
WETLAND ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING GUIDE

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This Wetland Assistance and Funding Guide identifies potential sources of technical assistance and funding for wetland projects in Washington. It includes federal, state and local government programs as well as private sources. The guide contains:

1. A Quick Reference Guide to Wetland Assistance Programs (Table 1)
2. A Summary Table of Program Eligibility and Contacts (Table 2)
3. Details of each wetland assistance program (Table 3)

This guide is designed to introduce the various programs and sources of technical assistance that may be available to wetland projects. It does not contain comprehensive information on each program but provides contacts including web sites, agencies and key individuals. These contacts will lead the user to the latest and best sources for pursuing wetland assistance and funding.

Table 1. Wetland Assistance Programs Quick Reference Guide

Program	Stewardship Areas			Target Area		Clients							Maximum Financial Award						Focus on Wetland					
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Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration			X	X			X	X											X		X	X		
Aquatic Lands Enhancement	X		X	X			X	X											X		X		X	
Conservation Easement Program	X	X		X								X								X				X
Conservation Innovation Grants			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X					X	
Conservation Reserve Program		X	X		X	X	X	X				X	X							X				X
Ducks Unlimited	X	X	X	X						X	X	X								X		X		
Environmental Quality Incentive Program		X	X	X								X												X
Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program		X		X	X							X	X							X				X
Five Star Restoration Challenge Grants			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X							X		
Inland Northwest Land Trust		X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X									X	
Land and Water Conservation Fund	X	X		X	X			X		X										X			X	
Landowner Incentive Program			X	X								X								X	X		X	
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X			X	X		X	
North American Wetland Conservation Grants	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X	X			

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Partners for Fish and Wildlife		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X					X		X	
Resource Conservation and Development	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X
Soil and Water Conservation Assistance		X		X								X								X			X	
State/Tribal/Local Government Wetland Planning Grants		X	X	X			X	X										X		X	X	X		
The Nature Conservancy	X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X			X	
Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X		X		
Washington Water Trust		X	X	X						X	X	X		X										
Washington Watershed Planning Act Grants		X		X		X	X	X		X										X			X	
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	X		X	X			X	X											X	X	X		X	
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X								X		X		X	
Wetland Protection/Restoration & Stewardship Discretionary Funding		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X							X	
Wetland Reserve Program	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X		X		
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program		X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X						X			X	
WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Program	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X		

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Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	Wetland restoration	Financial, technical	USACE	Mona Thompson 206-764-3600	Seattle District P0 Box 3755 Seattle, WA 98124	mona.j.thompson@usace.army.mil
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	Aquatic lands recreation, education and protection	Financial, technical	RCO	Marguerite Austin	Olympia WA 360-902-3000	info@rco.wa.gov http://www/rco/wa.gov
Conservation Easement Program (CEP)	FHA borrowers reduce debt with conservation easement.	Financial	USDA-FSA	Randy Primmer or Steven L. King	Spokane Valley, WA 509-924-7350	randy.primmer@wa.usda.gov steve.king@wa.usda.gov http://www.fsa.usda.gov
Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)	Agricultural lands – watershed improvement	Financial	USDA-NRCS	David Brown or Amy Smith	509-323-2971 509-323-2925	david.brown@wa.usda.gov amy.smith@wa.usda.gov
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Wetland and upland buffers	Financial, technical	USDA-FSA	Randy Primmer	Spokane Valley, WA 509-924-7350	randy.primmer@wa.usda.gov http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa.conservation.htm
Ducks Unlimited	Wetlands for waterfowl habitat	Financial, technical	Work with several federal and state agencies	Chris Bonsignore (Regional Biologist)	16615 East 23 rd Avenue, Spokane Valley, WA 99037	cbonsignore@ducks.org http://ducks.org
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Wetlands -farm and ranch lands	Financial, technical	USDA-NRCS	David Brown	Spokane Valley, WA 509-323-2971 509-924-7350	david.brown@wa.usda.gov http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/program/eqip
Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)	Wetlands – farmland and ranchers	Financial	USDA-NRCS	David Brown - FSA	Spokane Valley, WA 509-323-2971 509-924-7350	david.brown@wa.usda.gov

