

## 2024 Grant Round At-A-Glance

**Programs in 2024:** The programs below will have simultaneous funding competition facilitated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) 2024 grant round.

- Salmon recovery program
- Riparian program
- PSAR program (Puget Sound only)
- PSAR Large Capital program (Puget Sound only)
- Targeted Investment program
- Monitoring program

### Combining funding

- Projects can only receive funding from multiple programs if:
  - o The worktypes are eligible in both programs; and
  - o The total funding from both programs does not exceed the total project funding requested.

Refer to [Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants](#) and RCO's [website](#) for the salmon program for detailed information on each of these programs. Puget Sound Lead Entities should also refer to the Puget Sound Partnership's PSAR [Large Capital RFP](#).

## Salmon Recovery Program

### [Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants](#)

- **Funding:** Funding may come from the following sources -
  - o We anticipate the grant round will be between \$20 million to \$27 million, from state capital funds and federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding (PCSRF). RCO will likely finalize the grant round amount by June 2024, when we expect to be notified of the federal PCSRF award. Funding is allocated to salmon recovery regions and lead entities, which hold local grant competitions.
- **Reviewing:** Local lead entity technical committees, and the state SRFB Review Panel will review projects. Site visits will occur February – May.
- **Ranking:** Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2024.
- **Timing:** Projects will be funded in September 2024 according to ranked lists developed by local lead entities.
- **Match requirements:** 15% match for most project types. Exceptions include:
  - o Design-only projects which develop preliminary or final designs, under \$350,000, and can be completed within 24 months after the September funding meeting are not required to provide match.
  - o Restoration projects located in Intensively Monitored Watersheds are not required to provide match.

- Projects with the primary purpose of riparian planting that meet minimum riparian buffer widths may qualify for zero match. See [Appendix K](#) of Manual 18 for details.
- Acquisition projects with an upland portion greater than 50% are required to provide additional match. Acquisitions with 50-75% upland area are required to provide 25% match; acquisitions with greater than 75% upland area are required to provide 35% match.
- **Types of projects:**
  - Restoration, Acquisition, Planning, or combination thereof.
  - Monitoring is not allowed.
  - There are limitations on the amount of funding which can be used for assessments.

## Riparian Program

### [Appendix M: Riparian Funding Policies and Guidelines](#)

- **Funding:** \$23.87 million in state funding from the Natural Climate Solutions sub-account of the Climate Commitment Act. Funding is allocated to salmon recovery regions and lead entities, which hold local grant competitions.
- **Reviewing:** Local lead entity technical committees, and the state SRFB Review Panel will review projects. Site visits will occur February – May.
- **Ranking:** Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2024.
- **Timing:** Projects will be funded in September 2024 according to ranked lists developed by local lead entities.
- **Match requirements:** There is no match required for Riparian Program projects.
- **Types of projects:**
  - Restoration: Eligible projects include riparian restoration, site stewardship, and limited instream and floodplain restoration.
  - Planning: Riparian assessments and landowner willingness studies.
  - Acquisition: Only properties with 50% or less upland habitat are eligible.

## PSAR Program

### [Appendix B: Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund](#)

- **Funding:** Funding may come from the state capital budget or the Climate Commitment Act, as determined by the Washington state legislature in the 2025-27 budget. Funding levels will not be known until spring 2025. The Puget Sound Partnership and RCO request \$30.6 million for the PSAR program, which is allocated to Puget Sound lead entities for local grant competitions.
- **Reviewing:** Local lead entity technical committees, and the state SRFB Review Panel will review projects. Site visits will occur February – May.
- **Ranking:** Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to approve the projects at the September board meeting in anticipation of the 2025-27 capital budget. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2024 and included in RCO's budget request to the legislature.

- **Timing:** Funding for the PSAR program is anticipated to be included in the 25-27 biennial budget. PSAR grant funds will be awarded to projects no earlier than July 1, 2025.
- **Match requirements:** Same as the Salmon Recovery program. 15% match for most projects. Exceptions include:
  - o Design-only projects which develop preliminary or final designs, under \$350,000, and can be completed within 24 months of the funding award are not required to provide match.
  - o Restoration projects located in Intensively Monitored Watersheds are not required to provide match.
  - o Riparian restoration projects which meet the standard riparian buffer width (see Manual 18, Appendix K) are not required to provide match.
  - o Acquisition projects with an upland portion greater than 50% are required to provide additional match. Acquisitions with 50-75% upland area are required to provide 25% match; acquisitions with greater than 75% upland area are required to provide 35% match.
- **Types of projects:**
  - o Restoration, Acquisition, Planning, or combination thereof.
  - o Monitoring is not allowed.

## PSAR Large Capital program

Puget Sound Partnership's PSAR [Large Capital RFP](#).

- **Funding:** Funding may come from the state capital budget or the Climate Commitment Act, as determined by the Washington state legislature in the 2025-27 budget. Funding levels will not be known until spring 2025. Funding will be requested based on the amount needed to fund the PSAR Large Capital ranked list.
- **Reviewing:** Local lead entity technical committees, the state SRFB Review Panel, and the Puget Sound Partnership's Regional Review Team will review projects. Site visits will occur February – May.
- **Ranking:** Projects will be ranked according to the [PSAR Large Cap RFP](#) and forwarded to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to approve the projects at the September board meeting in anticipation of the 2025-27 capital budget. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2024 and included in RCO's budget request to the legislature.
- **Timing:** Funding for the PSAR Large Capital projects is anticipated to be included in the 25-27 biennial budget. Projects may receive funding no earlier than July 1, 2025.
- **Match requirements:** There is no match requirement for the PSAR Large Capital program.
- **Types of projects:**
  - o Restoration, Acquisition, Planning, or combination thereof.
  - o Monitoring is not allowed.

## Targeted Investment Program

### [Appendix J: Targeted Investments Program; 2024 Targeted Investments Request for Proposals](#)

**Funding:** Funding may come from the state capital budget or the Climate Commitment Act, as determined by the Washington state legislature in the 2024 supplemental budget and/or the 2025-27 budget. Funding levels will not be known until spring 2024 and/or spring 2025.

- **Reviewing:** Local lead entity technical committees, and the state SRFB Review Panel will review projects. Site visits will occur February – May.
- **Ranking:** Each regional salmon recovery organization will use their own selection processes to submit up to six projects. The SRFB review panel will review the projects selected by the regions and provide a state-wide ranking to the SRFB. The SRFB review panel ranking will be finalized in summer 2024 approved at the September 2024 SRFB meeting.
- **Timing:** If funding is provided in the 2024 legislative supplemental budget, awards will be made in September 2024. If funding is provided in the 2025-27 biennial budget, proposed projects will be approved for funding by the SRFB in September 2024 but funding will be available no earlier than July 1, 2025.
- **Match requirements:** There is no match requirement for the Targeted Investment program, although leverage has a role in ranking criteria.
- **Types of projects:**
  - o Restoration, Acquisition, Planning, or combination thereof.
  - o Monitoring is not allowed.
  - o The minimum funding request is \$1 million. The maximum funding request is \$5 million. There is no limit to the overall cost of the project.

## Monitoring Program

- **Funding:** Federal funding from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. Expected to be \$558,000. RCO will be notified of the exact amount in June 2024. This amount comes from two sources - \$350,000 is included in regional allocations and \$208,000 is not.
- **Reviewing:** Local lead entity technical committees and the SRFB Science Advisory Panel will review projects.
- **Ranking:** Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2024.
- **Timing:** Projects will be funded in September 2024 according to ranked lists developed by local lead entities.
- **Match requirements:** 15% match is required.
- **Types of projects:** Monitoring