

# Riparian Grant Program

## Mid-Biennium Funding Opportunity

### FY 2025-27



## What is the Riparian Grant Program?

The Riparian Grant Program provides funding for projects to restore and protect riparian habitat along rivers, streams, wetlands, and marine shorelines. Supported projects enhance water quality, strengthen habitat for fish and wildlife, increase climate resilience, and support long-term ecosystem health. Program information and guidelines are available at [scc.wa.gov/programs/riparian-grant-program](https://scc.wa.gov/programs/riparian-grant-program).

### Funding Available - \$3.2 million\*

**Eligible applicants:** Conservation districts

**Application funding limit:** \$250,000

**How to apply:**

- Application questions and budget template will be available on May 1, 2026 on the RGP webpage.
- Application and additional funding opportunity details will be available on May 8.
- Only one application per district, including all proposed projects, will be accepted.

*\*Funding available may be adjusted depending on returned funds*

## Eligible Project Types

Applications must be consistent with the RGP Guidelines. The following project types are eligible for funding:

### District-Implemented Projects (DIPs)



- District-led riparian planting and restoration.
- Riparian habitat improvement in priority areas.
- District staff time.

### Landowner Cost-Share Projects



- Financial and technical support for landowner-installed projects.
- Native tree and shrub planting on private and working lands.
- District staff time.

### Maintenance of Installed Practices



- Weed management in established buffers.
- Replanting and plant survival support.
- District staff time.

### Technical assistance, planning & monitoring



- Site assessment and restoration planning.
- Project design and coordination with partners.
- Monitoring to track plant survival and project performance.

## Schedule

**May 8 - June 5, 2026**  
Application window

**June 8 - 30**  
Application review

**July 1 - August 1**  
Awards announced

**Summer 2026 - June 30, 2027**  
Timeline for funding awards

# Funding Allocation

Funding has been allocated to the following project tracks. Multiple proposed projects can be included in any of the tracks within one application.

## Track 1

### Project Implementation

District-Implemented Projects (DIPs)  
Landowner Cost-Share Projects  
TA/Staff time  
50% of total funding  
\$1.6 million

## Track 2

### Project Maintenance

Existing sites  
TA/Staff time  
35% of total funding  
\$1,120,000

## Track 3

### Project Development

Technical assistance  
Planning & monitoring  
15% of total funding  
\$480,000

## Scoring Criteria

Projects within each track will be evaluated with the following criteria:

### Water Quality and Salmon Habitat Improvements - 60%

- Prioritized in existing salmon recovery/habitat plans or other documented local salmon recovery strategies
- Scope of work directly results in critical RMZ restoration, improvement to functional impairment, benefits to salmonids
- Located in area with identified water pollution concern

### Tribal Support - 5%

- Demonstrates Tribal support or involvement

### Budget and Schedule - 25%

- Budget is complete and reasonable for the scope and scale of the project(s)
- Schedule is realistic and likely to be completed within project period, planned metrics are identified

### Overburdened Communities and Vulnerable Populations - 5%

- Provides direct and meaningful benefits to under-served, vulnerable, or over-burdened communities

### Targeted Projects - 5%

- Located in same watershed as other restoration projects

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### About Conservation Districts

Conservation districts are locally-led, non-regulatory governments dedicated to natural resource management. All 39 Washington counties are served by at least one conservation district, bringing expertise and trusted relationships to meet conservation needs.



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