KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	**7**	**Name:**	Michelle Clark
Proposed Legislation:	**FCD2026-09**	**Date:**	June 3, 2026

Proposed FCD Resolution FCD 2025-06: A Resolution relating to the operation and finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District; adopting a revised 2026 budget, operating budget, capital budget, six-year capital improvement program for 2026-2031; and amending Resolution FCD2026-08.

Proposed Resolution FCD2026-09 contains both the King County Flood Control District's ("District") mid-year budget and the allocation of the District's 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management ("CWM") Grants in accordance with the unanimous recommendations of each of the Watershed Resource Inventory Areas ("WRIA") in King County.

Carryover and Reallocation

The primary purpose of the District's mid-year budget amendment is to address two main objectives:

(1) Adopt (or "carryover") $268,752,773 in capital expenditure authority from 2025; and
(2) Adjust expenditure authority for several reasons, including technical adjustments, updated project costs, and project close outs.

The total carryover request for 2026 is $286.8 million, representing decrease of $35.6 million (12.5%) from the $304 million carryover in 2025. $268,532,773 of the carryover request is capital budget and $220,000 is operating budget authority.

The reallocation request includes the delay of 11 projects in ongoing response to the emergency work related to the December 2025 flood event, closure of 4 capital projects, 2 projects going to construction this summer, and the increase to one project budget because it is moving faster than originally anticipated. Adjustments to outyear budgets for capital projects will be made in the 2027 annual budget. The proposed mid-year reallocations are presented in a separate summary document, attached to this staff report. The 2026 Reallocation Summary includes a brief explanation of each recommended project reallocation. The projects are listed in the order they appear on the District's capital project list (Attachment H).

CWM or WRIA Grants

The District's CWM or WRIA Grant Program is in its 14th year. Since doubling the program in 2020, District funds contribute between 70-80% of the secured funds for WRIA restoration

projects throughout King County. The District's adopted 2026 budget allocated $12,056,301 in new funding for projects and activities in WRIAs 7 (Snoqualmie Watershed portion), 8, 9, and 10 (King County portion). Proposed Resolution FCD2026-09 authorizes the expenditure of $12,182,865, the 2026 allocation plus underspent or returned funds.

In compliance with the procedures outlined in Resolution FCD2012-11, WRIA staff and committee members reviewed the projects for eligibility and visited project sites as part of a robust technical review process. Based on the allocation percentages outlined in Resolution FCD2013-13 and any returned or unused allocations from previous years, each WRIA voted on and unanimously submitted its recommendations for projects to receive funding for water quality and water resource and habitat restoration projects and activities as follows:

1. WRIA 7 (Snoqualmie Watershed portion): $2,399,991;
2. WRIA 8: $4,521,113;
3. WRIA 9: $4,658,862; and
4. WRIA 10 (King County portion): $620,899.

The 2026 CWM Grant round received 107 applications requesting a total of $21,324,850, $9,268,549 more than the grant funds available in 2026. The CWM projects recommended to receive funding are distributed throughout King County with each council district receiving at least one CWM project. The number of applications and specific recommendations are as follows:

- WRIA 7 received 24 applications totaling $5,054,966, $2,654,975 over its 2026 allocation and recommends 9 projects for full funding, 7 projects for partial funding, and the denial of 8 applications.
- WRIA 8 received 38 applications totaling $7,204,935, $2,683,822 over its 2026 allocation and recommends 27 projects for full funding, 2 projects for partial funding, and the denial of 9 applications.
- WRIA 9 received 42 applications totaling $8,337,415, $3,678,553 over its 2026 allocation and recommends 25 projects for full funding, 8 projects for partial funding, and the denial of 9 applications.
- WRIA 10 received 3 applications for $727,534, $67,544 over its 2025 allocation and recommends 2 projects for full funding and the denial of 1 application.

Next Steps

Assuming the Executive Committee forwards this resolution to the District's Board of Supervisors during today's meeting, the schedule is as follows:

- **June 3 Executive Committee Meeting:** Executive Committee receives high-level briefing and recommends legislation to Board of Supervisors;
- **June 9th Board of Supervisors Meeting:** Briefing and discussion; and
- **July 14th Board of Supervisors Meeting:** Action and annual CWM or WRIA presentation.

Staff will continue working with Supervisor offices as well as King County staff to identify and analyze the proposed legislation.

Attachments: 2026 Reallocation Summary
Attachment J: 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grants
Recommendation Letters from WRIAs 7, 8, 9, and 10

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2026 Reallocation Summary

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No.	Title	2026 Reallocation Request	Reallocation Notes
2	South Fork Skykomish River Repetitive Loss Mitigation	($1,897,816)	This project will elevate or buyout individual structures in the South Fork Skykomish Basin to eliminate the risk of flooding or erosion damage during future flood events. Assumes one home per year. This request reduces unneeded 2026 budget authority.
4	Timber Lane Village Erosion Buyouts	($2,000,000)	This project will continue to acquire and remove homes along a stretch of the Skykomish River that are endangered by erosive forces as well as inundation in some places. Assumes one home per year. This request reduces unneeded 2026 budget authority.
8	City of Snoqualmie Riverwalk Acquisitions	$500,000	This project will acquire several flood-prone homes in the areas around Walnut St and Northern St. in partnership with the City of Snoqualmie. The project had $500K erroneously disappropriated in the 2026 budget, intended for the City of Snoqualmie elevations. This request corrects the error and restores the budget back to what was adopted in the ILA between Snoqualmie and the Flood Control District.
9	City of Snoqualmie Home Elevations	($500,000)	This project intended to elevate several flood-prone homes in the areas around Walnut St and Northern St. The ILA between Snoqualmie and the FCD has exprired and this request disappropriates the remainder from the project.
13	Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Residential Flood Mitigation	($2,100,000)	This project works with willing sellers to acquire eighteen homes at risk from channel migration along the Middle Fork (Project C in the Capital Investment Strategy). This request reduces unneeded 2026 budget authority.
15	North Fork Snoqualmie River Residential Flood Mitigation	($2,100,000)	This project will acquire flood-prone properties in the North Fork Snoqualmie basin to reduce the risk of flood, erosion, and channel migration damage and secure footprints for future capital projects. This request reduces unneeded 2026 budget authority.
20	Reinig Rd 2016 Repair	$319	This project repaired three primary damage sites just upstream and directly across from the South Fork Snoqualmie confluence totaling ~285 lineal feet. This request is for a final budget adjustment, allowing staff to close the project in the accounting system.
24	Shake Mill Revetment Left Bank 2016 Repair	($6,931)	This project repaired a total breach of the levee, stemming erosion and lateral channel migration. This final budget adjustment allows staff to close the project in the accounting system.
26	Upper Snoqualmie River Capital Investment Strategy Reprioritization	($50,000)	This project will reevaluate and reprioritize the approved Snoqualmie Basin Capital Investment Strategy (CIS) documents (Middle Fork CIS, South Fork CIS) and identify new projects and programmatic actions that reduce flood risk, increase community flood resilience, and achieve multi-benefit outcomes. Project paused to free up staff for flood repair work. Some budget retained to allow staff to restart work in 2026 if staff capacity becomes available.
35	Lower Snoqualmie River Residential Flood Mitigation	$650,000	This project will acquire or elevate flood-prone structures in the lower Snoqualmie basin to reduce the risk of flood or channel migration damage during future flood events. This action requests additional budget to meet an increased demand for buyouts since the December, 2025 flood.
36	Mud Creek Sediment Facility	($79,083)	This project intended to design and permit a sediment facility to minimize sediment deposition, flooding, and channel avulsions at this site. The project is considered infeasible and this action disappropriates the remaining budget.
38	Stossel Revetment Major Repair	$299,244	This project will construct long-term improvements to the Stossel Bridge Right Bank Revetment (RM 22.5 to 22.7), to prevent future bank erosion and protect the revetment. This action requests additional budget to complete construction this year.
39	Tolt Pipeline Protection	$45,000	This project reconstructed approximately 1,200 feet of the Winkelman Revetment on the north side of the Snoqualmie River, south of Duvall, to protect the Tolt Pipeline, a crucial conduit for Seattle Public Utilities' water supply, from erosion and channel migration. While construction is complete, the project was reopened to surplus unused real estate originally acquired for the project. This request adds budget to accommodate expenditures to complete the surplusing of the property.
40	Girl Scout Camp Levee Setback	($331,845)	This project will set back the Girl Scout Camp Levee to reduce flood risks to the Girl Scout Camp and Remlinger Farms, improve levee integrity, increase the lateral migration area and area for ongoing sediment deposition, reduce long-term levee maintenance costs, and improve instream, floodplain and riparian habitat functions. This project is tied to and contingent on the FCD's decisions on the Tolt Level of Service study. Project paused due to property acquisition issues. Some budget retained for external coordination if needed in 2026.
41	Holberg Levee 2019 Repair	($107,850)	This project will repair damage to the Holberg levee to protect property owners immediately landward of the facility, as there is a potential for high flows and erosive damage to residences and property. The project has not yet started and no work anticipated in 2026.
44	Lower Tolt River Acquisitions	($1,071,790)	This project acquires high-priority flood risk reduction properties in the lower two miles of the Tolt River consistent with the adopted Capital Investment Strategy. This request reduces unneeded 2026 budget authority.
45	Remlinger Levee Improvements	($236,654)	This project will repair approximately 250 feet of the Remlinger Levee. This action disappropriates the existing budget as the project has not yet started and no work anticipated in 2026.
46	Rio Vista Acquisitions	($2,261,140)	This project acquires at-risk homes from willing sellers consistent with the adopted Tolt Capital Investment Strategy. This request reduces unneeded 2026 budget authority.
54	Upper Frew Levee Setback	($581,127)	This project will set back the levee to increase sediment storage and floodwater conveyance, protect adjacent development, and reduce damage to trail bridge. The project is not yet chartered and no additional work expected in 2026.
62	Issaquah Creek Capital Investment Strategy	($505,033)	This project will identify and prioiritize near-, mid-, and long-term capital projects for Flood Control District funding along Near Issaquah Creek in unincorporated King County. Project paused to free up staff for flood repair work. Some budget retained to allow staff to restart work in 2026 if staff capacity becomes available.
63	Jerome Revetment 2020 Repair	($156,249)	This project will repair 70 linear feet of bank erosion to the Jerome revetment, projecting three private residences in the City of Issaquah. The project is paused to free staff for more urgent repairs and will need to be prioritized for potential addition to 2027 work program. Some budget retained for staff work if needed in 2026.
72	Belmondo Levee 2020 Repair	$24,336	This project repaired a section of the Belmondo levee protecting critical facilities (e.g. fiber optic cables, the Cedar River Trail, and highway SR SR169). This action provides additional budget to complete the project's final closeout phase. This action requests additional budget for repairs caused by the December flood to the newly constructed site.
86	Cedar River Trail Revetment 1 2025 Emergency Repair	$50,000	This project provides an emergency repair on the Cedar River Trail 1 revetment to prevent further damage that would could cut off the sole access to one resident (via a private road and bridge over the creek). The original cost was underestimated and this action requests additional budget to complete the project.
90	Herzman to Camp Freeman	($1,087,040)	This project will create a new setback levee, excavate a side-channel to reduce pressure on revetment, and reconstruct, reinforce and/or extend revetment. Ramping down on phase 1 work due to need for a road haul agreement. Retain budget for floodplain grading and FEMA floodplain mapping coordination and update.
95	Maplewood Revetment 2020 Repair	($25,000)	This project will repair a damaged section of revetment near RM 4.3 between the SR 169 bridge and non-motorized golf course bridge. The facility provides protection for the SR 169 bridge abutment and is susceptible to further damage. WLR is assuming this is the responsibility of the Washington State Department of Transportation, but retains some budget if needed for staff work.
98	Progressive Investment Levee Removal	$172,313	This project will remove the Progressive Investment Levee, connecting the river to the natural floodplain. It is a companion project for the CRT 5 and CRT 5B projects and will provide effective habitat benefits not provided at these project sites. The Progressive Investment Levee, near River Mile 8.4 on the Cedar River, is a vestigial flood protection facility that is on public land, is currently eroding and is not directly adjacent to critical infrastructure. This action increases the budget for 2026 as it is progressing faster than initially anticipated.

