

2023 Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Grants

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 Watershed Ecosystem Forum](#) is eager to assist private non-profit corporations (501(c)3 status), government (tribal, city, county, state), special purpose districts and schools in funding revegetation projects that help improve conditions for salmon habitat and water quality in the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound watershed.

This fund supports projects that enhance riparian shade to improve conditions for salmon and meet water quality standards that support aquatic life. 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 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.

In response to a growing awareness that planting projects take time and to support successful stewardship, a portion of available funding will be dedicated to the maintenance and stewardship of previously funded projects (does not require being funded by WRIA 9). Up to 50% of the available funding (up to \$250,000) may go towards maintenance and stewardship activities to ensure long-term success of previous planting projects.

Anticipated funding available is \$500,000 with a \$7,500 minimum grant award. The maximum award is \$120,000 for new planting projects and \$40,000 for maintenance projects.

PROJECT TYPE	MINIMUM REQUEST	MAXIMUM REQUEST
NEW revegetation project	\$7,500	\$120,000
Maintenance project		\$40,000

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

- Maintenance projects receiving *no more than 5 total years of maintenance funding from CWM* (CWM agreements extend 3 years; years with active agreements count toward the total)
- Revegetation project planning and development
- Site preparation, stewardship, and maintenance of restoration sites, including invasive weed control and watering

- Planting native trees and shrubs, with an emphasis on growing/enhancing shade producing tree canopy and habitat

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

- Private non-profit corporations (501(c)3 status)
- Tribes
- Government (e.g., city, county, state)
- Special purpose districts
- Schools

How to Apply: If you are interested in applying for this grant, please submit all application materials by 5:00 pm PST on **Friday, March 3, 2023** via this online form:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=kingcountywaterland>

Proposal Elements: Project sponsors must complete the King County Flood Control District 2023 Cooperative Watershed Management online grant application and provide all materials detailed below to complete their application.

The following **five elements** are **required** as part of your application process:

1. Completed Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) online grant application
2. Proposed Scope of Work (link available within the online grant application)
3. CWM Detailed Budget Table (link available within the online grant application)
4. Map of site(s) using the King County Revegetation tracker tool
5. Project site photos and/or videos (at least two representative of the site(s))

Optional Application Elements (encouraged but not required to complete your application):

- Designs or artist renderings
- Links to related reports
- Letters of support
- Landowner agreement/permission correspondence (Must be secured before grant agreement is signed)

See “How to Apply” above on submitting your application. Grant applications are due by 5 pm on Friday, March 3, 2023.

For an overview of the CWM Grant Program, please see [Grant Program Overview](#).

Prerequisites: Riparian revegetation projects must show a direct benefit to salmon habitat or water quality indicators that support salmon habitat. The project should be located along the main stem of the Green/Duwamish River or its tributaries. Projects may include planning, installation, and/or maintenance of on-the-ground native riparian planting. **Proposals should include signage as part of their budget, aligning with any signage guidance supplied by the WRIA.**

In addition:

- Projects must have a high certainty of success within the stated funding limits and within a 3-year grant agreement period. Projects must be completed within three years of award.
- Sponsors must identify specific parcels to be planted on a map (provided 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. Deliverables should correspond to what will be accomplished with the funding from this grant.
- This award cannot be used to support mitigation projects required or otherwise mandated under permits, as compensation for damages or in other regulatory or legal contexts¹.
- Projects must demonstrate consistency with the [WRIA 9 2020 Salmon Habitat Plan Update](#) and the 2016 [Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Strategy](#).
- The project budget is realistic and accurately represents the project's expenses and funding.
- Projects must fully meet all [CWM Policies](#).
- Projects are strongly encouraged to demonstrate community support/engagement and environmental justice.
- Sponsors must upload the project information to the [Revegetation Tracker](#) and update the Tracker at major milestones of the project.
- Sponsors must agree to report on accomplishments through the WRIA 9 revegetation data solicitation (annually).
- The sponsor agrees to a project close-out site visit with WRIA 9 staff and review team members (upon request).
- If requested, the sponsor agrees to present their project at a mutually convenient WRIA 9 Implementation and Technical Committee (ITC) or Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) meeting.

Review Process: Applications received on or before 5:00 pm PST Friday March 3, 2023 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 10, 2023 at 12 pm PST to complete applications in full.

A review team consisting of local technical experts and WRIA 9 staff will convene to independently

¹ Grants can be used on mitigation projects to extend/increase monitoring beyond that required by regulatory permits.

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 ITC for review. The ITC will consider the proposed ranked project list and either:

- Recommend the project list, as ranked, to the WEF.
- Or, recommend an alternative ranking to the WEF with justification for that ranking.

The WRIA 9 WEF will consider for approval a final project list as part of their May 2023 meeting. If approved, the funding list will then be presented to the Flood Control District for decision of final approval. Following the Flood Control District meeting, project sponsors will be notified of the decision, and if approved contract agreements will be initiated.

Grant Round Timeline:

- **March 3, 2023** - Applications due via online portal here:
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=kingcountywaterland>
- **March 6 - April 12, 2023** – Initial review and screening of projects by WRIA 9 staff. Review team evaluates, scores, and ranks projects.
- **April 19, 2023** – Project list review and decision to recommend for approval by the WRIA 9 ITC.
- **May 11, 2023** – Final project list decision for approval by the WRIA 9 WEF.
- **May 15, 2023** – Project sponsors notified of their status for funding.
- **July – November 2023 (meeting schedule tentative)** – Flood Control District makes a funding decision on the final project list.
- **Following FCD meeting** – Project sponsors contacted by King County for contracting. Funding is available after approval and following a signed contract agreement.

Questions/Contact Information:

For any questions, please contact Suzanna Smith at susmith@kingcounty.gov or by phone at 206-477-4641. This information is available in alternative formats on request at 206-684-1280 (voice) or 711 (TTY).

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring:

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

Total points available: 100.

Technical Merit (55 points; 20 point minimum to be considered for funding)		Max points: 55
For NEW planting projects:	Proposal demonstrates how the project will contribute to the goals of the 2021 Salmon Habitat Plan Update and 2016 Re-Green the Green Strategy by enhancing riparian buffers and addressing high summer water temperatures.	0 - 35
For maintenance/ stewardship projects:	Proposal clearly demonstrates how project is vital for the success of current or previous investments by the WRIA or partners.	
Project site is located within a priority location identified on the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s riparian sun map (must be demonstrated on map(s)).		20 points if >75% of site is high or critical priority 15 points if > 50% of site is high or critical priority 10 points if >25% of site is high or critical priority 5 points if >10% of site is high or critical priority
Certainty of Success (35 points; 10 point minimum)		MAX points: 35
Proposal demonstrates that organization has a plan for site preparation and follow-up maintenance to ensure success.		0 - 15
Proposal identifies specific parcels for planting that already have landowner buy-in or high likelihood of buy-in. Proposal includes a map/maps of target revegetation sites.		0 – 10
Project is highly feasible based on costs, and cost per acre is reasonable.		0 - 10
Community Support (10 points; no point minimum)		MAX points: 10
Proposal demonstrates community support or incorporates elements of community engagement.		0 - 5
Proposal provides secured matching funds. <i>NOTE: Matching funds are not required.</i>		0 - 5
		TOTAL POINTS: 100