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Five Star Restoration Challenge Grants	Community based wetland restoration projects	Financial	EPA	Myra Price or Krista Rave-Perkins	Seattle, WA 202-566-1225 206-553-6686	price.myra@epa.gov rave-perkins.krista@epa.gov http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restoration/5star
Inland Northwest Land Trust	Wetlands	Easements		Inland Northwest Land Trust	35 Main Ave #210 Spokane, WA 99201-0115 509-328-2939	http://www.inlandnwlandtrust.org
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Purchase lands for parks, trails and wildlife lands	Financial	RCO - NPS	Recreation and Conservation Office	Olympia, WA 360-902-3016	http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/grants/1wcf.htm
Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)	Protection, enhancement or restoration of riparian areas and wetlands	Financial assistance	USFWS - WDFW	GINNA CORREA JEFF SKRILETA	Olympia, WA 360-902-2478 360-902-8313	http://defw.wa.gov/lands/lip/index.htm
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Matching Grants	Wetland restoration, conservation and stewardship	Financial assistance	NFWF	Krystyna Wolniakowski	Portland OR 503-417-8700	Projects@NFWF.org http://www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm
North American Wetlands Conservation Grants	Wetlands restoration or enhance primarily for migratory birds	Financial assistance	USFWS	Joe La Tourrette	Olympia, WA 360-754-2594	http://northamerican.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm
Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW)	Private landowners compensated to maintain wetland restoration	Financial, technical	USFWS	Juliet Barenti	Spokane, WA 509-893-8005	juliet_barenti@fws.gov http://partners.fws.gov/

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Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D)	Wetland and habitat restoration	Technical, search for grants from other sources	USDA-NRCS	Currently, no local contact	Upper Columbia RC&D Spokane, WA 509-323-2916	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov
Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA)	Grazing land, wetlands and wildlife habitat	Financial	USDA-NRCS	David Brown FSA office	Spokane Valley, WA 509-323-2971	david.brown@wa.usda.gov
State/Tribal/Local Government Wetland Planning Grants (<i>formerly the Wetland Program Development Grants</i>)	Wetland restoration and management	Financial, technical	EPA	Richard Clark	Seattle, WA 206-553-6522	http://www.epa.gov/r10earth
The Nature Conservancy	Protection of ecologically significant lands and waters	Acquisition or management	A wide variety of state, federal, tribal or independent groups	Washington Field Office	1917 First Avenue Seattle, WA 98101 206-343-4344	washington@tnc.org http://www.nature.org
Washington Migratory Game Bird Stamp Program	Wetland for migratory birds	Financial	WDFW	Region 1 Wildlife Program	Spokane, WA 509-892-1001 or Olympia, WA 360-902-2200	wildthing@dfw.wa.gov http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/ducks/tmp.htm
Washington Water Trust	Water rights only	Financial (purchase water rights)	WDOE	Washington Water Trust	810 3 rd Ave., Suite 180 Seattle, WA 206-675-1585	http://www.thewatertrust.org
Washington Watershed Planning Act Grants	Watershed-wide management plans focused on water supply	Financial, technical	WDOE	Bill Zachmann Cathy Hubbard	Olympia WA 360-407-6548 360-407-6491	http://www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/index.html

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	Funding for wildlife habitat, parks and trails	Financial, technical	RCO	Marguerite Austin	Olympia WA 360-902-3016	info@rco.wa.gov http://www.rco.wa.gov
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program	Wetland restoration or acquisition	Financial, technical	USDA-NRCS	Frank Easter	Spokane, WA 509-323-2961	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html
Wetland Protection, Restoration, and Stewardship Discretionary Funding	Wetland restoration	Financial, technical	EPA	Richard Clark	Seattle, WA 206-553-6522	http://www.epa.gov/r10earth
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	Wetlands restoration	Financial, technical	USDA-NRCS	David Brown	Spokane Valley, WA 509-323-2971	david.brown@wa.usda.gov http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	Non-federal landowners to develop, restore and enhance wildlife habitat	Financial, technical	USDA-NRCS	Sharon Bromiley or Amy Smith or David Brown	509-343-2265 509-323-2966 509-323-2971	sharon.bromiley@wa.usda.gov david.brown@wa.usda.gov http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov
WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Program	Wetland restoration and creation	Financial, technical	WSDOT	Bill Leonard	Olympia, WA 360-705-7409	http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/biology/bio_wetlands.htm

1. Abbreviations:

DU – Ducks Unlimited,	EPA-Environmental Protection Agency,
FSA-Farm Service Agency,	NFWF-National Fish and Wildlife Foundation,
NRCS-Natural Resource Conservation Service,	RCO-Recreation and Conservation Office,
USDA-US Department of Agriculture,	USFWS-US Fish Wildlife Service,
WDFW – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	WDOE – Washington Department of Ecology,.
WSDOT-Washington State Department of Transportation	