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101	Tabor-Crowall-Brodell Revetments 2020 Repair	($2,436,045)	This project repairs damage to the Tabor-Crowall and Brodell revetments following the 2020 flood event. The revetments protect critical facilities such as fiber optic cables, the Cedar River Trail, and highway SR SR169. The project is delayed due to a requirement for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and this action disappropriates excess budget in 2026. It is expected that the dissappropriated funds will be included in the 2027 budget.
109	Black River Pump Station Control Building Replacement	($155,731)	This project intended to design and build the second phase of renovations to the Black River pump station, with major components including replacement of the control building, replacement of the trash rake system, and replacement of the screen spray system. This request disappropriates the remaining budget in accordance with FCD direction in 2025 to cancel this project and transfer the scope to the more comprehensive Black River Pump Station Improvements Project.
110	Black River Pump Station Fish Passage Improvements	($2,107,124)	This project will design and build the fourth phase of renovations to the Black River pump station, revising and replacing the obsolete fish passage systems. This request disappropriates the remaining budget in accordance with FCD direction in 2025 to cancel this project and transfer the scope to the more comprehensive Black River Pump Station Improvements Project.
112	Black River Pump Station Large Engine Replacement	($129,731)	This project was originally scoped to design and replace the large engines and overhaul the large pumps at the Black River pump station. This request disappropriates the remaining budget in accordance with FCD direction in 2025 to cancel this project and transfer the scope to the more comprehensive Black River Pump Station Improvements Project.
113	Black River Pump Station Seismic Upgrades	$42,774	This project will strengthen and improve the structure and subsurface soils at the Black River Pump Station. This action requests additional budget to address a shortfall. The project will then be canceled in accordance with FCD direction in 2025 to transfer the scope to the more comprehensive Black River Pump Station Improvements Project.
114	Black River Pump Station Support System Upgrades	$20,727	This project will design and build the third phase of renovations to the Black River pump station, replacing support systems such as engine control panels, cooling systems, oilers and hoists. This action requests additional budget to address a shortfall. The project will then be canceled in accordance with FCD direction in 2025 to transfer the scope to the more comprehensive Black River Pump Station Improvements Project.
117	Desimone Levee Flood Contingency Plan	$68,371	This project was part of advanced measures implemented ahead of the December 2025 flood to install a 1,200-foot seepage blanket along a levee segment with known seepage issues. The work reduced the likelihood of levee failure and protects commercial and industrial development in Tukwila and Renton, WA. The final costs were higher than the initial budget request in February 2026, and this request adds sufficient budget to close out the project in the accounting system.
119	Fort Dent Levee 2020 Repair	$2,494,252	This project will repair several damaged sections of the Fort Dent Levee at approximately river mile 11. The federal permitting was obtained more quickly than anticipated, allowing construction to proceed a year ahead of schedule. This action pulls forward 2027 planned appropriation to fund construction this summer.
120	Galli-Dykstra Levee 2020 Repair	$1,132	This project elevated 3500 feet of the levee reach to meet FEMA levee certification requirements. The project is complete and this request is for budget needed to reconcile the budget with the expenditures, allowing staff to close the project in the accounting system.
125	Horseshoe Bend McCoy Revetment Realignment	($2,669,892)	This repair project will stabilize the failure of the levee slope, construct a ring levee around an isolated utility, and shift the alignment of the federal levee back to the City of Kent's secondary containment levee. The project has relatively low rating based on FCD risk, severity, and consequence evaluation criteria and has been paused. Some budget retained to cover money expended in 2026 and to enable staff work if needed in 2026.
126	Kent Airport Revetment 2022 Repair	($627,675)	This project wil stabilize over steepened bank and rock revetment that has been undercut by rotational bank failure. The project has a relatively low rating based on FCD risk, severity, and consequence evaluation criteria and has been paused. Some budget retained to cover money expended in 2026 and to enable staff work if needed in 2026.
133	O'Connell Revetment 2021 Repair	($398,915)	This project will stabilize the O'Connell revetment slope, and move or replace the road shoulder and guardrail. The project is paused pending Lower Green CIS, per FCD direction following discovery of need to expand scope based on geotechnical analysis.
154	Government Canal HESCO Barriers 2025	$280,514	This project was the emergency reconstruction of the damaged flow-control structure at Government Canal to prevent flooding in the City of Pacific. The initial estimate is proving low and the additional budget is necessary to complete the project.
156	City of Pacific HESCO Barrier 2025 Breach Emergency Repair	$2,872,352	This project was an emergency repair of the Pacific City Park HESCO facility damaged in the December 2025 flood, including additional repairs and improvements at other HESCO locations to reduce flood risk to the City of Pacific. Additional budget is needed to cover unanticipated costs resulting from damage to 3rd Avenue and adjacent infrastructure caused by the heavy trucks used to repair the HESCOs.
157	City of Pacific HESCO Barrier 2025 Emergency Installation	$322,762	This project supplied and installed supersacks during the December 16th HESCO breach in the City of Pacific. The original cost estimate was low and additional budget is need to complete the project.
172	Flood Program Effectiveness Monitoring	$678,302	This program evaluates capital projects to determine effectiveness and identify project design improvements. It also provides for the post-construction monitoring and maintenance of the project sites as required by the regulatory agencies though the project permits. This action requests additional budget to cover increased costs from the December, 2025 event. For flooding above Phase 3, some project permits require advanced monitoring (topobathymetric survey and hydraulic modeling) to determine how the flood affected the facilities and the river channel. Several project sites had this requirement triggered with the December flood, including Lower Russell, Jan Road, and Countyline. Additionally, the flood also damaged some of the newly planted construction sites, requiring additional budget to make repairs.
186	**Capital Total**	**($15,100,273)**	

No.	Operating Budget Additions	Amount	Reallocation Notes
187	Carryover for Uncompleted Work in 2025	$220,000	In 2025 staff identified cracks in several Green River floodwalls and requested additional budget for the maintenance program. The effort was unable to be completed in 2025 because the onset of the rainy season preventing the patching compound from sufficiently drying. This action carries over that operating budget to complete the effort as the wet weather subsides.
188	Unplanned Maintenance from Dec 2025 Flood	$150,000	This request is intended to cover 9 maintenance repairs stemming from the December, 2025 flood, plus a cushion for new maintenance discoveries following low-flow inspections.
	Operating Total	**$370,000**	

ATTACHMENT J: 2026 COOPERATIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS

