

# WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council

## Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program (Flood Control District)

### Funding Guidance

January 15, 2015

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#### Background

In 2012 the King County Flood Control District (FCD) established the Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant program, which provided \$1.2 million to WRIA 8 in 2012 and 2013 for salmon recovery projects and programs. In 2013, the FCD approved an increase in the CWM grant funding provided to WRIAs, beginning with the 2014 funding cycle. For the 2014 CWM grant round, WRIA 8’s allocation increased from \$1,200,000 to \$1,508,846. The funding increase is effective through 2017 and will rise annually based on the rate of inflation.

Early each year, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) is asked to provide funding allocation targets for the three categories of activities funded by CWM grants. These targets serve as guidance for the WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee as they review grants and develop funding recommendations.

#### 2015 Funding Allocation

At its March 2014 meeting, the SRC issued a decision that the increase in CWM funds over 2013 should be directed to site-specific acquisition and restoration projects. Funding levels for monitoring and outreach and education remained the same as in 2012 and 2013 (see Table 1). Understanding that CWM funding is uncertain beyond 2017 (due to possible FCD levy suppression), the SRC also determined the annual increase in CWM funds for 2015 – 2017 should be directed to habitat protection and restoration projects. As in previous years, the SRC granted the Project Subcommittee the flexibility to deviate from the funding targets in their grant funding recommendations where watershed priorities and the WRIA 8 grant review criteria justify doing so.

Table 2 illustrates the proposed 2015 CWM funding allocation based on the SRC’s March 2014 decision and the approved CWM grant funding total for WRIA 8 in the FCD’s 2015 budget.

**Table 1: 2014 Approved CWM Allocation**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Site-specific projects and acquisitions	\$1,112,846
Monitoring	\$300,000
Education and outreach	\$96,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,508,846</b>

**Table 2: 2015 Proposed CWM Allocation**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Site-specific projects and acquisitions	\$1,189,227
Monitoring	\$300,000
Education and outreach	\$96,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,585,227</b>