

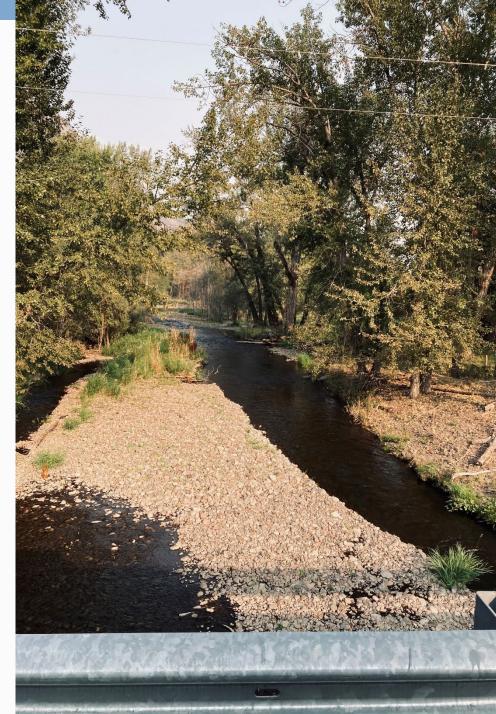
Streamflow Restoration Competitive Grants Overview

- 15 Year Competitive Grant Program
 \$300 M Legislatively Authorized
 - Pilot Round (2018/2019)
 - 2nd Round (2020)
 - 3rd Round (2021/2022)
 - 4th Round (2023/2024) Funding Offers: \$53.5M
- Statewide Funding Opportunity
- Funding Rule
 - Chapter 173-566 WAC
- Funding Guidance
 - Publication 23-11-015



Funding Priorities

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





Eligible Applicants

- Washington state agencies
- Local governments
- Quasi-governments in the state
- Federal agencies
- Tribal governments with reservation lands or treaty rights in Washington
- Non-profit organizations

Project Types



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.

Grant Round Timeline

Nov. 2023 – Jan. 2024

Nov. 2023 – Feb. 2024

Jan. 2 – Feb. 29, 2024

Mar. – Sep. 2024

Oct. 2024

Oct. 2024 – Mar. 2025

Applicant Workshops

Pre-Application Meetings

Application Period

Application Review and Scoring

Offer Letters

Agreement Negotiations





Grant Round Results Applicant Outreach and Assistance

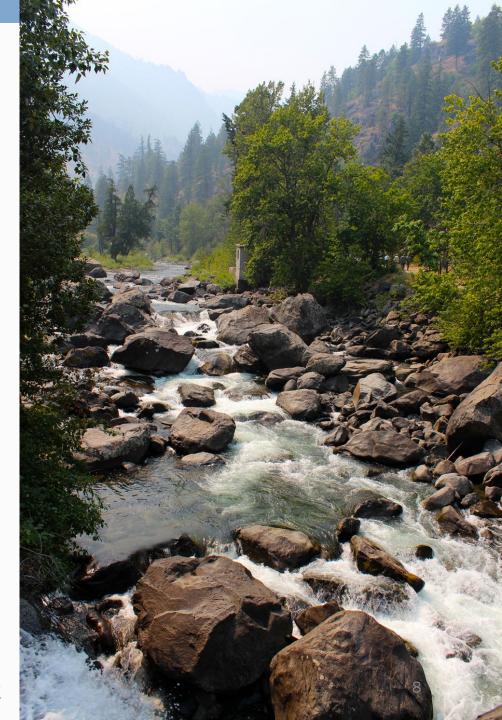
- Applicant Workshops:
 - Detailed overview of funding guidelines (eligibilities, application requirements, scoring criteria).
 - Four in-person workshops held
 - One virtual workshop held (<u>recorded</u>)

Pre-Application Meetings

Region	Pre-App Meetings	Apps Received
CRO	12	10
ERO	8	6
NWRO	11	6
SWRO	16	12
Grand Total	47	34

Pre-Application Meetings

- Discuss project with Ecology prior to applying.
- Required for water right acquisition projects.
- Optional for all other projects but encouraged for:
 - Land acquisition
 - Managed aquifer recharge
 - Aquifer storage recovery
 - Groundwater augmentation
 - Stormwater infiltration



