

# WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council

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## Discussion and guidance on use of additional revenues

Since 2006, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council has approved applying additional revenues (all revenues exceeding annual staff and operating costs) to provide capacity to advance high priority WRIA 8 work (e.g., communications and outreach priorities, technical data gaps, etc.). Over time, rising staff and operating costs decreased these additional revenues provided by the ILA cost share. However, WRIA 8 has been successful in securing grants for specific work items (e.g., habitat status and trends EPA grant, Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration project development grant, monitoring and adaptive management plan development grant, etc.) that have served to supplement ILA funding and make additional revenue available for other priority work. Additionally, staffing changes have periodically created salary savings that contributed to these additional revenues.

In 2014 and 2015, the SRC approved using a portion of these additional revenues to hire temporary part-time (0.25 FTE) communications and outreach staff, focusing on supporting ILA renewal outreach materials, producing a WRIA 8 E-newsletter, and advancing Green Shorelines and riparian area restoration and stewardship priorities.

In 2016, WRIA 8 anticipates approximately \$40,000 in additional revenues to be available for supporting WRIA 8 priorities identified by the SRC. If the legislature approves a capital budget that includes funding for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program, WRIA 8 anticipates another project development grant, which would further leverage ILA funds for other priorities.

Anticipated Additional Revenue Source	Amount
Salary savings from past staff transitions and ILA funds supplanted by grants (e.g., EPA habitat status and trends grant, Puget Sound Partnership adaptive management and monitoring project grant, and PSAR project development grant)	Approximately \$40,000
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration project development grant (dependent on legislative capital budget approval)	\$48,600

### Additional revenues would be used to fund identified WRIA 8 priorities, such as:

- Communications and outreach support for implementation of Green Shorelines and riparian area stewardship strategies
- Providing technical assistance and project development for priority capital projects
- Coordinating the 10-Year WRIA 8 Plan update, including development of a monitoring and adaptive management framework and plan and hosting a 10-Year Salmon Recovery Summit
- Supporting King County's proposal for a one-time cross watershed assessment of ways to increase the viability and visibility of our salmon recovery efforts in order to ensure long-term success
- Addressing technical data gaps identified through WRIA 8 Monitoring and Adaptive Management plan development

Any proposals for using additional revenues will be further refined.