



Columbia River Basin Restoration Program

May 3, 2023



Overview of the CRBRP



Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 123 & Funding Assistance

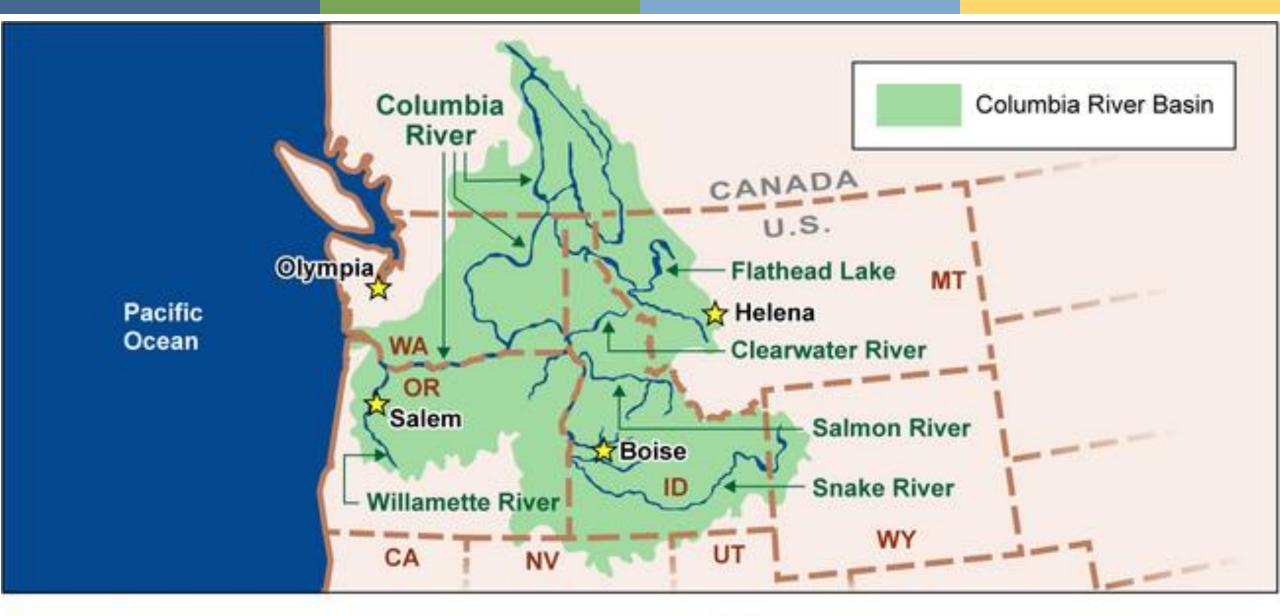


Past, Present & Future Grant Opportunities



Question and Answer (Q&A)

Agenda



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





Toxics Reduction Lead (\$9.2M)



Comprehensive Toxics Reduction Plan



Subaward Grants Program



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 \$\projects for the formed by the second seco
- **†** WQ monitoring and field sampling

Conservation Districts

Producers



Photos from Scenic Washington



Questions?







Thank You!

Follow-up questions? Send to:

Karl Rains at <u>karl.rains@ecy.wa.gov</u>

For WSDA Pesticide Stewardship Partnership: Margaret Drennan at <u>mdrennan@agr.wa.gov</u>

Chris McCullough at christopher.mccullough@agr.wa.gov