters.

Funding Priorities

We encourage projects that are collaborative efforts between related stakeholders.

- Projects in adopted watershed plans.
- Projects in watersheds listed in the streamflow restoration law.
- Projects that quantitatively improve streamflows.
- Projects that benefit native fish or aquatic species.
- Projects that benefit threatened or endangered salmonids.

Project Types (but not limited to)



Water right acquisitions.



Water storage, (e.g. managed aquifer recharge, surface storage, cisterns, etc.)



Altered water management or infrastructure.



Watershed function, riparian and fish habitat improvement.



Feasibility studies.



Environmental monitoring.

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Streamflow Restoration Law

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.

One of the key features of this law, RCW 90.94 is the direction to 15 local planning groups to develop watershed plans to offset impacts from new domestic permit-exempt wells and achieve a net ecological benefit.

Implementation is another key feature of the Streamflow Restoration Act. The Legislature authorized \$300 million dollars over 15 years to support projects statewide that improve streamflows. These funds are available statewide and administered through our competitive grants.

For more information about watershed planning or to learn more about the competitive grants visit our website at:

ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowRestoration



Streamflow Restoration grants help state and local agencies, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations carry out local plans and projects to improve streamflow and aquatic resources.

Examples of funded projects that are benefitting streams

Antione Valley Ranch: Western Rivers Conservancy, the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation and Trout Unlimited, acquired Antoine Valley Ranch in Okanogan County. Acquisition of the 2,524 ranch included senior water rights, estimated at over 1,200 acre-feet, and Fanchers Dam. The acquisition will improve streamflow within Antoine Creek, a tributary of the Okanogan River, benefitting threatened steelhead and other native species.

Ohop Creek Protection: As part of the Ohop Valley Floodplain Restoration acres along the south shoreline of Ohop Creek. This land was previously used for timber farming. The Land Trust is working on long-term projects to restore Ohop Creek and surrounding forests, floodplains, and wildlife habitat. Once the project is complete, the Land Trust will have protected 442 acres of forest through this grant.

Beaver Devices in Snohomish County: The Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) is working with local communities to help people co-exist with beavers on their property while reducing impacts to human infrastructure. The grant funding is helping their team install beaver pond flow control, restore wetland habitat and support water storage projects for small farms and rural homes.

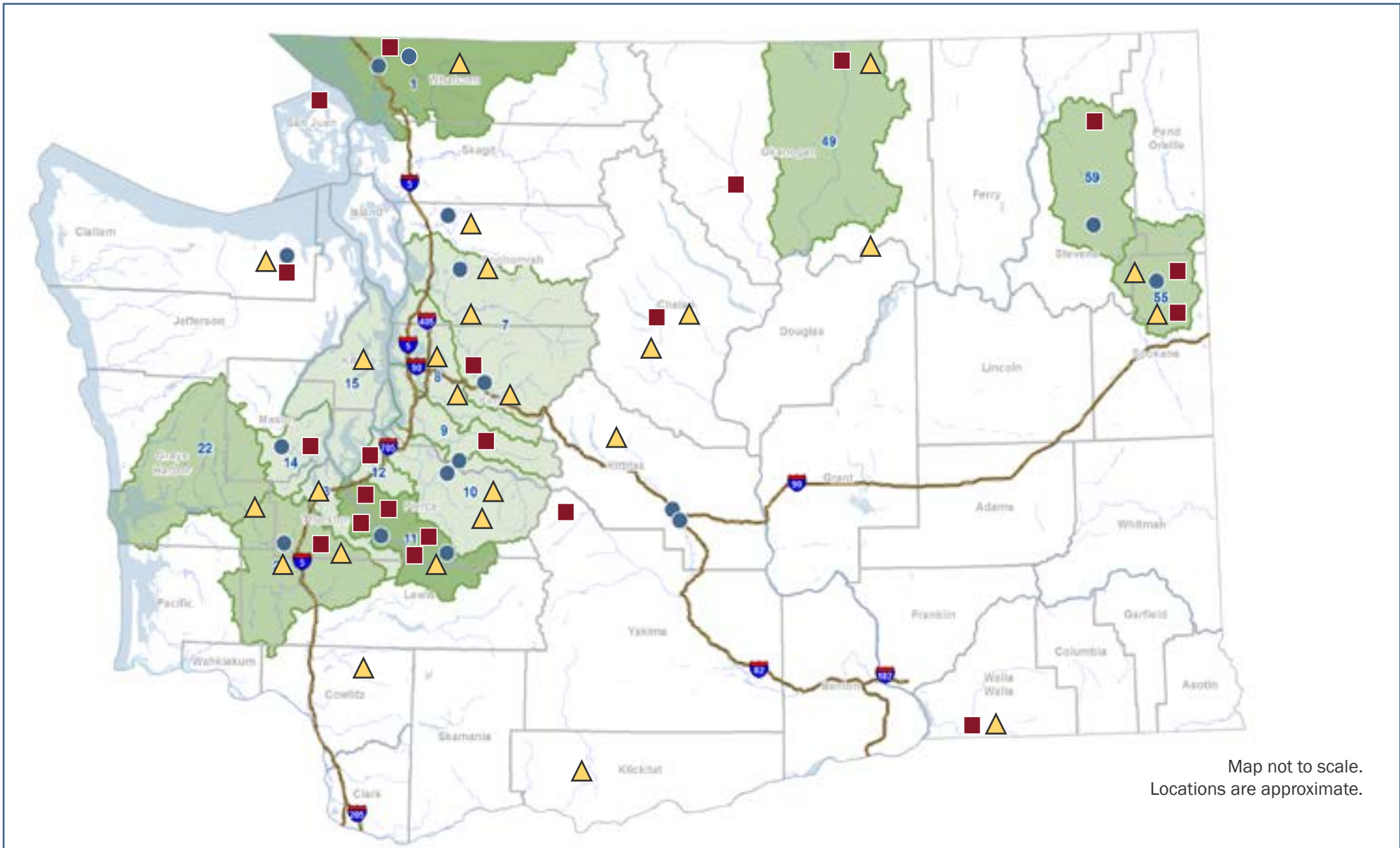
Little Naches River: In 2020, Mid-Columbia applied for a Department of Ecology Streamflow Restoration grant and was awarded \$1.175 million. The plan objectives to hold water in the landscape and restore habitat include: eliminate levees, raise the sunken riverbed, reconnect the floodplain, and bring in wood to improve the habitat. As of August, 2022, this phase of the project is complete. Replanting of trees and other native plants will be completed next year.



