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WDFW'S VOLUNTEER COOPERATIVE GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM BRIEFING



April 7, 2022

Grant Program Goal

Support organizations and individuals that utilize volunteers to implement projects throughout Washington State that...

- **Protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and their habitats**
- **Create, maintain and enhance recreational opportunities**
- **Educate the public about our fish and wildlife resources**
- **Conduct fish and wildlife science**

Funding

- **Source:** Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
- **Level:** ~\$867k per biennium
- **Limit:** 5% of funding allotment, ~\$43k max per project



Eligibility

- **Applicants: non-profits, conservation districts, schools, tribes and individual citizens**
- **Volunteers!**
- **Washington activity**
- **Project types:**

EDUCATION/OUTREACH



RESEARCH/CITIZEN SCIENCE



HABITAT



FACILITY DEVELOPMENT



ARTIFICIAL PRODUCTION



OTHER



Grant Timeline

- **December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023: Application period**
 - Applicants complete and submit an eligibility form
 - Application provided
 - Application support
- **March 1 - mid-May: review committee scoring**
- **June 1: decisions announced**
- **July 1: grant period begins**
- **June 30, 2025: grant period ends**

Evaluation Criteria

	Max Points
Consistency with WDFW Goals and Objectives	20
Public Benefit	15
Volunteer Effort	15
Costs/Benefits	15
Qualifications/Experience	10
Performance Measures	10
Focus on Priority Habitats and Species	5
Bonus: new applicants, previously unfunded projects	2
Total	92

Grant Period Activity

- **Conduct project**
- **Reimbursement requests**
 - Funds provided on a cost-reimbursement basis
 - Eligible costs: goods and services, volunteer mileage
 - Ineligible costs: salaries/benefits
- **WDFW field contact**
- **Quarterly reports**
- **Final report**

Project: WRIA 1 Community Salmon Habitat Restoration
Sponsor: Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association
Cost: \$13,050

Grantee completed the following at 6 project sites along 1.4 miles of stream:

- **Removed over 2 acres of Himalayan Blackberry**
- **Installed over 5,000 native plants**
- **Engaged 6 landowners in salmon habitat restoration**
- **Utilized over 500 community volunteers logging over 1,700 volunteer hours**





Questions?

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