WRIA	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Project Description	KCC Dist No.	Secured Leveraged Funds	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended by WRIA
SNOQUALMIE/SF SKYKOMISH WATERSHEDS IN WRIA 7							
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROJECTS							
7	**Snoqualmie Valley Outreach Collective - Pilot**	*Trout Unlimited*	The Snoqualmie Valley Outreach Collective pilot will establish a coordinated community engagement model that aligns partners around inclusive salmon recovery messaging and outreach activities. Funding supports a partner convening, development of accessible educational materials, and joint outreach at local events throughout the watershed. The project is expected to improve collaboration among community partners, ensure consistent watershed messaging, and increase public awareness and involvement in salmon stewardship. Collectively, these efforts will reach hundreds of residents and reduce barriers to engagement through culturally relevant outreach.	3	$5,708	$40,569	**$40,569**
7	**Salmon in Schools and Watershed Service Learning**	*Sound Salmon Solutions*	The Salmon in Schools program is a hands-on education program that engages students in salmon education and recovery. The program would bring 150 salmon directly to students in King County WRIA 7 schools in conjunction with classroom lessons and a culminating field experience. To further connect students with our watershed, we would also offer field experiences for middle and high school students. Our curriculum will inspire a greater sense of stewardship within students and the community while connecting individuals with the tangible actions we can all take to improve watershed health. This will fund SiS program to serve eight schools and host three classes for service learning experiences within King County WRIA 7.	3	$11,524	$88,162	**$88,162**
7	**Youth Engaged in Sustainable Systems (2027)**	*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust*	Youth Engaged in Sustainable Systems (YESS) is a career-connected internship program for high school students, led by the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust in partnership with the Riverview School District, Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC) Skills Center, and Pacific Education Institute (PEI). Using the OSPI-approved Restoration Ecology course framework, YESS provides hands-on learning aligned with state standards and natural resource industry competencies. Participants gain valuable skills, explore green careers, and contribute to salmon recovery efforts. Participants receive a $1,800 stipend, Gear Kit, and Career & Technical Education (CTE)	3	$13,000	$137,850	**$70,000**

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			graduation credit. Partial funding at 3$70K will support 1 year (10 students).				
7	**Watershed Learning at Snoqualmie Falls**	*EarthCorps*	EarthCorps will implement a place-based education and outreach project at Snoqualmie Falls that engages young adults and high school students in watershed learning, environmental stewardship, and sense-of-place building within the Snoqualmie Watershed. Grant funds will support the development of educational curriculum in partnership with Snoqualmie Indian Tribe and a full-day workshop and field experience for approximately 30 EarthCorps Corps Members (ages 18–29). The project will center on guided, site-specific learning at Snoqualmie Falls that connects watershed function, stewardship, water quality, and salmon recovery.	3	$4,600	$18,757	**$18,757**
7	**Community Action Training School**	*Sound Salmon Solutions*	The Community Action Training School (CATS) program provides participants with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and support to plan and implement on-the-ground projects to improve water quality and aid in salmon recovery. CATS participants learn from experts through formal presentations, field experiences, and guided discussions while receiving ongoing mentoring from their program facilitators to develop their own community-driven stewardship action projects to improve watershed health.	3	$14,955	$37,429	**$37,429**
7	**Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH) School Education & Outreach**	***Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery***	Expand salmon science education program to reach more WRIA 7 schools through hatchery field trips, classroom presentations, and interactive science tables at school events. This would include 16 Title I schools and 16 additional new schools while piloting an immersive classroom salmon science table aligned with WRIA 7 priorities. Expected outcomes include increased understanding of salmon life cycles, watershed health, and local recovery actions among students and families. The program will broaden equitable access to hands-on salmon education and strengthen community engagement in salmon recovery.	3	**$0**	**$29,737**	**$0**
MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECTS							
7	**2027 Snoqualmie River Juvenile Salmon**	*Tulalip Tribes*	Continue the annual monitoring of juvenile salmon outmigration in the Snoqualmie River Basin utilizing a rotary screw trap located at river mile 14.1 on the Snoqualmie River in 2027. This project is a part of the overall Snohomish Basin juvenile salmon out	3	$0	$140,000	**$140,000**

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	Outmigration Monitoring		migration monitoring effort which began in 2001 and which provides ongoing status, trends and abundance monitoring needed to support run forecasting, and is a quintessential indicator of successful salmon recovery monitoring in the Snohomish Basin.				
7	**Assessing the Value of Freshwater Habitats Through Juvenile Chinook Prey Availability and Foraging**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Evaluate prey availability and juvenile Chinook diets across five river-floodplain habitats in the Snoqualmie River. Plans are to sample four replicates of each habitat type four times from February through June, to evaluate how prey availability and foraging opportunities vary among habitats, through time, and in response to changing environmental conditions. This information will inform the rearing value of different habitats for juvenile Chinook, contributing to more holistic decisions about where and how to restore salmon habitat. This project is part of a broader effort across WRIAs 7, 8, and 9, to provide comprehensive information on rearing habitat value and to inform salmon recovery across watersheds.	3	$10,000	$182,068	**$182,068**
7	**Fall City Groundwater Study**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Monitor how the Fall City restoration project has changed the groundwater table in that area, how the project has influenced temperature regimes (cool water inflows), and if the project improved water storage and supported (increased) stream flows during the low flow period. This will help improve our understanding of how floodplain restoration projects in the Snoqualmie change groundwater connections, storage, and streamflow and can help build understanding of the groundwater/river interface resulting from restoration projects that ultimately influence essential habitat conditions for Chinook salmon.	3	$0	$120,233	**$78,000**
7	**Floodplain Habitat Function and Juvenile Salmon Response Following Avulsion at the Stillwater Site**	***Wild Fish Conservancy***	Monitor physical habitat change and fish use following the December 2025 reconnection of a historic oxbow to the Snoqualmie River at the Stillwater floodplain reach. In 2013, Wild Fish Conservancy removed bank revetment to promote lateral channel migration; the recent flood realized this process-based objective. Grant funds will support mapping of channel morphology, inundation patterns, and habitat complexity, and seasonal sampling of juvenile salmonid use of newly accessible side-channel and floodplain habitats.	3	**$0**	**$74,902**	**$0**

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RESTORATION PROJECTS – CAPITAL							
7	**2027 Snoqualmie Restoration and Project Assistance Program**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	This is an ongoing effort managed and delivered by Snoqualmie Watershed Forum (Forum) staff to maximize success in implementing the 2005 Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (Salmon Plan) in the King County portion of WRIA 7. The program will: 1) assist project implementers in identifying, developing and advancing high priority habitat projects, water quality improvement, planning, education and outreach efforts; 2) conduct Forum-led project coordination activities; and 3) support regional watershed management through policy and technical coordination.	3	$0	$135,000	**$135,000**
7	**S Fork Skykomish - Lower Miller River Floodplain Restoration Implementation**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Restore habitat and reduce flood risk in the lower mile of the Miller River to its confluence with the South Fork Skykomish River in an underserved area of King County. Conditions for multiple ESA-listed salmonids will be optimized by removing artificial constraints on fluvial processes and restoring function and streamflow through the project site. Reconnection of side and back channels with the Miller River mainstem will advance this goal. This implementation phase will include removal of defunct infrastructure, and installation of log structures, setback protection, and riparian native plantings, with benefits conveyed downstream from this headwater subbasin into the future.	3	$757,000	$1,000,000	**$385,000**
7	**SE Fish Hatchery Road Habitat Restoration Final Design**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Apply the momentum from King County's preliminary design and progress through final design- taking the last big step before construction on a project that will improve habitat along the mainstem Snoqualmie River and reconnect off-channel habitat between Fall City and Snoqualmie Falls. In 2021 King County decommissioned the SE Fish Hatchery Road Bridge, opening the opportunity to remove 600 feet of old road infrastructure and improve the connection with habitat features in the floodplain at a range of river flow levels. This phase of project is for final design, which will refine the project outcomes and construction cost estimates, and obtain permits.	3	$400,000	$500,227	**$200,000**
7	**Cherry Creek Levee Setback Feasibility**	*WA Department of Fish & Wildlife*	This project is the first step toward setting back the Cherry Creek levee onto Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Cherry Valley Wildlife Area Unit, restoring natural floodplain processes	3	$0	$498,941	**$300,000**

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			and habitat along a key tributary to the Snoqualmie River. The feasibility phase will compile existing site data, conduct targeted fieldwork, engage a technical working group, and include public outreach. At least three levee setback alternatives will be developed and evaluated, resulting in a preferred alternative conceptual design. The study area includes approximately 170 acres of low-lying floodplain within the Snoqualmie Valley.				
7	**Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater Conservation Easement**	***King County Water & Land Resources Division***	Conserve 88.16 acres of forest, riverfront, and floodplain habitat along the Snoqualmie River downstream of Snoqualmie Falls. Using established real estate practices, King County will evaluate, appraise, negotiate, and secure a conservation easement across four parcels to permanently protect critical salmon and upland habitat. Outcomes include long-term preservation of 2,000 feet of river shoreline, protection of floodplain processes, and safeguarding upland forest that supports water quality and wildlife. This project will prevent future development, ensure habitat connectivity, and contribute directly to salmon recovery and watershed health.	3	**$0**	**$438,625**	**$0**
7	**Duvall Meadows/NE 147th PL Culvert Restoration (Bridge Construction)**	***Wild Fish Conservancy***	Replace an ~80 ft long x 1.5 ft diameter total fish barrier and failing culvert crossing NE 147th PL, Duvall, WA. The culvert will be replaced with a 30 ft span x 20 ft wide bridge on a weathered sheet piling foundation. This CWM request is for bridge and foundation materials; funding for construction and monitoring will be sought through KC Flood Control District Flood Reduction Grant. Expected outcomes: replace two total barrier culverts with bridges (one replaced by Duvall Meadows), install ~70 pieces of LWD upstream and downstream of the site, plant native vegetation along disturbed banks (~0.5 acres), monitor site for 5 yrs. The project will improve access to 0.5 miles of salmonid habitat.	3	**$0**	**$332,741**	**$0**
7	**Miller Street Conveyance, Water Quality**	***City of Duvall***	Modify an existing stormwater system along NE Miller Street that discharges to Coe-Clemons Creek, a tributary to the Snoqualmie River. The project will address flooding and ponding along the north side of the roadway by installing new stormwater structures and relocating undersized pipe to improve conveyance. Water quality treatment features will be incorporated to treat roadway runoff prior to discharge. Expected	3	**$0**	**$40,300**	**$0**

