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Subject: WCRRI 2021-23 Grant Round Announcement

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Greetings!

The Steering Committee for the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRRI) is pleased to announce the start of the **2021-23 WCRRI Grant Round.** The Request for Proposals (RFP) and supporting materials are available on the Recreation and Conservation Office <u>website</u>.

The mission of the WCRRI is to protect and restore ecosystems of the Washington Coast while promoting the resilience of coastal communities through job creation and hazard reduction.

The competitive grant round seeks projects of regional importance that 1) fully address the restoration need, hazard risk, and community benefit, 2) identify process-based solutions, 3) take protection/restoration action, 4) describe the effectiveness of their actions at increasing the resiliency of the ecosystem, and 5) provide employment opportunities for coastal communities.

Projects must occur within the geographic boundary of the Coast Salmon Partnership **OR** within the geographic boundary of one of the four Coastal Marine Resource Committees. Applicants may be tribal, federal, state, or local agencies, non-governmental or pseudo-governmental organizations, or private and public corporations.

Up to \$12 million will be available for eligible projects with a \$2 million per project maximum. At the completion of the grant round, the 2021-2023 WCRRI Investment Plan will be presented to the Washington State Legislature for consideration in the 2021-2023 capital budget appropriations. Funding is anticipated to be available July 1, 2021.

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Draft project proposals are due March 13, 2020. Applications should be submitted <u>online</u> to the Recreation and Conservation Office per instructions provided in the RFP.

Thank you,

WCRRI Steering Committee

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