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<p>Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration this program focuses on implementing aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection within streams, rivers and wetlands to restore degraded systems.</p>	<p>Public agencies such as state or local governments or non-governmental organizations capable of meeting the cost-sharing requirements including long-term operation and maintenance.</p>	<p>The initial feasibility phase is funded 100% up to a limit of \$100,000. Feasibility phase costs above \$100,000 are cost-shared 50% federal and 50% non-federal. Design and implementation are cost-shared projects, 65% federal funding and 35% non-federal funding.</p>	<p>mona.j.thompson@usace.army.mil USACE Planning Branch Seattle, WA 206-764-3600</p>
<p>Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account this program increases public benefits and must fall into one of three categories 1) public assess to water, 2) restoration of riverine habitat for federal and state listed species and 3) acquisition of wetlands for the purpose of habitat protection or public access.</p>	<p>State and local governments are eligible for grants. Projects must be on or associated with “navigable waters”.</p>	<p><i>Cost-share:</i> A 50% match is required.</p>	<p>Recreation and Conservation Office Olympia, WA 98504-0917 Marguerite Austin infor@rco.wa.gov 360-902-3016 360-902-3000 http://www.rco.wa.gov</p>
<p>Conservation Easement Program (CEP) persons with Farm Service Agency (FSA) loans may qualify for a cancellation of a portion of their loan in exchange for a conservation easement to protect sensitive lands. USFWS provides technical and financial assistance to restore wetlands. This is a cooperative program between FSA, NRCS, USFWS and state agencies.</p>	<p>Landowners must have a loan with FSA that is secured by real estate. Eligible lands include wetlands, highly erodible lands, land with aquatic life, endangered species or important wildlife habitat, within the 100 yr floodplain or areas of high water quality.</p>		<p>Randy Primmer Steven L. King Spokane Valley, WA 509-924-7350 509-924-7350 randy.primmer@wa.usda.gov steve.king@wa.usda.gov http://www.fsa.usda.gov</p>

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<p>Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program is intended to stimulate development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. Applications must address a natural resource concern such as new approaches to maintain, restore, or enhance watersheds with predominately agricultural land uses while sustaining productivity (aquifer recharge/maintenance of groundwater supplies).</p>	<p>Federal entities are not eligible, no other eligibility restrictions.</p>	<p>\$2 million maximum for projects funded by the national component. \$75,000 maximum under state grants.</p> <p>(from EQIP funding)</p>	<p>USDA-NRCS David Brown 509-323-2971 Amy Smith 509-323-2925</p> <p>david.brown@wa.usda.gov amy.smith@wa.usda.gov</p>
<p>Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving vegetation on eligible land.</p>	<p>Any owner of cropland or certain marginal pasturelands. Wildlife habitat and water quality benefits from a project are ranking factors.</p>	<p>Provides annual payments on a per acre basis. No match required.</p> <p>Funded through FSA (Farm Bill)</p>	<p>FSA Office Spokane Valley, WA. Randy Primmer 509-924-7450 randy.primmer@wa.usda.gov http://www/fsa.usda.gov/wa.conservaion.htm</p>
<p>Ducks Unlimited mission is to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North American waterfowl. DU uses science-based decisions to evaluate programs to guide and ensure credibility to appropriate projects. This group collaborates with partners who share common goals and values.</p>	<p>Lands that quality to enhance waterfowl habitat.</p>	<p>Regularly assess federal and state funds for approved projects.</p>	<p>Pacific Northwest Field Office 16615 East 23rd Avenue Spokane Valley, WA 99037</p> <p>Chris Bonsignore (Regional Biologist) 509-893-2834</p> <p>cbonsignore@ducks.org http://www.ducks.org</p>