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			outcomes include improved drainage capacity, reduced roadway flooding, and treatment of approximately 2.77 acres of pollution-generating impervious surface.				
RESTORATION PROJECTS – RIPARIAN							
7	**Snoqualmie River Off-Leash Dog Park Riparian Enhancement - Phase 1**	*Snoqualmie Indian Tribe*	Restore approximately 2,000 linear feet of riparian buffer to improve habitat for Chinook and other salmon along the right bank of the mid-mainstem Snoqualmie River (approximately 4 acres). Key actions include removal of dense patches of invasive plants and installation of native canopy trees and shrubs on a bank that currently has very little tree cover. This project engages with a new community partner to access private property along an approximately 1-mile reach of the Snoqualmie River just upstream of the Novelty Bridge, south of Duvall, WA.	3	$5,000	$214,934	**$214,934**
7	**Coe Clemons Creek and Snoqualmie River Riparian Restoration, Phase 2**	*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust*	Expand riparian restoration efforts at Coe Clemons Creek and along the mainstem Snoqualmie River by incorporating three adjacent parcels. Since 2023, Phase 1 has successfully established 10,050 live stakes to improve salmonid habitat. Phase 2 will focus on weed control, live staking, and native tree and shrub planting along the right bank of the Snoqualmie River, encompassing approximately 5.7-acres. These riparian zones are inundated with reed canarygrass, Himalayan blackberry, common holly, and knotweed. The Greenway Trust will lead project design and implementation, engage at least 100 volunteers, and collaborate with the City of Duvall.	3	$8,562	$153,938	**$101,507**
7	**Wallace Acres III: Riparian Maintenance**	***Stewardship Partners***	The project takes place at Wallace in the Snoqualmie River sub-basin along the north facing, left banks of the Mid-Main stem Snoqualmie River. The project promotes outcomes associated with Best Management Practices (BMPs) as part of Stewardship Partners' (SP) voluntary incentive-based approach to landowner stewardship. SP will maintain approximately 7,580 linear feet (24 acres) of previously restored riparian habitat. Habitat buffers average 135'. Since 2010, SP has been restoring this property. Ongoing maintenance would ensure the success of these large restorations. Approximately 1,000 native trees/shrubs will be planted, mostly conifers.	3	**$0**	**$167,970**	**$0**

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7	**Cherry Valley Riparian Restoration and Stewardship Phase I**	*Sound Salmon Solutions*	Conduct riparian restoration on 10.55 acres along Cherry Creek and 3 tributaries. This work will take place at 3 worksites between creek miles 1.8 & 2.65. Activities will include invasive vegetation control & native plant installation along 4,540 linear ft of creek bank. This will enhance shade, reduce water temperature, improve soil stability, increase dissolved oxygen levels, and positively impact salmonid populations, including Chinook, Coho, & Steelhead. SSS will host up to 3 volunteer events & publicly promote the project 5 times to increase community education and engagement. SSS will also install 2,000 plants & 700 plant protectors at 2 previously funded CWM project sites to remediate impacts from 2025 flood events.	3	$5,739	$314,007	**$209,647**
7	**Pearce Farm Riparian Restoration**	*Sound Salmon Solutions*	Restore native riparian forest on 7.7+ acres of degraded riparian land along 2,800 feet of the mainstem Snoqualmie River north of Duvall, WA. SSS will treat patches of invasive Himalayan blackberry and other invasive plants, establish 13,000 native trees and shrubs, and engage the public in learning about watershed health through educational activities and outreach. The restoration of riparian vegetation in the mainstem primary restoration subwatersheds is considered a top-priority action for salmon recovery and is expected to produce multiple ecological benefits, including reduced water temperatures, improved aquatic food resources, and increased structural and ecological complexity.	3	$8,808	$198,918	**$198,918**
7	**Keasey Site Maintenance and Restoration**	***EarthCorps***	Continue restoration and stewardship at the Keasey site, located along the Snoqualmie River in Redmond. Crews will conduct targeted stewardship to improve habitat quality and protect prior restoration investments. The site was originally planted in 2023 but has experienced reduced plant survival due to harsh environmental conditions, including exposure and soil limitations. Our efforts will result in restoration of approximately 1.5 acres (0.25 miles of river frontage) within the 4.5-acre site. Work will include invasive species control, native plant protection, and survival enhancement to improve overall site health and resilience.	3	**$0**	**$79,108**	**$0**

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7	**South Fork Snoqualmie and Tollgate Forest Maintenance and Planting**	***City of North Bend***	Restoration of the riparian corridor throughout Tollgate Forest, improving conditions across over 50 acres of this City of North Bend property and along 3,000 feet of both banks of the South Fork Snoqualmie River. This project will emphasize the control of nonnative weeds through manual, mechanical, and chemical practices, the planting of native trees and understory species, and the protection and establishment of plantings. Work will be completed by the Greenway Trust's seasonal restoration crew and overseen by restoration program staff. This project will accomplish the planting of 2,500 native trees and shrubs and 1,500 live stakes.	3	**$0**	**$110,550**	**$0**
				WRIA 7 SUBTOTALS	**$1,244,896**	**$5,054,966**	**$2,399,991**
WRIA 8							
HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS							
8	**Carey Creek at 276th SE Fish Passage**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Construct a 135-foot-long fish passable structure bridge to replace the barrier culvert where 276th Ave SE, crosses over Carey Creek in Hobart, WA. The new bridge will allow all species and life stages of fish to move freely under the bridge and provide salmon access to 4.43 miles of high-quality stream habitat.	9	$2,206,900	$500,000	**$500,000**
8	**Lower Thornton Creek Restoration and Fish Passage Improvements Feasibility Study**	*Seattle Public Utilities*	A feasibility study will identify opportunities to improve salmon habitat in lower Thornton and tributary Maple Creek. Study sites include Thornton Creek mouth, Thornton Creek Natural Area, a King County Wastewater facility, Maple Creek ravine, and seven SPU-owned culverts. The resulting high level concept report will inform future projects to address several recovery strategies on Thornton Creek.	1	$50,000	$239,567	**$239,567**
8	**Conceptual Action Plan Guiding Whale Scout Programming at the Former Wayne Golf Course**	*Whale Scout*	Whale Scout partners with the City of Bothell, engaging students and the community in riparian restoration and salmon recovery education along the Sammamish River at the former Wayne Golf Course. The goal of this project is to plan future efforts following the City-led "Wayne Open Space Action Plan" currently underway and the Waynita/Sammamish restoration project nearing construction.	1	$25,000	$31,292	**$31,292**

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8	**Project Name: Issaquah Miyawaki Forest – Establishment Phase**	*Issaquah Alps Trails Club*	Establish stewardship of a 15,000-sq-ft Miyawaki riparian forest along 220 ft of Issaquah Creek. Activities will ensure ≥85% plant survival, improve stream shading and bank stability for Chinook salmon, and support a youth internship program and community stewardship events.	3	$20,000	$25,000	**$25,000**
8	**Dock Permitting Portal: Lake Sammamish & South Lake Washington**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	Mid Sound and Trout Unlimited will develop a dock permitting portal to help shoreline residents navigate permitting and implement salmon-friendly dock improvements. Partnering with WDFW and other permitting agencies, the portal will reduce barriers, increase landowner knowledge, and serve as a scalable framework for additional shoreline restoration actions.	3, 6	$0	$50,474	**$50,474**
8	**Seidel Creek Habitat Restoration and Connectivity**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	Connect and expand existing healthy riparian and in-stream habitat on Seidel Creek from the confluence with Bear Creek to approximately 1300 linear feet upstream and to address environmental and point-sources of thermal pollution in Seidel Creek.	3	$0	$246,598	**$246,598**
8	**May Creek Delta Restoration**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	This project will advance 30% designs to final design and permitting for the restoration of the mouth of May Creek, a tributary of South Lake Washington. When constructed, the project will restore shallow-water habitat for juvenile Chinook through vegetated delta islands and placement of large and fine woody material.	5	$0	$414,669	**$414,669**
8	**Laughing Jacobs Creek Restoration Construction (Reach 1)**	*Trout Unlimited*	Laughing Jacobs Creek is one of the larger tributaries of Lake Sammamish and provides an important rest stop for juvenile Chinook salmon on their migration to the sound. This project includes improvement of ~500 ft of stream, removal of armoring and invasive plants, creation of a floodplain and riaprian area, installtion of 18 instram wood structures, and replacement of two crossings.	3	$5,000	$1,592,909	**$992,665**
8	238th Avenue NE and NE 70th Street Culvert Replacement	*King County, DLS, Road Services Division*	King County will replace a failed metal culvert at the 238th Ave NE crossing of an unnamed tributary to Evans Creek with a new culvert that improves fish passage, accommodates flood flows and future climate conditions, and restores ecological connectivity. The project will also restore 30 feet of stream channel upstream and downstream to support sediment transport and stabilize the streambed.	3	$0	$1,394,333	$0

