

Capital Project Request

2017-19 Biennium

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Project Number: 30000420

Project Title: Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 32

Project Summary

The Washington Coast Restoration Initiative (WCRI) was newly created and funded in the 2015-2017 capital budget. This program was created not only to address the conservation needs of our state's coastal region but to provide jobs to people in counties with very high unemployment rates. The program leverages existing federal, state, and private resources from across the Coast and has contributed to a large scaling up of restoration efforts. Restoration efforts in the region will have significant benefits to salmon, given the strong hold of wild salmon populations along the coast, and provide sustainable jobs for local communities. Project awards are competitive, and projects are evaluated similarly to the lead entity technical advisory process.

Project Description

This program provides grants to restore aquatic and terrestrial habitat on the Washington Coast, which serves to protect the existing strong-hold of salmon populations there and provide jobs for local communities. Projects within the WCRI package will bring improvements to the communities through job creation, more work options for local contractors, flood control, access improvement, climate resiliency and more. The conservation benefits of WCRI projects are not limited by species or type. WCRI proposes to enrich tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands and improve salmon access and rearing potential.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- * Local governments: cities, towns, counties;
- * State agencies;
- * Non-profit organizations; and
- * Tribal governments.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients are not required to provide match in this program, but bringing additional funds to the project is a positive factor in the evaluation process.

Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

Location

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

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Grant Recipient Organization: See project description for full list of eligible recipients

RCW that establishes grant: Laws of 2015, Chapter 3, Sect

Application process used

Project sponsors responded to a Request for Proposals. This RFP included 26 questions, guidelines for estimated jobs creation, the scoring criteria and a requirement for documented local support. This robust proposal process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Proposals completing the application criteria were reviewed by a 9-person panel, including biologists, a geologist, engineers, a city councilman and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited, many by the full review team. Review team members then met in person to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the RFP – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team.

Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

Funding

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2017-19 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	62,500,000				12,500,000
	Total	62,500,000	0	0	0	12,500,000
Future Fiscal Periods						
		2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	
	Total	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

Narrative

This is a pass through grant program.