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<p>Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranches to address significant natural resource concerns.</p>	<p>Limited to persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production. Eligible lands include cropland, rangeland, forest land, pasture and other farm and ranch lands on which crops and livestock are produced.</p>	<p>Total of \$450,000 per landowner for duration of Farm Bill. EQIP may pay up to 75%, up to 90% for limited resource producers and beginning farmers or ranchers.</p>	<p>David Brown 509-323-2971 509-924-7350 USDA-NRCS</p> <p>david.brown@wa.usda.gov http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/program/eqip</p>
<p>Farmland and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. The program provides funding to state, tribal or local entities with existing farmland and rangeland protection to purchase conservation easements. Participating landowners can choose to keep their land in agriculture. Landowners retain all rights to the property.</p>	<p>To qualify, farmland must be part of a pending offer from a state, tribe or local farmland protection program, be privately owned, have a conservation plan for highly erodible lands, be large enough to sustain agricultural production, be accessible to markets for what the land produces, have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services, and have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production.</p>	<p>USDA joins with state, local or tribal governments to acquire conservation easements or other interests from landowners.</p> 	<p>David Brown 509-323-2971 509-924-7350 USDA-NRCS</p> <p>david.brown@wa.usda.gov</p>
<p>Five Star Restoration Challenge Grants provides modest financial assistance to support community-based wetland and riparian restoration projects, build partnership and foster local natural resource stewardship.</p>	<p>Any public or private entity; projects must involve diverse partnerships or ideally five organizations. Projects must demonstrate a resulting ecological, educational, social or economic benefit. Mitigation projects are not eligible.</p>	<p>Awards range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Agency Myra Price price.myra@epa.gov 202-566-1225 Krista Rave-Perkins 206-553-6686</p> <p>http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/</p>

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<p>Inland Northwest Land Trust preserves and protects land not protected by other groups or government organizations in a natural state for human and ecological benefits.</p>	<p>Area of operation is six counties in NE WA. Main land types include farms, open space, ranches, watersheds, wetlands and wildlife habitat.</p>	<p>Main land protection method is easement donations.</p>	<p>Inland Northwest Land Trust 35 Main Ave #210 Spokane, WA 99201-0115 509-328-2939 http://www.inlandnmlandtrust.org</p>
<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides funding to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to outdoor recreation resources including parks, trails, wildlife lands.</p>	<p>Local governments, including special districts, state agencies and tribes. Must have a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan that identifies necessary and desirable outdoor recreation resources.</p>	<p>The LWCF provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Grant recipients must provide at least 50% in matching resources.</p>	<p>Recreation and Conservation Office http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/grants/1wcf.htm</p>
<p>Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) a state grant providing financial assistance to private landowners for the protection, enhancement or restoration of habitat including riparian areas and wetlands.</p>	<p>State agencies and tribes with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife. Other agencies agencies, organization or individuals may partner with or serve as a subgrantee of the fish and wildlife agency.</p>	<p>Grants, 25% non-federal share of project costs.</p>	<p>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/lip/index.htm</p>

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<p>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Matching Grants assists in stimulating private funding on conservation needs by offering federal matching funds. This program was established to encourage creative approaches into the management of wildlife resources including plant conservation and stewardship.</p>	<p>Any government entity or non-profit organization. NFWF will fund creative protection and restoration, research, applied conservation, starts up projects and projects that foster partner-ship.</p>	<p>Average grant support is \$35,000 from the Foundation per project.</p> <p>A mandatory 50% match of non-federal dollars, (but competitive match is 2:1 with extra match of “documented” in-kind services is allowed).</p>	<p>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Krystyna Wolniakowski Portland, OR</p> <p>503-417-8700</p> <p>Projects@NRWF.org</p> <p>http://www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm</p>
<p>North American Wetlands Conservation Grants are available to public-private and state-federal partnership projects to acquire, restore, enhance and or manage wetland habitats, especially those for migratory birds.</p>	<p>Any group or individual may submit proposals related to acquisition, restoration, enhancement and other activities that conserve wetland ecosystems.</p>	<p>Individual projects are generally between \$100,000 to \$1 million, except for small grants which are capped at \$75,000 maximum.</p>	<p>Pacific Coast Joint Venture c/o US Fish and Wildlife Service Olympia, WA Joe La Tourrette 360-754-2594</p> <p>http://northamerican.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm</p>
<p>Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners for restoration of wetlands, riparian areas and other critical habitats.</p>	<p>Landowners of any degraded or converted habitat area may apply for financial assistance. Preference is given to projects with long-term agreements.</p>	<p>Allocations vary annually, but generally, landowners can request up to \$25,000 per project. The cost share is 50% but USFWS can contribute a greater percentage if the project justifies it. Landowner contributions can be cash or in-kind services such as labor.</p>	<p>US Fish and Wildlife Service Spokane, WA</p> <p>Juliet Barenti 509-893-8005</p> <p>http://www.fws.gov</p>
<p>Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) helps communities develop rural economies by improving and conserving local natural resources.</p>	<p>Anyone in the authorized area may propose projects to the local council for approval.</p>	<p>This program does not provide grants but seeking grants from other sources is a major focus of the program.</p>	<p>Upper Columbia RC&D 509-323-2916</p> <p>http://www.nrcs.uds.gov</p>