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RIPARIAN PROJECTS							
8	**Bear Creek Riparian Restoration**	*EarthCorps*	Riparian restoration along Bear Creek will support salmon recovery by improving riparian condition, water quality, and habitat complexity in a key salmonid-bearing stream. EarthCorps crews will remove invasive species and protect, enhance, and install native plants. Work will occur adjacent to Juel Park, building on existing restoration efforts along other reaches and tributaries of Bear Creek.	3	$46,000	$152,433	**$152,433**
8	**Student and Community-led Riparian Restoration Maintenance at the former Wayne Golf Course**	*Whale Scout*	This project will engage diverse audiences and students in maintaining five acres of newly planted riparian habitat along the Sammamish River at the Former Wayne Golf Course. Over 1,220 community members will participate in 10 inclusive education events and 36 volunteer events, and 182 K-college students will gain hands-on experience, including four paid living-wage internships.	1	$9,900	$104,891	**$104,891**
8	**Bear Creek Learning Lab for UW Bothell Capstone Research Students**	*Whale Scout*	Whale Scout has partnered with Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group engaging University of Washington Bothell students in capstone riparian restoration research projects on a King County Roads property on Bear Creek. Whale Scout is seeking grant support to host two more years of future student cohorts at this site.	3	$53,480	$46,586	**$46,586**
8	**Lake Sammamish UWRP Riparian Stewardship – Phase II**	*Trout Unlimited*	This project continues riparian stewardship along Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks, key juvenile Chinook migration and rearing corridors. With a primary focus on Issaquah Creek, work will expand upstream and downstream of the Pickering Reach to include the Animal Hospital property and Emily Darst Park, using volunteers and professional and WCC crews to carry out stewardship activities.	3	$0	$152,553	**$152,553**
8	**Bear Creek Knotweed Treatment Program**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	The project continues critical knotweed control in the Bear Creek watershed (WRIA 8 2024 4-year work plan #BCLC-2-BB) to support ESA-listed Chinook. Mid Sound will engage private and public landowners to monitor and treat knotweed infestations and install replacement plantings where control has been successful. Landowner outreach will identify opportunities for future treatment and revegetation.	3	$15,973	$179,983	**$179,983**

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8	**Cedar River Riparian Restoration at Belmondo Reach & Dorre Don Natural Area**	*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust*	Restore 24.8 acres of riparian habitat along the Cedar River at the Belmondo Reach and Dorre Don Natural Areas. The project will control invasive species and install 15,000 native trees and shrubs to improve salmon habitat and support long-term restoration and maintenance efforts.	9	$5,219	$303,825	**$158,000**
8	Issaquah Salmon Hatchery Invasive Bamboo Removal	*Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery*	Remove bamboo, rebuild and stabilize the riverbank, add critical salmon habitat and plant native species. The site will be incorporated into outreach programming highlighting active salmon recovery efforts to the public, school tours & community groups. The long-term impact includes reducing storm impacts in downtown Issaquah and removing invasive bamboo.	3	$0	$174,947	$0
MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECTS							
8	**2027 Lake Washington Fish Predation Monitoring**	*Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*	Assess the utility of gill netting and trap netting as techniques for capturing and reducing the abundance of predator fish in Lake Washington. Gill netting and trap netting will target non-native fish that prey on juvenile salmon rearing in Lake Washington. Most netting work will occur in the south end of Lake Washington (south of I-90) and will target species known to prey on Chinook and sockeye fry that emigrate from the Cedar River to rear in shoreline areas of south Lake Washington.	1, 2, 5, 6, 9	$0	$180,000	**$180,000**
8	**Assessing the Value of Freshwater Habitats Through Juvenile Chinook Prey Availability and Foraging**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Compare invertebrate prey and juvenile Chinook salmon diets across five habitats in the Cedar River. We will sample four replicates of each habitat four times across spring to understand how prey availability and foraging vary among habitats, through time, and in response to changing conditions. This study will inform holistic decisions about where and how to restore salmon habitat.	5, 9	$10,000	$164,715	**$164,715**
8	**A Life-cycle Model and Integrated Population Model for Cedar River Chinook Salmon**	*Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*	WDFW will use a life-cycle model and an integrated population model for wild Cedar River Chinook salmon using life stage–specific metrics derived from long-term monitoring on the Cedar River. Using these two approaches, we will identify stage-specific constraints on adult returns, evaluate alternative recovery scenarios and test covariates that are hypothesized to influence adult returns.	1, 2, 4, 6, 9	$0	$101,513	**$101,513**

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8	**2027 Chinook (Fish-In) Monitoring**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Provide resources to assist with inter-agency monitoring of spawning Chinook salmon in WRIA 8. The primary goal of this work includes weekly carcass and biosampling surveys of the Cedar River (September through November), including Chinook length, sex, origin, pre-spawn mortality, egg retention, and supplemental collection of otoliths, scales, and potential tags.	5, 9	$2,160	$32,285	**$32,285**
8	**Evaluation of a Low-cost ALAN Mitigation Tool**	*US Fish and Wildlife Service*	Evaluate the threshold of light reduction required to decrease predation risk. We will use predation event recorders to compare predation risk at varying lux levels created by three tint shades of glass film and a control. If effective, use of tinted glass film could be a cost-effective management tool for reducing juvenile salmon predation in areas of point source light pollution.	5	$42,910	$52,960	**$52,960**
8	**Monitoring 6PPD-Q to Inform Stormwater and Salmon Recovery Actions in WRIA 8**	*Three Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited*	Monitor the tire-derived contaminant 6PPD-quinone in Issaquah Creek and the Cedar River to identify where and when stormwater contamination occurs in salmon-bearing streams. Passive samplers, storm-event autosamplers, and fish bioassays will inform targeted stormwater management, guide mitigation actions, and support salmon recovery in WRIA 8.	3, 5, 9	$46,000	$125,614	**$125,614**
8	**LWSC Data Gaps 2.3 - Salmon Behavior Study Design**	Long Live the Kings	High temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels in the Lake Washington Ship Canal are a major barrier to the recovery of ESA-listed Chinook and other salmonids. To find solutions to this major barrier to salmon recovery, this project is developing a study plan to assess salmon behavior in response to water quality changes, especially supplemental cold water.	2, 4	$51,000	$61,283	**$61,283**
8	**Quantifying Long Term Artificial Light at Night Trends**	US Geological Survey	Establish paired long term ALAN monitoring stations that will assess nocturnal light intensity and duration of elevated light overtime to understand the cumulative impact of ALAN as a stressor on salmon. This monitoring will be used to determine effects of ongoing regional lighting upgrades and mitigation efforts in limiting ambient light in the WRIA8 watershed.	1, 9	$0	$38,391	**$38,391**
8	**Aquatic Weed Treatment near the Confluence of Issaquah Creek**	Trout Unlimited	This project expands Trout Unlimited's aquatic invasive plant management work to the mouth of Issaquah Creek to reduce predator habitat and improve nearshore conditions for juvenile Chinook salmon and other important salmonids. Treatment across ~20 acres will be coordinated with co-manager predator suppression efforts and paired with monitoring to inform adaptive management and future actions.	3	$11,500	$122,909	**$122,909**

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8	Using Mark-Recapture Techniques to Estimate Chinook Passage Through the Fish Ladder at Ballard Locks	*Sno-King Watershed Council*	To determine the relative importance of Chinook salmon entering the fish ladder at Ballard Locks multiple times and mortality between the fish ladder and the spawning grounds in the discrepancy between counts at the ladder and on the spawning grounds, Chinook will be photo-identified and mark-recapture techniques will be used to determine the actual run size entering the ladder.	4	$0	$50,000	$0
8	Lake Washington Fish Assemblage Assessment Netting	*Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*	Assessment of Warmwater fish assemblage in Lake Washington through standardized gillnetting. This project WDFW proposes will utilize standardized gillnets and randomized sampling techniques to assess warmwater fish populations in Lake Washington, through the use of standardized sampling practices developed by WDFW to assess and monitor the warmwater fish populations in lakes.	1, 5, 6, 9	$0	$60,000	$0
8	Lake Sammamish Mysis Assessment to Inform WRIA 8 Water Quality and Salmon Recovery-Pilot	*Three Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited*	This pilot project will assess the presence, distribution, and ecological role of the non-native zooplankton Mysis diluviana in Lake Sammamish. Field sampling, laboratory analysis, and water quality monitoring will evaluate how mysids influence lake food webs, nutrient cycling, and habitat conditions relevant to multi-species salmon recovery in WRIA 8.	3, 6	$0	$60,000	$0
OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROJECTS							
8	**Mountains to Sound Greenway Forests & Fins Education Program (2027-2028)**	*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust*	"Forests and Fins" is the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust's 4th-12th grade curriculum that builds support and promotes behavior changes critical to long-term salmon recovery efforts in WRIA 8. Five hundred students will evaluate the health of Issaquah Creek and do riparian restoration that contributes to larger efforts. Expenses include Plant ID Cards, raincoats, plants, and school buses.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	$13,000	$80,075	**$80,075**
8	**Salmon Pathways: Building Community Stewardship**	*ECOSS*	Salmon Pathways engages immigrant and refugee communities in salmon recovery stewardship across WRIA 8 through outdoor learning, watershed site visits, and community engagement activities. The program builds long-term community awareness and stewardship by connecting families and youth with restoration sites and partners working to recover salmon habitat.	2, 4, 5	$25,000	$64,882	**$64,882**

