

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council

Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program (Flood Control District) Funding Guidance

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Background

In 2012 the King County Flood Control District (FCD) agreed to provide funding to support the implementation of high priority salmon recovery activities in King County. By establishing the Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant program, the FCD allocated \$1.2 million to priority site-specific habitat protection and restoration projects, monitoring, and outreach and education activities in WRIA 8.

Consistent with the process formerly employed with King Conservation District (KCD) grant funding for salmon recovery, the Salmon Recovery Council should annually review and approve the funding allocation for the distribution of CWM funds in WRIA 8. The Project Subcommittee, in turn, uses the Salmon Recovery Council's funding guidance to support the development of grant funding recommendations for approval by the Salmon Recovery Council.

The funding allocation and guidance provided for past KCD and CWM grant rounds can be summarized as follows:

- Site-specific restoration and acquisition projects – approximately **67%** of total available
- Monitoring – approximately **25%** of total available
- Studies, education, and outreach – approximately **8%** of total available
- Project Subcommittee will use its discretion to balance funding recommendations based on the Salmon Recovery Council's guidance and actual submitted applications

Proposed 2013 Cooperative Watershed Management Funding Allocation

Activity	Amount
Site-specific projects and acquisitions	\$804,000
Monitoring	\$300,000
Studies, education, and outreach	\$96,000
Total	\$1,200,000

Decision

As guidance to the WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee for allocating available WRIA 8 Cooperative Watershed Management funds in 2013, WRIA 8 staff proposes to continue with the funding approach used for past KCD funds and 2012 CWM funds.