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<p>Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA) provides cost share and incentive payments to farmers and ranchers to voluntarily address threats to soil, water, and related natural resources, including grazing lands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. SWCA will help landowners comply with federal and state environmental laws and make beneficial, cost-effective changes to cropping systems, grazing management, nutrient management and irrigation.</p>	<p>Applicants must own or control the land and agree to implement specific eligible conservation practices. Eligible land includes cropland, hayland, pasture and rangeland, land used for subsistence purposes, and other lands where there is a serious threat to soil, water or related natural resources.</p>	<p>The maximum total payment per participant for SWCA shall not exceed \$50,000.</p>	<p>David Brown 509-323-2971 509-924-7350 USDA-NRCS</p> <p>david.brown@wa.usda.gov</p>
<p>State/Tribal/Local Government Wetland Planning Grants (formerly the Wetland Program Development Grants) assist states, tribes, and local government to develop watershed planning and the development of technical tools for protecting and restoring wetlands.</p>	<p>All state agencies, local governments and all federally recognized tribes are eligible for funding.</p>	<p>Approximately \$250,000 is available annually in Washington. Project allocations are generally \$20,000 to \$80,000.</p> <p><i>Cost-share:</i> 25% applicant match.</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Agency Seattle, WA</p> <p>Richard Clark 206-553-6522</p> <p>http://www.epa.gov/r10earth</p>

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<p>The Nature Conservancy focuses on protecting ecologically significant lands and waters. This group has the resources to buy outstanding natural areas for preservation. It works with a wide range of individual and agency partners to assist in the acquisition or management of significant natural lands.</p>	<p>Lands that qualify under outstanding natural areas for preservation.</p>	<p>Acquisition or management</p>	<p>Washington Field Office 1917 First Avenue Seattle, WA 98010</p> <p>206-343-4344 washington@tnc.org www.nature.org</p>
<p>Washington Migratory Game Bird Stamp Program sells stamps and associated art to raise funds for wetland development projects. The emphasis is on wetland habitat projects that will increase waterfowl production and brood survival. Sites with adequate nesting cover near the wetlands receive priority and typically include large blocks of native or introduced grasses/legumes.</p>	<p>Areas with good adjacent upland nesting cover such as native rangeland or CRP acres. Eligible practices include restoring wetlands, constructing new reservoirs, installing water control structures, establishing suitable upland nesting cover and working with landowners to implement managed grazing systems. Program may require public access controlled by the landowner.</p>	<p>Up to 100% of the construction costs; generally focuses on sites where work is to be completed at a cost of \$1500 to \$3000 per wetland surface acre.</p> 	<p>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 1 Wildlife Program Spokane, WA</p> <p>509-892-1001 wildthing@fw.wa.gov</p> <p>http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/duckstamp.htm</p>
<p>Washington Water Trust works exclusively to restore rivers by improving stream flow through the purchase or donation of allocated water rights. The trust has worked on restoring water allocations to wetlands.</p>	<p>The Trust works with the Department of Ecology to place trust water rights back into the State Trust Water Rights Program for in-stream use.</p>	<p>Receives donations or purchase water rights.</p>	<p>Washington Water Trust 810 3rd Ave., suite 180 Seattle, WA 98104</p> <p>206-657-1585 http://www.thewatertrust.org</p>

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<p>Washington Watershed Planning Act Grants provides grants to local government to join with tribes, state agencies and community members as an organized planning unit for development and implementation of watershed-wide management plans focused on water supply.</p>	<p>Watershed planning must include an entire water resource inventory area. A lead agency designated by the planning unit is eligible for grant funding under the grant program and must be a governmental agency.</p>	<p>Phase 1 – Organization \$50,000 to \$75,000. Phase 2 – Assessment \$200,000. Phase 3 – Planning \$250,000. Phase 4 – Plan Implementation \$100,000.</p> <p><i>Cost-share:</i> None for phases 1,2,3, but 10% for Phase 4.</p>	<p>Washington Department of Ecology Olympia, WA</p> <p>Bill Zachmann 360-407-6548</p> <p>Cathy Hubbard 360-407-6491 http://www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/index.html</p>
<p>Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) this program provides state grants to agencies or local communities for wildlife habitat conservation, outdoor recreation (parks, trails), riparian protection and farmlands preservation.</p>	<p>Tribal, state and local governments are eligible, including park, utility and other species districts. Land trusts and other nonprofits have been successful partners with eligible public agencies.</p>	<p>Grants awards vary among categories and range from \$10,000 to 10 million.</p> <p><i>Cost-share:</i> Grants to tribes and local agencies require a 50% match.</p>	<p>Recreation and Conservation Office Olympia, WA</p> <p>Marguerite Austin 360-902-3016 info@rco.wa.gov http://www.rco.wa.gov</p>