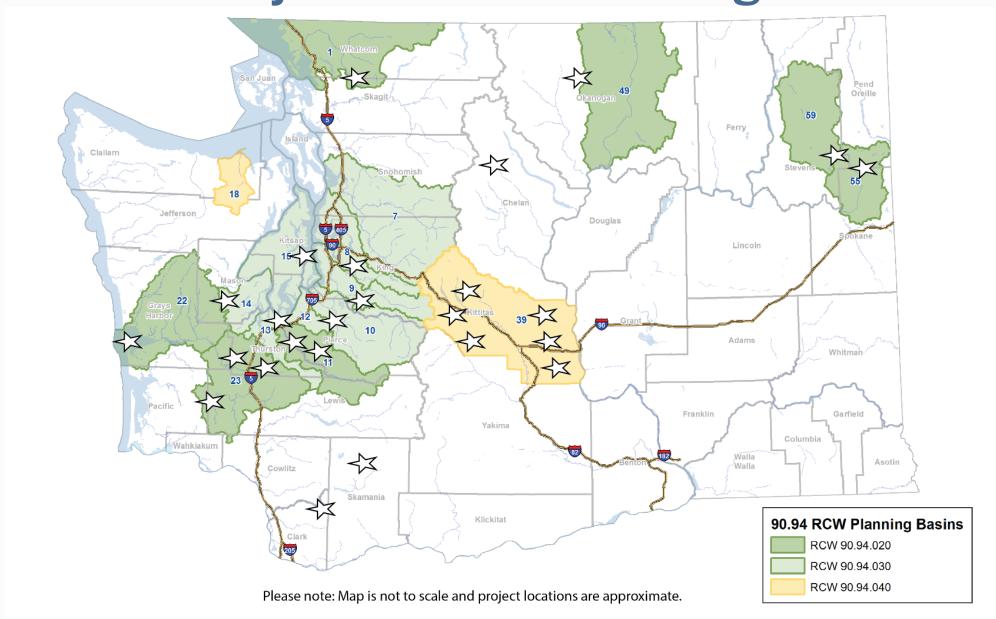
Grant Round Results

• See <u>Publication #24-11-003</u> for a summary of each application received and final ranked project list.

Region	Applications Received	Funds Requested	Selected Projects	Funding Offered
Central	10	\$20.7M	9	\$20.6M
Eastern	6	\$4.4M	2	\$0.6M
Northwest	6	\$13.0M	3	\$8.4M
Southwest	12	\$25.1M	11	\$23.9M
Grand Total	34	\$63.2M	25	\$53.5M



Projects Offered Funding





2024 Project Highlights

Restoring Streamflow After Wildfire in WRIA's 48 & 49

WRIA 48, 49

Methow, Okanogan watersheds

Organization Name: Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation

Amount Offered: \$1,186,233

Application Number: WRSRP-2024-MSRF-00237

Project Type(s): Watershed Function, Riparian, and Fish Habitat Improvement

Project Description: MBP proposes to restore streamflow and floodplain connection in

degraded stream channels impacted by fire in seven sub-basins of

the Okanogan and Methow River watersheds using process-based

restoration. Strategies include beaver dam analog and post assisted

log structure installations, repair of derelict beaver dams, wood

placement, riparian planting, and beaver translocation. Broad

collaboration with state, federal, and private partners make this

scalable restoration proposal feasible.







Restoring Streamflow After Wildfire in WRIA's 48 & 49

- Processed-Based Streamflow Restoration
 - Wood Loading
 - Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs)
 - Post Assisted Log Structures
 - Beaver Dam Repair
 - Riparian Planting
 - Beaver Reintroduction
- Project is in the adopted WRIA 49
 Watershed Plan prepared under RCW
 90.94.020.



Project Photo: Year two BDA structure.

Dewatto River Riparian Protection

WRIA 15

Kitsap watershed

Organization Name: Hood C

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

Amount Requested: \$1,560,450

Application Number: WRSRP-2024-HoCSEG-00254

Project Type(s):

Watershed Function, Riparian, and Fish Habitat Improvement

Project Description:

The Dewatto River Riparian Protection project will acquire up to

162 acres in the Dewatto watershed to protect quality salmon

habitat and prevent development of adjacent uplands. The

acquisition will conserve the ecological integrity of a portion of the

Dewatto mainstem and the majority of one of its tributary

watersheds in WRIA 15. The project will benefit ESA-listed Hood

Canal Summer Chum and Puget Sound steelhead, as well as coho,

fall Chinook, fall chum, and coastal cutthroat trout.



