

2026 Grant Round At-A-Glance

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) will accept applications simultaneously in 2026 for the programs below:

- Salmon Recovery Program
- Riparian Grant Program (for lead entities with 2025 carry-over)
- Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) grant program (Puget Sound only)
- PSAR Large Capital Program (Puget Sound only)
- Targeted Investments Program

Combining funding

Projects only may receive funding from multiple programs if both the following criteria are met:

- The work types are eligible in both programs
- The total funding from both programs does not exceed the total project funding requested

Refer to [Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants](#) and Recreation and Conservation Office's [salmon recovery website](#) for detailed information on each of these programs. Puget Sound lead entities also should refer to manual 18's Appendix B: Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Fund for information on the Puget Sound Partnership's PSAR program and PSAR Large Capital Program. The Partnership's Large Capital Program's [Request for Proposals](#) also is available.

Salmon Recovery Program

Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants

Funding: Funding may come from the following sources: state capital funds and federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding. RCO will finalize the grant round amount once notified of the federal award, which historically has been in the summer. 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 through May.

Ranking: Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the SRFB. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2026.

Timing: Projects will be funded in September 2026 according to ranked lists developed by local lead entities.

Match Requirements: Match is not required for most salmon recovery projects, but there are specific riparian and acquisition projects that do require match, including the following:

- A project with the primary purpose of riparian planting that does not meet minimum riparian buffer widths is required to provide 15 percent match.
- An acquisition project with an upland portion greater than 50 percent of the total acreage is required to provide match as part of its total budget.

Types of Projects:

- Restoration, acquisition, planning, or combination thereof
- Monitoring is not allowed.
- There are limitations on the amount of funding that can be used for assessments.

Riparian Grant Program

Manual 18's Appendix L: Riparian Funding Policies and Guidelines

Funding: Only lead entities who have 2025 Riparian carry-over funding are eligible.

Reviewing: Local lead entity technical committees and the state SRFB Review Panel will review projects. Site visits will occur February through May.

Ranking: Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the SRFB. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2026.

Timing: Projects will be funded in September 2026 according to ranked lists developed by local lead entities.

Match Requirements: There is no match required for Riparian Grant Program projects.

Types of Projects:

- Restoration: Eligible projects include riparian restoration, site stewardship, and limited in-stream and floodplain restoration.
- Planning: Riparian assessments and landowner willingness studies.
- Acquisition: Only properties with 50 percent or less upland habitat are eligible.

PSAR Program

Puget Sound Partnership's PSAR program and manual 18's 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 2027-29 budget. Funding levels will not be known until spring 2027. The Puget Sound Partnership and the Recreation and Conservation Office 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 through May.

Ranking: Lead entity committees will rank and forward projects to the SRFB to approve the projects at its September meeting in anticipation of the 2027-29 capital budget. The ranked lists will be finalized in summer 2026 and included in the Recreation and Conservation Office's budget request to the Legislature.

Timing: Funding for the PSAR program is anticipated to be included in the 2027-29 biennial budget. PSAR grants will be awarded to projects no earlier than July 1, 2027.

Match Requirements: Match is not required for most PSAR projects, but there are specific riparian and acquisition projects that do require match, including the following:

- A project with the primary purpose of riparian planting that does not meet minimum riparian buffer widths is required to provide 15 percent match.
- An acquisition project with an upland portion greater than 50 percent of the total acreage is required to provide match as part of its total budget.

Types of Projects:

- Restoration, acquisition, planning, or combination thereof.
- Monitoring is not allowed.

PSAR Large Capital Program

Puget Sound Partnership's PSAR Large Capital Program and manual 18's 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 2027-29 budget. Funding levels will not be known until spring 2027. 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 through May.

Ranking: Projects will be ranked according to the PSAR large capital Request for Proposals and forwarded to the SRFB to approve the projects at its September meeting in anticipation of the 2027-29 capital budget. The ranked lists will be finalized in

summer 2026 and included in the Recreation and Conservation Office's budget request to the Legislature.

Timing: Funding for PSAR large capital projects is anticipated to be included in the 2027-29 biennial budget. Projects may receive funding no earlier than July 1, 2027.

Match Requirements: There is no match requirement for the PSAR Large Capital Program.

Types of projects:

- Restoration, acquisition, planning, or combination thereof.
- Monitoring is not allowed.

Targeted Investments Program

Manual 18's Appendix J: Targeted Investments Program

Funding: Funding may come from the state capital budget or the Climate Commitment Act, as determined by the Washington State Legislature in the 2027-29 budget. Funding levels will not be known until spring 2027.

Reviewing: Local lead entity technical committees and the state SRFB Review Panel will review projects. Site visits will occur February through May.

Ranking: Each regional salmon recovery organization will use its own selection processes to submit up to two new projects and may resubmit any unfunded projects from the 2024 Targeted Investments list. The SRFB Review Panel will review the projects selected by the regions and provide a statewide ranking to the SRFB. The regions also will rank projects in their regions and submit those to the SRFB. The SRFB Review Panel ranking, with regional ranking incorporated, will be finalized in summer 2026 and approved at the SRFB's September meeting.

Timing: If funding is provided in the 2027-29 biennial budget, the SRFB will approve proposed projects for funding in September 2026, but funding will be available no earlier than July 1, 2027.

Match Requirements: There is no match requirement for the Targeted Investments program, although documentation of other funding is part of the ranking criteria.

Types of Projects:

- Restoration, acquisition, or combination thereof.
- Monitoring and planning are not allowed.
- Funding requests must be between \$1 million and \$7 million. There is no limit to the overall cost of the project.