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<p>Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program provides assistance to state, local and some non-profit organizations to plan and implement watershed projects that address water quality and agricultural water management, municipal and industrial water supplies, and fish and wildlife habitat. Wetland restoration or acquisition that achieves those goals may be eligible.</p>	<p>Sponsors of the program must be one of the following: soil and water conservation districts; local governments; recreation and park districts; watershed, irrigation districts or tribes.</p>	<p>Individual awards are generally over \$100,000 and can be several million dollars.</p> <p><i>Cost-share:</i> Construction costs are shared with local sponsors contributing 25-50%; other cost share varies depending on the project.</p>	<p>NRCS office Spokane, WA</p> <p>Frank Easter 509-323-2961</p> <p>http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html</p>
<p>Wetland Protection, Restoration, and Stewardship Discretionary Funding can be applied to a broad spectrum of wetland stewardship projects including partnerships for wetland restoration projects that involve local agencies or groups.</p>	<p>Funding can be provided to states, tribes, local government, other federal agencies, or nonprofit organizations. Any projects related to protection or restoration of aquatic resources is eligible.</p>	<p>Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 per project.</p> <p><i>Cost-share:</i> 5% match is required.</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Seattle, WA</p> <p>Richard Clark 206-553-6522</p> <p>http://www.epa.gov/r10earth</p>

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<p>Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) provides landowners with financial incentives to restore, create and enhance wetlands. Landowners may establish a conservation easement or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement. Landowners voluntarily limit future use of the land, yet retain private ownership. Landowners and the NRCS develop a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland.</p>	<p>For land to be eligible it must be one of the following: 1) Agricultural lands with restorable wetlands; 2) Former or degraded wetlands on pasture, range or forest production lands; 3) Riparian areas that connect with protected wetlands, along streams or other waterways; or 4) Wetlands previously restored by an individual or under another federal or state program that are not protected by a long-term easement.</p>	<p>The allocation per award is based on the appraised agricultural value of each parcel. Funding covers the costs of easement acquisition including surveying and legal fees; 100% of the costs of hydrologic restoration and vegetation planting.</p> <p>Cost share: USDA pays 100% of restoration costs for permanent easements and 75% of costs for 30 year easements. USDA also pays 75% cost for “restoration cost share agreements”.</p>	<p>NRCS Office</p> <p>David Brown 509-323-2971 david.brown@wa.usda.gov http://www.fb-net.org/wrp.htm</p>
<p>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) provides technical and financial assistance to enhance priority fish and wildlife habitat in areas impacted by agricultural activities. Provides cost-share funds for enhancing priority habitats such as wetlands and riparian habitat.</p>	<p>Any landowner is eligible including private, tribal, non-government organization and local/state governments. The applicant must demonstrate land ownership and develop a wildlife plan on the offered acres with a 5 to 10 year contract.</p>	<p>USDA pays 75% of the cost of installing wildlife enhancement practices and 25% is the applicant share</p>	<p>NRCS Office (local) or David Brown 509-323-2971 david.brown@wa.usda.gov http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov</p>

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<p>WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Program provides technical and financial assistance to restore, enhance, and create wetlands on both private and public lands to compensate for wetlands lost as a result of state transportation projects. WSDOT looks for two potential types of mitigation sites; 1) concurrent mitigation areas where potential sites are desired in reasonable proximity to an impacted area, and 2) banking sites which are larger and have the opportunity to create/restore wetland functions on a broader scale for mitigation banking.</p>	<p>The potential mitigation site must be in an area where state transportation projects are occurring or meet the needs of a mitigation bank. A conservation easement or other assurance of protection in perpetuity is required. Eligible properties must contain degraded wetlands or areas where wetland restoration or creation is possible.</p>	<p>The agency designs and implements projects at their expense.</p>	<p>WSDOT – Environmental Affairs Office Olympia, WA</p> <p>Bill Leonard 360-705-7409</p> <p>http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/biology/bio_wetlands.htm</p>