If you would like to have your project featured, contact Michele Cole, Streamflow Restoration Communications Specialist at Michele.Cole@ecy.wa.gov.

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Watershed planning and Streamflow Restoration funding across the state



Basins prioritized for funding under chapter 90.94 RCW.

- Completed plans**
WRIAs 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 49, 55, & 59
- Plans in finalization**
WRIAs 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

- 2019 Grant Projects**
- 2020 Grant Projects**
- 2022 Grant Projects**

2019 Grant Recipients - \$20 million in offers *

- Clallum County - \$4,092,854
- AG Water Board of Whatcom County - \$150,000
- Kittitas County - Public Health Department - \$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 Utilities Water Resources Section - \$1,054,000
- Squaxin Island Tribe - \$520,000
- Stevens County - Land Services Department - \$859,150
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians - \$800,000
- City of Sumner - \$491,128
- City of Sumner - \$758,950
- Thurston County Resource Stewardship Department - \$1,194,619
- Whatcom County Public Utility District 1 - \$711,675

2020 Grant Recipients - \$22 million in offers *

- 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 - \$1,175,098
- Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group - \$1,175,098
- Nisqually Land Trust - \$145,770
- Nisqually Land Trust - \$150,046
- Nisqually River Foundation - \$431,000
- Quinalt 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

2022 Grant Recipients - \$35 million in offers *

- ▲ City of Enumclaw - Public Works Department - \$1,787,500
- ▲ Spokane Conservation District - \$205,000
- ▲ Whatcom County - Public Works Department - \$5,517,000
- ▲ Western Rivers Conservancy - \$3,950,474
- ▲ Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - \$2,858,231
- ▲ Washington Water Trust - \$1,576,226
- ▲ Whitworth Water District #2 - \$1,375,000
- ▲ Clallam County Community Development - \$1,680,000
- ▲ Washington Water Trust - \$350,000
- ▲ Snohomish County PUD #1 - \$765,000
- ▲ Chelan County - Natural Resource Department - \$497,468
- ▲ Great Peninsula Conservancy - \$1,349,200
- ▲ Thurston County - Comm. Planning & Economic Dev. - \$392,341
- ▲ Wild Fish Conservancy - \$328,000
- ▲ Adopt A Stream Foundation - \$1,588,955
- ▲ Washington Water Trust - \$306,061
- ▲ Adopt A Stream Foundation - \$203,540
- ▲ Trout Unlimited - \$2,876,178
- ▲ Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group - \$654,000
- ▲ Tulalip Tribes - \$228,100
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- ▲ Nisqually Land Trust - \$2,875,925
- ▲ Foster Creek Conservation District - \$181,000
- ▲ Kittitas Conservation Trust - \$1,926,025
- ▲ Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife - \$222,000
- ▲ Cascadia Conservation District - \$1,007,209

* Approximate offered amounts pending final agreements.

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