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8	**Cedar River Salmon Stewards**	*Environmental Science Center*	Cedar River Salmon Stewards builds an inspired, informed community around salmon recovery through education and outreach. Experienced volunteers facilitate observations of salmon habitat and migration, hold meaningful conversations with participants about salmon needs and recovery and connect visitors with actions they can take to support an equitable and thriving watershed for salmon and people.	4, 5, 9	$12,800	$39,264	**$39,264**
8	**Salmon Heroes: Improving Stewardship Behaviors Through Science-based Field Studies**	*Environmental Science Center*	Salmon Heroes is a multi-part program for WRIA 8 students and their teachers in 4th-8th grade reaching 40 classes (approximately 1,000 students). Using salmon as a local phenomenon to center the program, Salmon Heroes increases knowledge of local salmon habitat needs, challenges to their survival, and actions they can take to help keep our waters healthy for salmon and humans alike.	5, 9	$121,500	$20,000	**$20,000**
8	**Community Action Training School 2027 - 2028**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	Community Action Training School is a free program that guides participants through a robust series of 7 classes and 4 field experiences focusing on scientific, social, cultural, and political issues important to watershed health and salmon recovery. Participants will either work independently or with Mid Sound project partners to create a 32+ hour salmon-related stewardship action project.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	$0	$68,156	**$68,156**
8	**Advancing Lake Sammamish STREAM Connections**	*Trout Unlimited*	STREAM Connections engages students and community members in salmon recovery through place-based learning in the Lake Sammamish watershed. Delivered with UWRP partners, the program connects classroom education, field experiences, and community engagement to build lasting stewardship and support for salmon.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	$0	$74,355	**$74,355**
8	Salmon Cultural Plaza	*Discover Your Northwest*	A phased project, this effort expands education at the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks for 1.5M+ annual visitors about salmon migration while creating a cultural space honoring native connections to Pacific Northwest salmon through Native design and interpretive signs. Grant funds will support development of a master plan, fundraising strategy, and public outreach materials.	District 4	$0	$20,000	$0
8	Issaquah Salmon Hatchery Education &	*Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery*	FISH proposes to develop a 12-week internship program (SMOLT – Salmon Migration & Outreach Leadership Traineeship), designed to showcase environmental career pathways, to recruit & train up to 5 interns. The program will expand FISH's capacity	3	$0	$56,100	$0

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	Outreach Internship program		to reach community, provide school tours, off-site tours, work with partners & highlight salmon recovery efforts at the hatchery during busy fall season.				
8	Reading to Rivers - Clean Water for the King County Library System	*Salmon-Safe*	Leveraging the King County Library System (KCLS) Climate Action Plan's commitment to site environmental improvements, the project provides a pilot assessment of the Renton and Sammamish library sites that will lead to assessment of KCLS's properties for water quality, conservation, habitat, operations and maintenance. We will host public awareness events for salmon education at both sites.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	$0	$35,000	$0
8	North Lake Washington Creekside HOA & MHP Outreach and Education	*Adopt A Stream Foundation*	Identify Homeowner Association communities (HOA's) and Mobile Home Parks (MHP's) on or near priority creeks in WRIA8. Conduct educational workshops and stream visits to teach residents about salmon recovery, riparian stewardship, native plant landscapes, water quality, water conservation, and pollution prevention. Design up to 20 native plant landscapes. Obtain written stewardship commitments.	1, 3, 6	$0	$87,373	$0
				WRIA 8 Subtotals	**$2,773,342**	**$7,204,935**	**$4,521,113**
WRIA 9							
HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS							
9	**Nelsen Side Channel**	*Tukwila, City of*	Restores off channel habitat for juvenile Chinook, reduces flood risk, and improves public access. Creates a 5-acre restoration footprint – including expanded rearing habitat and restored riparian forest – and advances the project to full design.	5	$0	$1,338,000	**$250,732**
9	**Spring Beach Armoring Removal**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	This project designs and permits the restoration of 180 feet of marine shoreline on southwest Vashon Island's shoreline. Using a barge, the restoration will remove the two rows of treated wood bulkhead materials and two cabins.	8	$700,000	$690,000	**$690,000**
9	Marine View Park South Extension	*Normandy Park, City of*	Acquisition totaling 6.5 acres which includes almost 400 feet of Puget Sound Shoreline. This acquisition is part of the city's long-range plan to connect over one mile of shoreline from Beaconsfield through City of Des Moines' Beach Park.	7	$0	$975,000	$0

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9	**WRIA 9 Project Implementation 2027**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Funding supports implementation of projects and programs in the Green/Duwamish watershed including development of funding strategies, technical support, solicitation of new projects, program tracking and measurement, and status and trends work.	2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	$180,000	$200,000	**$200,000**
9	**Intake Creek Fish Passage Improvement**	*Trout Unlimited*	The Intake Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project will restore fish access to 1.0 mile of upstream tributary habitat in the Upper Green River. The project will replace an existing culverted road crossing barrier on FSR 52 with a 100-ft bridge.	9	$1,432,600	$214,946	**$214,946**
9	**Arroyos Natural Area Shoreline Restoration Feasibility Assessment**	*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust*	The Greenway Trust will work with the Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation to complete a geotechnical feasibility analysis of shoreline restoration and armoring removal at the city-owned Arroyos Natural Area (plan number NS-49).	8	$10,000	$126,525	**$126,525**
9	**Mill Creek Wetland Complex Feasibility**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	Mid Sound will revegetate 4.85 acres of tributary and wetland area and create conceptual designs for an in-stream project on mainstem Mill Creek on an adjacent 13.85 acres, resulting in 3,450 linear feet of revegetated riparian area in Auburn.	7	$150,000	$244,914	**$125,000**
9	**Soos Creek Supplemental Wood Exploration**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	Mid Sound proposes to expand upon a 2016 Feasibility Study by King County to explore adding large woody debris to the lower mile of Soos Creek at the Hatchery Natural Area, a critical area for salmon significantly lacking in vital stream complexity.	9	$0	$153,169	**$153,169**
9	**Des Moines Creek Estuary Restoration - Final Design**	*Des Moines, City of*	Continuation and completion of the Des Moines Creek Estuary Restoration project's final design including permits.	5	$0	$350,000	**$150,000**
9	Beaconsfield Feeder Bluff - Acquisition	*Normandy Park, City of*	Normandy Park is pursuing acquisition of six remaining Beaconsfield parcels to consolidate ownership and support potential future shoreline restoration. Acquiring is a critical step to improve nearshore habitat identified in the Salmon Habitat Plan.	7	$0	$30,000	$0
9	Normandy Park Shoreline Restoration	*Normandy Park, City of*	Demolish multiple structures and hardscape on recently acquired shoreline parcels to convert the property back to open space.	7	$0	$62,500	$0

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WRIA	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Project Description	KCC Dist No.	Secured Leveraged Funds	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended by WRIA
9	**Normandy Park Culvert Correction at The Cove**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	The project will assess an identified fish passage barrier and conduct preliminary investigation and feasibility analysis to develop a correction and removal strategy that restores fish passage and advances watershed connectivity goals	7	$0	$35,227	**$35,227**
9	**Normandy Park Swim Club Fish Passage Barrier Removal**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	The proposed project includes feasibility and the removal/relocation of a fence that has been deemed a fish passage barrier by WDFW.	7	$0	$20,488	**$20,488**
9	Duwamish Hill Preserve Phase 3	*Tukwila, City of*	Restore four new parcels at Duwamish Hill Preserve through invasive species removal, native planting, and trail installation to improve upland–shoreline integration and advance salmon recovery goals along the Duwamish.	2	$0	$200,725	$0
9	Lower Shinglemill LWD & BDA Final Design	*Vashon Maury Island Land Trust*	Lower Shinglemill Creek suffers from a lack of wood and simplified channels. We will develop a final design for an LWD installation to re-create braiding and pools that will provide better rearing habitat for juvenile Chinook and other salmonids.	8	$0	$155,000	$0
9	**North Maury Bulkhead Removal**	*Vashon Maury Island Land Trust*	Remove 120 feet of creosote post and beam bulkhead and remove the fill behind it to restore a natural marine shoreline that will provide surf smelt spawning areas as well as forage and safe passage for juvenile Chinook salmon.	8	$250,000	$111,000	**$111,000**
9	Vashon Hangar Removal & Nearshore Restoration	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group will remove derelict seaplane hangar from Vashon beach and restore natural processes to benefit outmigrating salmon habitat & coastal resilience.	8	$0	$270,000	$0
9	**Auburn Narrows Restoration - Construction**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Construct the Auburn Narrows Restoration Project in 2027 to increase off-channel salmon habitat, primarily rearing habitat, adjacent to Green River. Rearing habitat is primary limiting factor for Chinook and steelhead recovery in the watershed.	9	$750,000	$1,000,000	**$1,000,000**
9	**Lower Springbrook Creek Restoration Phase 1**	*Renton, City of*	Improve water quality and bank stability at two pilot sites (RM 0.0-0.6) to scale future recovery efforts and develop and implement a Corridor Management Plan. This will improve salmon habitat via vegetation management.	5	$90,000	$434,000	**$120,000**