Dewatto River Riparian Protection Parcel Map

A - E = Phase 1

F - G = Phase 2

X = BLA or easement

Legend

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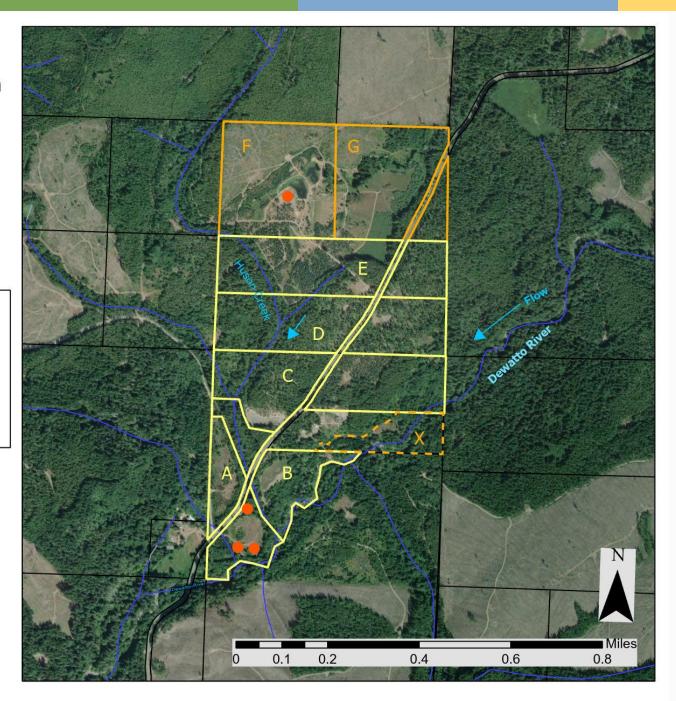
Target Parcels



Streams



Structures





Manastash Creek Water Right Acquisition

WRIA 39 Upper Yakima watershed

Organization Name: Trout Unlimited

Amount Requested: \$199,250

Application Number: WRSRP-2024-TroUnl-00261

Project Type(s): Water Right Acquisition

Project Description: Trout Unlimited will acquire two second class water rights to

improve Manastash Creek streamflow by up to 571.5 ac-ft/yr (Qi

max est. range 1.5 - 1.9 cfs) from approx. RM5.6-2.4 (primary reach

only) April 1 – October 31. Improved flows will benefit ESA-

threatened Steelhead, resident Rainbow and Westslope Cutthroat

trout, and Coho and Chinook salmon. Water will be transferred to

the Trust Water Rights Program.



Manastash Creek Water Right Acquisition

Unique Acquisition:

- Second class water rights
- Purchasing non-consumptive water to protect instream for reach specific benefits
- Overlapping (stacked) places of use allow water user to rely solely on irrigation district water and sell underlying water rights
- Project benefits:
 - Flows in Manastash are improved and more standard
 - Simplified out-of-stream water use/management
 - Benefits ESA-threatened Steelhead, resident Rainbow and Westslope Cutthroat trout, and Coho and Chinook salmon



Manastash Creek Flow Restoration Through KRD Water Conservation

WRIA 39 Upper Yakima watershed

Organization Name: Kittitas Reclamation District

Amount Offered: \$4,000,000

Application Number: WRSRP-2024-KittRD-00245

Project Type(s): Altered Water Management or Infrastructure

Project Description: The Kittitas Reclamation District South Branch Canal Manastash

Supplementation Piping Project will eliminate water loss in a 3,579-foot

section of canal. The entirety of the 409 acre-feet of conserved water will

be delivered to Manastash Creek through an allocation, management, and

protection agreement. Manastash Creek provides important salmonid

habitat but is currently flow impaired. Climate change and urbanization can

also be mitigated through implementation of this shovel-ready project.





2019 Streamflow Grant Photos: South Branch Canal Piping Project \$2M 2024 Grant Proposal Tasks: \$4M

- Project Administration
- Construction



Online Resources

- Webpage: <u>ecology.wa.gov/streamflowgrants</u>
 - Applicant and Grant Recipient resources.
 - Summary information for all grant rounds
 - Sign up for email list!

Boise Creek Streamflow Restoration Project





Thank you!

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