

Top Government Grant Programs for Salmon Projects

Compiled by Evergreen Funding Consultants for the Puget Sound Shared Strategy

December 2005

Agency	Grant/Loan Programs	Eligible Projects	Award Amounts	Application Dates*	Match Requirement	Eligible Applicants	Website
Puget Sound Action Team	Public Involvement & Education	Community stewardship, outreach, and education projects, as well as monitoring. Focus for 2006 is on projects that address pollution, habitat, or salmon recovery.	Up to \$45,000	January 9, 2006	Encouraged but not required	Individuals, businesses, nonprofits, tribal or local governments, schools	http://www.psat.wa.gov/Programs/Pie_fund.htm
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	North American Wetlands Conservation Grant Program (NAWCA)	Acquisition and restoration projects to help manage wetland ecosystems and other habitat for migratory birds and other fish & wildlife species.	Up to \$1 M	March & July, 2005	100% match	Nonprofits, individuals, local governments	http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/NAWCA/grants.htm
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Private Stewardship Grant Program	On-the-ground restoration projects on private lands benefiting endangered, threatened, candidate and other at risk species.	Up to \$300,000; average \$70,000	March, 2005	10% cost share	Nonprofits, groups, individuals, local governments	http://www.fws.gov/angered/grants/private_stewardship/
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	Large-scale acquisition associated with habitat conservation plans (HCPs), but also some funding for non-HCP habitat acquisition and HCP planning.	No limit on acquisition projects (projects have received up to \$14 M)	May, 2005	25% nonfederal match	State agencies	http://www.fws.gov/angered/grants/section6/
WA Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	Acquisition, restoration, and public access projects that benefit wildlife habitat and aquatic conservation in waterfront areas.	Up to \$1M for acquisition, \$500K for restoration	May, 2006	50% cost share	State, local, and tribal governments	http://www.iac.wa.gov/default.asp
WA Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	Acquisition and development of critical wildlife habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, local and state parks, water access sites, and trails. 2006 will also include new funding for farmland conservation and riparian protection.	There is no limit to the size of WWRP grants except in the local parks category (\$500K or \$300K depending)	May, 2006	50% cost share	State, local and tribal governments	http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/wwrp.htm
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program	Acquisition and restoration projects in coastal wetland ecosystems.	Up to \$1 M	June, 2005	25% cost share	State agencies	http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants/
WA Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation	Family Forest Fish Passage	Financial assistance to small forest landowners to repair or remove fish barriers on their properties.	Generally under \$50,000	June 30 deadline for funding in the following year.	Up to 25% cost share	Small forest landowners	http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sfio/ffpp/
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	General Matching Grant program	A wide variety of restoration or stewardship projects addressing wildlife conservation and habitat restoration.	Average \$100,000 – \$150,000	September, 2005	200% nonfederal match	Nonprofits, state, local, and tribal governments.	http://nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm
WA Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation	Salmon Recovery Funding Board	A broad variety of salmon recovery projects including habitat protection and restoration, passage barrier removal, road decommissioning, some planning and studies.	No limit	September, 2005	15% cost share	Nonprofits, local, state, and tribal governments, businesses	http://www.iac.wa.gov/default.asp

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Education Grants	A broad variety of environmental education, training, and outreach activities.	Up to \$50,000; average under \$15,000	November 23, 2005	25% cost share	Universities, state, local, and tribal education agencies, nonprofits	www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html
WA Department of Ecology	Aquatic Weeds Management Fund	Grants to reduce propagation of freshwater aquatic weeds and manage the impacts of these weeds. Eligible projects include aquatic vegetation management planning, implementation of plans, surveys, monitoring, and education.	\$30,000 for planning grants and \$75,000 for other grants	November, 2005	12.5% cost share	Local, tribal, and state governments	www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/grants/index.html
WA Department of Ecology	Centennial Clean Water Fund grants Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants	A broad variety of water pollution control projects including riparian habitat restoration, water quality studies, outreach and education, lake watershed monitoring, and water quality pilot projects.	Up to \$500,000	November, 2005	25% cost share	State, local, and tribal governments, nonprofits	http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/
WA Department of Fish & Wildlife	Landowner Incentive Program	Protection, enhancement, or restoration of habitat to benefit "species-at-risk" on privately owned lands. Focus in 2005 on fish passage on small forest parcels, nearshore marine birds, and the Skagit watershed.	Up to \$50,000 (no funding available this year)	December 16, 2005	25% cost share	Individual landowners, governments and organizations applying on behalf of landowners	http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/lip/index.htm
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Community Salmon Fund	Community-based salmon habitat restoration projects with a focus on working with private landowners.	Usually up to \$50,000	Varies	50% match	Nonprofits, state, local, and tribal governments	http://www.nfwf.org/programs/csf/index.cfm
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Wetlands Reserve Program	Financial incentives to restore and protect wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land. Landowners may sell a conservation easement or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement. Landowners retain private ownership.	Several hundred thousand for permanent easements and restoration	Ongoing	25% cost share	Individual landowners, governments and organizations applying on behalf of landowners	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	Restoration of wildlife habitat on private property including uplands, wetlands, threatened and endangered species habitat, and fish habitat.	Usually under \$50,000	Ongoing	25% cost share	Individual landowners, governments and organizations applying on behalf of landowners	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/
USDA Farm Service Agency	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	Provides incentives to restore and improve salmon and steelhead habitat on farmlands through rental, maintenance, and cost-share in riparian buffers.	Varies	Ongoing	Varies	Individual landowners	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep.htm

*Programs listed with 2005 dates have not yet announced their 2006 deadlines. In most cases these deadlines will be similar to 2005.

**Grant programs refer variously to "match" or "cost share." Typically "match" is expressed as a percentage of the grant request, while "cost share" refers to the applicant's share of the total project cost.