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Columbia River Basin Restoration Program

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Agenda

- 1 Overview of the CRBRP
- 2 Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 123 & Funding Assistance
- 3 Past, Present & Future Grant Opportunities
- 4 Question and Answer (Q&A)



Sources: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Map Resources (state borders). | GAO-18-561

Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group (CRBRWG)

- Established 2005 by EPA
- Support from federal/state agencies, Tribes, NGOs
- Goal: share information, coordinate activities, and develop toxics reduction strategies
- Ecology participation from various staff



Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group (CRBRWG)

- 2016 – Amendment to CWA (Section 123)
 - Formalized the Working Group with official representatives (Sage Park for Ecology)
 - Established a Grant Program
- 2019 – \$2.2M for program implementation, including inaugural grant solicitation



Grant Program

Provide grants that assist in:

- Eliminating or reducing pollution
- Cleaning up contaminated sites
- Improving water quality
- Monitoring to evaluate trends
- Reducing runoff
- Protecting habitat
- Promoting citizen engagement or knowledge

Ecology Success with Funding Assistance Program

2020 Inaugural Grant Awards (14 projects/\$2M)

- **\$105K** to bring City of Vancouver into Local Source Control Program
- **\$188K** for Yakama Nation to develop water quality monitoring framework on Columbia River mainstem

2022 Grant Awards (25 projects/\$6.9M)

- **\$700K** for Yakama Nation: Phase 2 Pilot Implementation for monitoring framework
- **\$139K** for Chelan County Natural Resources Department to conduct PCB source Investigation on the Lower Wenatchee River

Recently Closed CRBRP Funding Opportunities

Tribal Government RFA (\$20M) / Toxics Reduction Lead RFA (\$40M)

Focused on:

- Agricultural BMPs to reduce toxics
- Green infrastructure for improved stormwater mgmt
- Pollution Prevention
- Clean-up actions
- Community E&O to help the public take actions to reduce toxics



Toxics Reduction Lead (\$9.2M)

- 1 Comprehensive Toxics Reduction Plan
- 2 Subaward Grants Program
- 3 Program/Policy Development & Technical Assistance

Toxics Reduction Plan

Hire consultant to:

- **Review/consolidate existing studies and data**
- **Facilitate stakeholder participation and engagement**
- **Prioritize future implementation activities**

Administer a Subaward Program

For Tribes, other state agencies, local govt's, and other qualified entities (CDs) for projects that:

- Eliminate or reduce toxics**
- Small-scale clean-up actions at contaminated sites**

Technical Assistance

Increase capacity to support:

- Subaward grantees
- Other recipients of CRBRP \$\$ working in WA



Future Funding (\$3.5M)

WSDA - Pesticide Stewardship Partnership

- ↑ Education & Outreach
- Implement projects that will ↓ off-target pesticide movement
- ↑ WQ monitoring and field sampling

Conservation Districts

Producers



Photos from [Scenic Washington](#)



Questions?





Thank You!

Follow-up questions? Send to:
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