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RIPARIAN PROJECTS							
9	**Upper Hamm Creek and Turning Point Riparian Revegetation**	*EarthCorps*	Through native plant installation and vegetation management, including the use of manual, mechanical, and chemical control, EarthCorps will improve riparian revegetation along upper Hamm Creek and Duwamish Turning Point.	8	$79,285	$73,822	**$73,822**
9	**Green River and Christy Creek Planting**	*Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission*	Revegetate 13,000 square feet of riparian area along the Green River and Christy Creek in Flaming Geyser State Park. It will also add shade trees in the park day use area, located on the southern bank of the Green River.	9	$0	$50,000	**$50,000**
9	**Burns Creek Wyman Morris**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	Restore riparian habitat along 1,300 linear ft of Burns creek on 2 acres of private property in Auburn. Noxious weeds will be removed, and 2,000 native trees and shrubs will be planted to improve habitat for salmon.	9	$0	$74,960	**$74,960**
9	**Revegetation at Foster Golf Links**	*Seattle Parks Foundation*	Restore 2+ acres of riparian forest between the public greens and river. We will enhance a weedy seasonal depression, address erosion, and plant a mixed conifer/deciduous canopy to add height, shade and add habitat density on the exposed edge.	8	$40,000	$75,096	**$60,000**
9	**Lower Green Riparian Maintenance Phase VI**	*Seattle Parks Foundation*	Maintain previously funded Lower Green sites in various stages of restoration through adaptive management: remove invasives, replant, restore nearshore areas with willow staking, provide irrigation, and add erosion control along unstable slopes.	5, 8	$40,000	$40,000	**$40,000**
9	**SeaTac - Des Moines Creek Park invasive plant removal and replanting**	*City of SeaTac*	Sea-Tac Des Moines Creek Park invasive removal and native replanting in buffer adjacent to Des Moines Creek. Funds will be used to hire crews for invasive removal, procure plant material, and hire crews for planting and summer watering.	5	$0	$150,000	**$50,000**
9	**Horsehead Bend Natural Area Phase 3**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Phase 3 of the Horsehead Bend Natural Area restoration will restore 6 acres of forested riparian buffer along 2,300 ft. of the Lower Green River through invasive weed control and planting to improve shade, water quality, and salmon habitat.	7	$0	$150,000	**$150,000**
9	**2026 CWM Hess Site and Expansion**	*Green River Coalition*	Work on two adjacent sites covering the both the north and south sides of Big Soos Creek, with maintenance for our existing "Hess" site and a planting expansion to two new sites on the parcel.	9	$2,000	$40,000	**$40,000**

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9	CWM 2026 Little Soos Creek Restoration	*Green River Coalition*	Continue our restoration work along Little Soos Creek at previously worked ICL and Young sites. We aim to continue our maintenance at both properties and expand into an approximately 2-acre plot at our ICL site.	9	$0	$40,000	$0
9	2026 CWM Palmer Slough Phase 1	*Green River Coalition*	Continue our restoration efforts at our Palmer Slough site, south of the Howard Hanson Dam, continuing our partnerships with Tacoma Waters and Nicoterra Trails. This site serves as a critical salmon passage with signs of spawning.	9	$0	$25,000	$0
9	**Millcreek Riparian Corridor Restoration**	*Free The Green*	Restore 3.5 acres along Mill Creek by removing invasives and planting 4,800 native trees and shrubs to increase shade, improve water quality, enhance habitat, and engage the community in salmon recovery.	5	$30,000	$115,000	**$50,000**
MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECTS							
9	**Green River Screw Trap - 2027**	*Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*	Operate Green River smolt trap to estimate abundance of out-migrating salmonids and investigate their life history diversity.	2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	$0	$93,000	**$93,000**
9	**Assessing the Value of Freshwater Habitats Through Juvenile Chinook Salmon Prey Availability and Foraging Opportunities**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	To date, research has focused on salmon abundance and physical habitat. We will investigate how prey availability and juvenile Chinook diets vary across habitats and time. This information will help incorporate food web perspectives into the SHP.	5, 7, 9	$10,000	$249,494	**$249,494**
9	Lower Duwamish Invasive Assessment & Control	*EarthCorps*	EarthCorps will evaluate selective control techniques for nonnative cattails at Salmon Cove Park and conduct mapping and assessment of the presence of nonnative cattails and perennial pepperweed along River Mile 0 to River Mile 10 of the Duwamish.	8	$0	$19,050	$0
9	**Addressing Stormwater Impacts on Chinook in Runoff-Impaired Watersheds**	*Washington State University*	Documenting the impacts of stormwater runoff on Chinook salmon is critical to supporting population recovery in Puget Sound Watersheds. We will demonstrate effects by rearing in runoff-impacted water from fertilization to smolt.	5, 8	$42,484	$165,000	**$165,000**

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9	**Tracking Juvenile Chinook Salmon Use of the Duwamish River with Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) Tags**	*University of Washington, Office of Sponsored Programs*	We will conduct a Year 2 study on juvenile Chinook salmon residency in the Duwamish River and nearshore Elliott Bay, including PIT tagging 8,000 hatchery juvenile Chinook salmon and using mobile PIT detection nets to monitor for tagged fish.	9	$0	$150,415	**$150,415**
9	**WRIA 9 Status & Trends: Lower Green & Duwamish Large Wood Survey**	*King County Water & Land Resources Division*	Two King County staff will spend up to five days during August/September low flows surveying large wood in the Lower Green and Duwamish from river mile 32.1 (Fenster) to river mile 0 (Mouth of Duwamish) to meet status & trends monitoring commitments.	2, 5, 7, 8, 9	$0	$20,000	**$20,000**
OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROJECTS							
9	**Delridge Greenspace Restoration and Education - Year 3**	*Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association*	DNDA partners with schools and volunteers across parks and greenspaces in Delridge and West Seattle to provide environmental education, lead restoration events, monitor water quality, and foster youth leadership and community stewardship.	8	$68,000	$35,638	**$35,638**
9	**Burien Green Teens – Year 3**	*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust*	Burien Green Teens is a two-week paid internship for 12 teens and 2 Assistant Leaders, providing green career training centered on Salmon Creek Ravine while reducing barriers with stipends, meals, and gear and advancing WRIA 9 watershed goals.	8	$5,000	$23,100	**$23,100**
9	**Environmental Heroes: Improving Watershed Health and Salmon Habitat Through Education and Outreach - Year 3**	*Environmental Science Center*	Environmental Science Center will use a combination of in-school field study programs and free community outreach programs to reach over 3,900 WRIA 9 students, teachers, and the general public with salmon and watershed education.	2, 5, 7, 8, 9	$187,500	$59,400	**$59,400**
9	**BeachNET: engaging communities for a healthy Puget Sound - Year 3**	*Vashon Nature Center*	Vashon Nature Center's BeachNET program engages families and students from Vashon and the surrounding mainland in learning about and stewarding island beaches, streams and marine areas through hands-on field research and monitoring projects.	8	$40,000	$38,016	**$38,016**

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9	**Youth Watershed Education, Stewardship, and Community Science - Year 3**	*Nature Vision*	Nature Vision will provide custom water quality and wastewater education programs, including field trips with small scale restoration projects and community science, to 6 classes of 150 students in the Green/Duwamish Watershed.	2, 5, 7, 8, 9	$92,838	$23,159	**$23,159**
9	**Salmon in Schools - Year 3**	*Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*	SIS facilitates the rearing of salmon fry in schools, delivers lessons on the importance of salmon within larger ecosystems, and asks that students think broadly about the historical, cultural, and environmental significance of Puget Sound salmon.	5, 7, 8, 9	$59,339	$15,771	**$15,771**
				WRIA 9 Subtotals	**$4,259,046**	**$8,337,415**	**$4,658,862**
WRIA 10							
10	**White River Juvenile Assessment**	*Puyallup Tribe of Indians Fisheries*	This monitoring project will sample the outmigration of juvenile salmon during late winter and spring of 2027 on the White River to estimate abundance, run timing and detail biological characteristics of ESA listed salmon species.	7, 9	$0	$267,775	**$267,775**
10	**Greenwater River Instream Habitat Restoration**	*Trout Unlimited*	This restoration project will install large wood structures and remove legacy road fill from the floodplain along 1 mile of the Greenwater River.	9	$650,000	$353,124	**$353,124**
10	Boise Creek Riparian Restoration	*EarthCorps*	This riparian restoration project will plant and maintain restoration areas along Boise Creek, a stormwater ditch, and regional trail.	9	$0	$106,635	$0
				WRIA 10 Subtotals	**$650,000**	**$727,534**	**$620,899**
ALL CWM TOTALS					**$8,887,284**	**$21,324,850**	**$12,200,865**

SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED FORUM

Working together for salmon recovery and watershed health.

Carnation

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North Bend

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Tulalip Tribes

May 20, 2026

Supervisor Reagan Dunn, Chair
King County Flood Control District
516 3rd Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Funding Recommendations for 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grants

Dear Chair Dunn,

On behalf of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum (Forum), we would like to express our gratitude to the King County Flood Control District (FCD) for supporting important regional salmon recovery work. The Forum is a partnership of elected officials, citizens and representatives from conservation organizations supporting salmon recovery and ecological health in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Watersheds (spanning the King County portion of Water Resource Inventory Area 7). Member governments include King County, the Snoqualmie Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, the cities of Duvall, Carnation, North Bend and Snoqualmie, and the Town of Skykomish.

