

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – Decision on WRIA / Flood Control District Grant Funding Process and Allocation Guidance

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Background: Based on the state Supreme Court decision in the Mason County assessment case, King County and KCD determined that King County's Ordinance is similarly flawed and no 2012 assessment funds would be spent. As a result, WRIA 8 cancelled the 2012 KCD grant round. KCD is working with King County, jurisdictional partners, the WRIAs and partner NGOs on a new funding structure and system to support KCD operations and grant programs.

In the meantime, to ensure the critical WRIA-based salmon recovery work continues, King County worked with the King County Flood Control District (FCD) to propose using flood funding from an unallocated fund balance to backfill the funding previously provided for salmon recovery through KCD. On May 14, the King County FCD Board approved \$3 million in 2012 funding for watershed restoration and protection projects in King County. Funding will be split between the King County portions of WRIA 8 (\$1.2 million), WRIA 9 (\$1.2 million), and WRIA 7 (\$600,000). This funding will support a range of projects and activities to protect and restore salmon habitat and support salmon recovery efforts. King County is currently working with the WRIAs to determine a grant allocation and contracting process.

This new WRIA/FCD funding is available for projects and activities that can be implemented in 2012 and 2013. In order to enable projects that can to move forward this year, WRIA Forums are being requested to provide approved project funding lists for final FCD Board of Supervisors funding approval by July 23. Meeting this deadline requires a streamlined grant application and review process, to produce funding recommendations for Salmon Recovery Council consideration at the July 19 meeting.

Decision: WRIA 8 staff recommends the Salmon Recovery Council direct staff to manage a streamlined grant process for the 2012 WRIA/FCD funding that:

- Is open to the project sponsors who submitted notices of their intent to apply for 2012 KCD funding by the February 24 deadline.
- Utilizes existing WRIA 8 grant criteria to evaluate proposals.
- Maintains the same allocation of funds as has been used for KCD funding in recent years:
 - 67% to site-specific projects,
 - 25% to monitoring activities, and
 - 8% to outreach and education efforts.

WRIA 8 2012 Grant Applications – Notice of Intent to Apply

Project/Program/Activity Name	Sponsor
River Bend Acquisition (Cedar River)	King County
Upper Bear Creek Riparian Restoration	King County
Confluence Parks/Issaquah Creek Restoration	City of Issaquah
Lower Lewis Creek Restoration	City of Issaquah
Stream Bank Re-vegetation in Rainbow Bend /Belmondo Reach	Seattle Public Utilities / Forterra
Landsburg Chinook Salmon Genetic Analysis (Cedar River)	Seattle Public Utilities
Issaquah Creek Riparian Enhancement	King Conservation District
Enhance Mouth and Lower Reach of Tributary #0056 (North Lake Washington)	Adopt A Stream Foundation
Tosh Creek Realignment and Culvert Replacement (tributary to Sammamish River)	City of Redmond
Beaux Arts Shoreline Restoration (Lake Washington)	Western Academy of Beaux Arts
2013 Fish In/Fish Out Monitoring	King County
Cedar River Salmon Journey	Friends of the Cedar River Watershed
Salmon Watcher Program	King County
Salmon in the Classroom	Salmon Education Alliance
Beach Naturalists Program	Seattle Aquarium