

## WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Consent Agenda Item November 15, 2018

### Funding Guidance for the Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program (King County Flood Control District) – *Staff recommends status quo funding guidance*

The King County Flood Control District provides funding to the King County portions of WRIAs 7, 8, 9, and 10 through the Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant program. Eligible activities include habitat restoration and acquisition projects, monitoring, and outreach and education. For each annual grant cycle, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) is asked to provide funding targets for the three categories of eligible activities.

The SRC-approved targets serve as guidance for the WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee as they develop grant funding recommendations. Since the inception of the CWM grant program, the SRC has approved targets of \$300,000 for monitoring and \$96,000 for outreach and education, with the remainder directed to restoration and acquisition projects. Additionally, the SRC grants a degree of flexibility to the Project Subcommittee to deviate from the targets if there is a strong justification for doing so.

No change is proposed to the funding guidance for the 2019 CWM grant cycle. The table below shows 2019 CWM grant allocations by activity category using status quo funding guidance. Any additional funds identified prior to the Project Subcommittee’s funding meeting in the spring (i.e., returned funds) will be added to the restoration and acquisition category per past practice.

**Table 1: 2019 Proposed CWM Funding Allocation**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Restoration projects and acquisitions (including up to 15% of this amount for riparian-only habitat projects)	\$1,360,563
Monitoring	\$300,000
Education and outreach	\$96,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,756,563</b>