We would like to present the attached Forum funding recommendations for the 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Grant Program funded through the FCD. The projects and programs on the list have been vetted according to King County's CWM Grant Program rules and procedures. The recommended projects and programs have also been thoroughly reviewed and prioritized by the Forum's local Project Review Committee and were approved by the Forum on May 20, 2026.

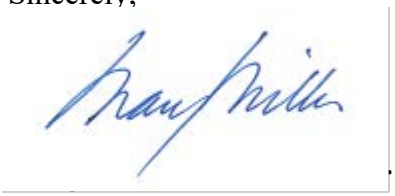
Through the 2026 CWM Grant Program, the Forum received $2,399,991 (including $6,816 in return funds), to allocate to high-priority salmon recovery projects and programs. In this grant round, we received 24 final proposals for a total request of over $5 million, resulting in a $2.6 million funding shortfall.

We recommend funding 16 of the 24 proposals received this grant round. These grant funds help implement critical salmon recovery priorities called for in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan, including habitat restoration projects, watershed education and sustaining critical capital project coordination activities. Many of our high priority salmon restoration projects provide multiple benefits, including flood hazard risk reduction, water quality improvements, and landowner stewardship.

As you know, our efforts in WRIA 7 are part of the overall regional effort to recover threatened Puget Sound Chinook salmon as well as other salmonids, and we have been engaged with our partners in that effort for over 25 years. These CWM funds are a crucial component of our habitat acquisition and restoration funding that allows us to move important salmon recovery projects forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Ryan-Peñuela, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Salmon Recovery Manager, at (206) 707-1354.

Sincerely,



Mayor, City of North Bend Mayor

Cc: Michelle Clark, Executive Director, King County Flood Control District
Josh Baldi, Director, King County Water and Land Resources Division
Kim Harper, King County, Grant Program Administrator
Erin Ryan-Peñuela, Snoqualmie Salmon Recovery Manager

Attachments

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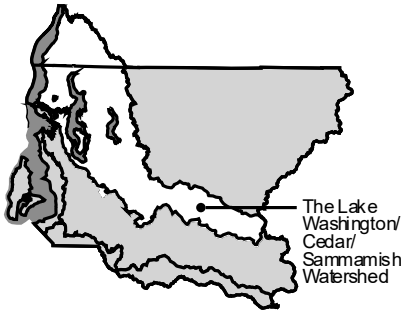

May 21, 2026

Supervisor Reagan Dunn, Chair
King County Flood Control District
516 3rd Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Funding Recommendations for 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grants

Dear Chair Dunn:

On behalf of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, thank you to the King County Flood Control District for supporting important salmon recovery work through the Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Grant Program. The WRIA 8 partnership is comprised of 28 local governments, businesses, community groups, and state and federal agencies who have been working since 2000 to recover Chinook salmon and improve the health of our watershed.

Please find attached the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council's approved funding recommendations for the 2026 CWM Grant Program. We recommend awards for 29 salmon recovery projects and programs, obligating the entire amount available to us in 2026 – $4,521,113. All proposals are consistent with CWM program rules and procedures and were evaluated and prioritized by the WRIA 8 Grant Review Committee, and funding recommendations were approved by the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council on May 21.

In this year's grant cycle, we received 38 applications for funding across all categories. As in recent years, there continues to be strong demand for grant funds to support this important work across all categories of funding. We greatly appreciate the Flood Control District's commitment to the CWM Grant Program and look forward to the important work that will be accomplished with 2026 grant funds. This funding provides critical support to salmon recovery efforts in our watershed and helps leverage additional state and federal funding. We appreciate the Flood Control District's ongoing commitment to and collaboration in multiple benefit floodplain restoration and salmon recovery.

All documents associated with the request for proposals and the review process are posted on our public website. Application materials and our Salmon Recovery Council funding recommendation memo have been made available to District staff. Please feel free to contact Carrie Byron, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager, at 206-573-6056 or cbyron@kingcounty.gov for further information.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Kritzer
Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council
Councilmember, City of Redmond

Carston Curd
Vice-Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council
Councilmember, City of Bothell

Cc: Michelle Clark, Executive Director, King County Flood Control District
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Carrie Byron, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager
WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council members

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 9 (WRIA 9) WATERSHED ECOSYSTEM FORUM

Making Our Watershed Fit For A King
Green / Duwamish & Central Puget Sound

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Renton
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Tacoma
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Covington Water District
Duwamish River Community Coalition
Green River Coalition
King Conservation District
King County Flood Control District
Master Builders Association
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Port of Seattle
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Green-Duwamish Urban Waters Partnership
Washington Department of Ecology
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington Department of Natural Resources

May 21, 2026

Supervisor Reagan Dunn, Chair
King County Flood Control District
King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Water Resource Inventory Area 9 (WRIA 9) Recommendations for Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Funding

Dear Chair Dunn and Flood Control District Supervisors,

On May 14, 2026, the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound (WRIA 9) Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) unanimously approved funding recommendations for the 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grant (CWM) Program. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, these projects will continue to advance implementation of priority elements of the 2021 WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan.

The $4.5 million in funding provides critical funding for twelve high priority capital projects that were prioritized based on the limiting factors for increasing salmon productivity in our watershed. In addition to these high priority capital projects, CWM funding will support nine community-based revegetation projects (Regreen the Green); five Monitoring and Research projects that inform monitoring and adaptive management; and six Stewardship, Engagement and Learning (SEaL) programs to expand education and outreach initiates within the watershed.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the $4,658,862 in CWM funds will be leveraged to secure a total investment of $7.46 million from federal, state, and local sources to implement WRIA 9 salmon recovery priorities. These investments exemplify the district's policy to invest in multiple benefit projects by building community, creating equitable jobs, protecting, and restoring critical habitat and infrastructure, and promoting environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your continued partnership in improving the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed.

Sincerely,

Co-chair Jennifer Harjehausen
Councilmember, City of Covington
Watershed Ecosystem Forum

Co-chair Toni Troutner
Councilmember, City of Kent
Watershed Ecosystem Forum

Financial support provided by signers of Watershed Planning Interlocal Agreement for WRIA 9 including:
Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Kent, King County, Maple Valley, Normandy Park, Renton, SeaTac, Seattle, Tacoma, Tukwila

May 20, 2026

Councilmember Reagan Dunn, Chair
King County Flood Control District
516 3rd Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Funding Recommendations for Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grants in WRIA 10

Dear Chair Dunn,

On behalf of the Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Group, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing commitment to protecting and restoring salmon habitat, and providing opportunities for outreach, education, and monitoring in the Puyallup-White River Watershed through the King County Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Grant Program.

The CWM grant significantly contributes to the advancement of high-priority salmon recovery efforts outlined in the Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration Strategy for the Puyallup and Chambers Watersheds. We are pleased to submit our 2026 funding recommendations for the Puyallup-White Watershed (WRIA 10), totaling $620,899. These projects have been thoroughly reviewed and approved in accordance with King County's CWM Program guidelines. Our advisory groups carefully assessed and ranked them based on salmon recovery benefits, feasibility, alignment with watershed strategies, and additional community benefits, including social and economic impacts.

We are once again very excited to recommend your continued support of the White River Juvenile Assessment Project, led by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. This critical monitoring effort provides foundational data essential to both local and regional recovery work, and with your support we now have 10 continuous years of data from the White River Screw Trap. We recommend fully funding the project at the requested amount of $267,775.

We are happy to have Trout Unlimited return as a project sponsor this year, with the Greenwater River Instream Habitat Restoration Project (RM 4.8-6.0). This project builds upon previously funded work in the Greenwater River and will increase floodplain connectivity and improve stream habitat conditions along 1.2 miles of the mainstem Greenwater River by installing 431 pieces of large wood at 85 structure sites, and by decompaction and removal of 1,400 cubic yards of anthropogenic legacy road fill from the active floodplain. Successful implementation of this project will increase large wood frequency and instream habitat complexity; improve riparian function and floodplain connectivity; and restore natural geomorphic processes in an area where habitat conditions have been degraded. We recommend fully funding this project at $353,124.

The proposed allocation of $620,899 is summarized in the table below:

Project Name	Project Type	Project Sponsor	Funding request
White River Juvenile Assessment Project	Monitoring	Puyallup Tribe of Indians Fisheries	$267,775
Greenwater River Instream Habitat Restoration Project (RM 4.8-6.0)	Design	Trout Unlimited	$353,124

These CWM grants are critical to achieving our broader mission of restoring self-sustaining salmon runs in the Puyallup-White Watershed and throughout Puget Sound. All the recommended actions this year bolster salmon populations on the White River and its tributaries, providing crucial habitat and filling data gaps for threatened steelhead, bull trout, and Chinook salmon. Notably, this watershed hosts South Puget Sound's only Spring Chinook run, a population identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service as one of only five hatchery stocks essential to the survival of the species across the region.

We are incredibly grateful for the King County Flood Control District's enduring partnership and investment in these highly productive habitats. All background documents related to the development of the project list, proposals, review process, and funding recommendations are available upon request.

Sincerely,

Jenn Stebbings,
Citizen Advisory Committee Chair
Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Lead Entity

cc: Michelle Clark, Executive Director, King County Flood Control District
Josh Baldi, King County Water and Land Resources Division
Kim Harper, King County, Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program Administrator
Lisa Spurrier, Pierce County, Puyallup & Chambers Watersheds Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Coordinator
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