

Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Grants

Small Grant Fund for Salmon Habitat and Restoration Projects

Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9

Overview

The Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Grant program supports projects designed to enhance riparian vegetation along the Green/Duwamish River and its tributaries within WRIA 9.

The [WRIA 9 Forum](#) is eager to assist private non-profit corporations (501(c)3 status), tribal governments, local governments (City, County), Conservation Districts, and schools in funding projects that help improve conditions for salmon and water quality in the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound watershed. Information about other projects and programs underway or planned in the watershed can be found in the [WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan](#).

This fund supports projects that enhance riparian shade to improve conditions for salmon and meet water quality standards. There is a need to restore trees and native vegetation on all land use types, urban and rural, along the entire length of the Green River and its tributaries. Riparian revegetation projects improve water quality, salmon habitat, and contribute to the urban tree canopy. WRIA 9's 2016 [Re-Green the Green: Riparian Revegetation Strategy for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed](#) provides important background, scientific basis, and identifies priorities for revegetation projects, including the banks of the rivers and streams mapped as high shade priority based on their solar sun angle or aspect.

Anticipated funding available is \$250,000 with a \$7,500 minimum grant award and a maximum award of \$60,000.

Eligible Project types: The following types of projects are encouraged:

- Revegetation project planning and development
- Site preparation and maintenance of restoration sites, including invasive weed control and watering
- Planting native trees and shrubs, with an emphasis on enhancing shade producing tree canopy

Who Can Apply: Applicants must be one of the following:

- Private non-profit corporation (501(c)3 status)

- Tribes
- Local government (City, County)
- Conservation Districts
- School

How to Apply: If you are interested in making a request for a grant, please submit via e-mail a copy of the grant application and all supporting documentation to Suzanna Smith at susmith@kingcounty.gov by close of business on Monday March 25th. PLEASE NOTE: Proposals submitted by email must be less than 10MB (megabytes). Please use “ReGreen the Green grant” as the subject line. Staff will send confirmation of receipt within 2 business days.

Proposal Elements: Project sponsors must complete the King County Flood Control District 2019 Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Application, and provide all supporting documentation to complete their application. See “How to Apply” above on submitting your application. **Grant Applications are due by 5 pm on Monday, March 25, 2019.**

The following four elements are required to complete your application:

1. Brief (~1 - 2 page) cover letter describing:
 - a. An overview of the project (2 – 3 sentences);
 - b. Any salmon habitat, stewardship, and/or water quality improvements that will result;
 - c. Project’s likelihood of success; and
 - d. Any project attributes you would like to highlight for the review team.
2. Completed [Cooperative Watershed Management \(CWM\) Grant application](#)
3. Supporting documentation (project site map and photos, landowner support)
4. [CWM Budget Table](#)

Prerequisites: Riparian revegetation projects must show a direct benefit to salmon habitat and should be located along the main stem of the Green/Duwamish River or its tributaries. Projects should include planning, installation, and/or maintenance of on-the-ground native riparian planting. Preferred projects will include a volunteer engagement or environmental education component, *but this not required*. Additionally;

- Grants must be within the designated funding amounts and have a high certainty of success.
- Applicants must have identified parcels for planting on maps (provide with application) and should provide any available correspondence showing landowner support for the potential project.
- Projects must be fully completed with the grant award or in combination with other funds being sought or in hand.

- Projects must not be required as mitigation for other activities.
- Project must demonstrate consistency with the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan and the Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Strategy.
- Projects must be completed within three years of award.
- Project must fully meet all CWM Policies.
- Sponsor must make project information available for upload to the [Tree Planting Viewer](#).

Grant Round Timeline:

- **March 25, 2019** - Applications due to WRIA 9 staff at susmith@kingcounty.gov.
- **March 29 - April 16, 2019** – Initial review and screening of projects by WRIA 9 staff; Review team evaluates, scores and ranks projects.
- **April 17, 2019** – Final project review and recommendation for approval by the WRIA 9 Implementation & Technical Committee.
- **May 9, 2019** – Final project approval by the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum.
- **May 20, 2019** – Project sponsors will be notified of their status for funding.
- **July –November 2019 (meeting schedule tentative)** – Flood Control District approves final project list.
- **Following FCD meeting** – Project sponsors will be contacted for contracting. Funding is available after approval and following a signed contract agreement.

Review Process: Applications received on or before Monday March 25th 2019 will be assessed for completeness and eligibility. Staff will follow up directly with applicants on incomplete or missing information. Project sponsors will have until Friday March 29th at 5 PM to complete applications in full.

A review team consisting of local technical experts and WRIA 9 staff will convene and independently evaluate and score proposals using the criteria outlined below. Scores will be summed and projects ranked in order of score – highest to lowest.

The ranked list will be presented to the full WRIA 9 Implementation & Technical Committee (ITC) for review. The ITC will review the proposed list and either:

- Recommend the project list, as ranked, to the Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF).
- Or, recommend an alternative ranking to the WEF with justification for the re-ranking.

The WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) will approve a final project list as part of their May 9th meeting. The list will then be presented to the Flood Control District for final approval. Following the approval from the Flood Control District, project sponsors will be notified and contract agreements will be initiated.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring:

The following criteria will be used to guide the decision about whether to fund your proposal.

Total points available: 100 pts.

Project technical merit (50 pts; 35 point minimum required to be considered for funding):	Max points 50
Proposal is within a priority planting area for revegetation that will enhance riparian shade on the Green/Duwamish River or its tributaries. See riparian shade maps for priority planting areas: http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/pdf/RevegMapsCombined.pdf	0 - 35
Proposal demonstrates secondary benefits of riparian revegetation, including enhancing urban tree canopy, improving water quality, or stabilizing streambanks.	0 - 15
Certainty of Success (40 pts; 25 point minimum required):	MAX points 40
Proposal identifies specific parcels for planting that already have landowner buy-in or high likelihood of buy-in. Proposal should include a map(s) of target revegetation sites.	0 - 20
Proposal describes your organization's capacity and experience implementing similar projects.	0 - 20
Community Support (10 pts; no point minimum required):	MAX points 10
Proposal incorporates stewardship, outreach and education, or other methods of community engagement (e.g. signage).	0 - 5
Proposal provides secured matching funds. <i>NOTE:</i> Matching funds are not required.	0 - 5
	TOTAL POINTS 100

Questions/Contact Information: For any questions, please contact Suzanna Smith at susmith@kingcounty.gov or by phone at 206.477.4641.