

West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery

2020 Salmon Recovery Grant Opportunity

October 4, 2019

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The West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery (WSPER) is announcing a call for salmon habitat projects. The WSPER coordinates the solicitation and ranking of salmon habitat projects as the lead entity for east Water Resources Inventory Area (WRIA) 15. Interested project sponsors must submit a Letter of Intent to the lead entity by **November 1st, 2019**. (See Attachment A: Letter of Intent Form)

Funding Information

Funding is available for projects contributing to the recovery of salmon and steelhead populations listed as threatened or endangered, and for protection and recovery of populations important to the exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights. The WSPER is soliciting projects to be considered for 2020 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and 2021-2023 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds.

Eligible Applicants

- Cities
- Counties
- Native American Tribes
- Conservation districts
- Non-profit organizations
- Regional fisheries enhancement groups
- Special purpose districts
- Private landowners
- State agencies (with local partner)

Eligible Projects

- Acquisition
- Restoration
- Planning (Designs, Assessments and Inventories)
- Combination projects (Acquisition and Restoration, Acquisition and Planning)
- Phased project

Submission Information

Interested project applicants must email a Letter of Intent to the Coordinator at kyobech@co.kitsap.wa.us by **November 1st, 2019**. The technical advisory group will screen all Letters of Intent to determine consistency with local salmon recovery strategies and priorities. Project sponsors will be notified by November 18, 2019 if their project is consistent with local salmon recovery strategies and should move forward in the 2020 grant cycle. Project site visit is required and will be scheduled between February 3 and March 20, 2020.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Coordinator, to get more information about salmon recovery strategies, watershed recovery plans, and the application process. Call 360-337-7014 or email kyobech@co.kitsap.wa.us.

For information about West Sound salmon recovery, visit <http://westsoundwatersheds.org/>.

For information about Salmon Recovery Grants see [Manual 18](#).

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Criteria for Scoring *(Criteria are meant to be a guide for scoring, not finite)*

Project implements a recovery strategy and/or on the 4 Year Work Plan

- If yes, then rank
- If no, then not eligible

Scope and cost/budget of project (10 points)

- Is scope of project appropriate? Could the project be phased?
- Is the budget consistent with expected benefits and with projects of similar scale?

Benefits to fish (20 points)

- Restoration project addresses high priority habitat, watershed processes, or nearshore processes that will have a demonstrable effect on salmon productivity
- Restoration and/or acquisition project targets high priority watershed (refugia with source populations and relatively high abundance and productivity)
- Acquisition project targets high habitat function, low site disturbance, and intact processes
- Acquisition project is necessary to carryout high priority restoration project
- Tier 1 projects per Nearshore integration and synthesis tool

Certainty of success (15 points)

- Experience of sponsor in implementing similar projects
- Restoration approach is well established with predictable outcomes
- Restoration project restores ecosystem processes versus simply making structural modifications
- Stewardship/maintenance for restoration and/or acquisition projects
 - Stewardship plan? Actions self-sustaining or low maintenance? Funds for monitoring/stewardship?
- Benefits realized immediately versus long term and are independent of other restoration/acquisition projects
- Benefits of acquisition not dependent on future restoration actions

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2020 WSPER Lead Entity Schedule and Process

Steps	Description	Date
1	2020 Call for Projects distributed	October 4, 2019
2	Sponsors submit Letters of Intent	DUE DATE November 1
3	Technical Advisory Group screen letters of intent	November 12
4	Technical Advisory Group decisions shared with sponsors	November 18
5	WSPER meeting	December 10
*	Complete project proposals due in PRISM as early as February 2020	
6	Sponsors submit complete project proposals in PRISM (two weeks prior to site visits)	DUE DATE TBD*
7	Site visits (February 3 – March 20)	TBD*
8	Sponsor receive first comment form from review panel	April 3
9	Technical Advisory Group score and prioritize projects	~May 19*
10	Optional one-hour conference call with RCO staff, project sponsors, and review panel member to discuss NMI, POC, or conditioned projects	Early June
11	WSPER meeting – review prioritized list	~June 9*
12	Executive Committee endorse recommended project list	~June*
13	Project sponsor submit final application in PRISM	DUE DATE June 29, noon
14	Sponsor receive final comment form	July 29
15	Lead Entity submit prioritized list to SRFB	August 14

* Dates are to be determined (TBD) or approximate and will be updated when confirmed.

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Letter of Intent Form

Letters of Intent DUE November 1st, 2019

Email to Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech at kyobech@co.kitsap.wa.us

Project Information

Project Name:

Select Category:

Identify Watershed
Plan, Recovery
Strategy:

Landowner
Acknowledgement
(Yes/No, Explain):

Primary Species:

Secondary Species:

Limiting Factors or
Ecological Concerns:

Related Projects:

Sponsor Information

Project Sponsor:

Primary Contact:

Address:

Email:

Work Phone:

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Project Description

Project Summary
(include goals and
objectives)

Project Cost

Total Project Cost:

Grant Request:

Match:

Attachments

1. Map (watershed scale with location of project)
2. Photograph (project site)