

2024 ReGreen the Green Riparian Revegetation Grants

Grant Fund for Salmon Habitat and Restoration Projects

Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed

Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9

Overview

The WRIA 9 ReGreen the Green Riparian Revegetation Grant program supports projects designed to enhance riparian vegetation along the Green/Duwamish River and its tributaries. The focus for funding this year is to support the revegetation goals of the WRIA 9 Status and Trends Report¹, with a primary focus on accelerating riparian restoration and making progress on riparian habitat metrics from the [2021 Salmon Habitat Plan](#), and a lesser focus on capacity building and components of outreach and community engagement.

The [WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum](#) is eager to assist private non-profit corporations (501(c)3 status), government (tribal, city, county, state), special purpose districts, and schools in funding revegetation projects that increase and improve salmon habitat and water quality in the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound watershed.

This year, additional riparian funding is available through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). This funding is estimated at ~\$497,722 and supports high priority riparian investments in WRIA 9. This RFP is divided into two funding tracks: [Track A](#) is for CWM Riparian Funding and [Track B](#) is for SRFB riparian funding.

“Which track should I choose?”

We anticipate most projects will pursue Track A through CWM funding. Only large, reach-scale, low cost/acre projects with minimum buffer widths² (generally >100 ft) proposing actions that directly support riparian habitat restoration in “critical” and “high” priority areas will be competitive in Track B. Projects in Track B (SRFB funded projects) are evaluated on [broader criteria](#) and undergo an additional level of regional review as part of the SRFB process. If you need support deciding which track to pursue, please reach out to Suzanna. WRIA staff will review your NOI and recommend which projects will be most appropriate for Track B.

Track A: Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Riparian Funding

This fund supports projects that enhance riparian shade to improve conditions for salmon and

¹ Draft available in 2024.

² For riparian planting projects, if a project does not meet the required minimum buffer width, the SRFB Review Panel will evaluate the project based on the site-specific conditions and determine whether the proposed width can provide riparian function, will provide a benefit to salmon recovery, and will achieve goals as articulated in the regional recovery plans. See [Appendix K](#) in [Manual 18](#) for more information.

meet water quality standards that support aquatic life. There is a need to restore trees and native vegetation on all land use types, urban and rural, along the entire length of the Green River and its tributaries. Riparian revegetation projects improve water quality, salmon habitat, and contribute to the urban tree canopy. WRIA 9’s 2016 [Re-Green the Green: Riparian Revegetation Strategy for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed](#) provides important background, scientific basis, and priorities for revegetation projects, including the banks of the rivers and streams mapped as high shade priority based on their solar sun angle or aspect.

In response to a growing awareness that planting projects take time and dedicated maintenance funding to ensure survival and to support stewardship, a portion of available funding will be dedicated to the maintenance and stewardship of previously funded projects (does not require being funded by WRIA 9). Up to 50% of the available funding (up to \$250,000) may go towards maintenance and stewardship activities to ensure long-term success of previous planting projects.

Anticipated funding available is \$500,000. There is a \$15,000 minimum grant award for all projects. The maximum award is \$40,000 for maintenance projects and \$150,000 for new planting projects.

PROJECT TYPE	MINIMUM REQUEST	MAXIMUM REQUEST
NEW revegetation project	\$15,000	\$150,000
Maintenance project		\$40,000

Eligible Project Types

The following types of projects are encouraged:

- Maintenance projects receiving ***no more than 5 total years of exclusively maintenance funding from CWM*** (CWM agreements extend 3 years; years with active agreements count toward the total)
- Revegetation project planning and development
- Site preparation, stewardship, and maintenance of restoration sites, including invasive weed control and watering
- Planting native trees and shrubs, with an emphasis on growing/enhancing shade producing tree canopy and habitat
- Projects requesting <20% of funding toward activities like volunteer coordination, education and learning, or community stewardship activities.³ The more funding directed toward planting, the higher the project will score. (Landowner outreach activities do not count toward the 20%).
- Any buffer width is accepted but projects with a high buffer width (≥100-200 ft) will

³ Projects with a significant element of education, outreach, and/or stewardship should consider applying for this year’s Stewardship, Engagement and Learning (SEaL) awards.

score highest.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must be one of the following:

- Private non-profit corporations (501(c)3 status)
- Tribes
- Government (e.g., city, county, state)
- Special purpose districts
- Schools

How to Apply

NEW THIS YEAR Applicants must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for funding through this grant program. All applicants that submit an **NOI by the deadline of January 12th, 2024**, are invited to submit a full application. Full and final application materials are **due by 5:00 pm PST on Wednesday, February 28, 2024** via this online form:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=kingcountywaterland>

Proposal Elements

Project applicants must complete the King County Flood Control District 2024 Cooperative Watershed Management online grant application and provide all materials detailed below to complete their application.

The following **five elements** are **required** as part of your application process:

1. Completed Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) online grant application
2. Proposed Scope of Work (link available within the online grant application)
3. CWM Detailed Budget Table (link available within the online grant application)
4. Map of site(s) using the King County Revegetation tracker tool
5. Project site photos and/or videos (at least two representative of the site(s))

Optional Application Elements (encouraged but not required to complete your application):

- Designs or artist renderings
- Links to related reports
- Letters of support
- Landowner agreement/permission correspondence (**Must** be secured before grant agreement is signed)

See “How to Apply” above on submitting your application. Grant applications are due by 5 pm PST on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

For an overview of the CWM Grant Program, please see [Grant Program Overview](#).

Pre-requisites

Riparian revegetation projects must show a direct benefit to salmon habitat or water quality indicators that support salmon habitat. The project should be located along the mainstem of

the Green/Duwamish River or its tributaries. Projects may include planning, installation, and/or maintenance of on-the-ground native riparian planting. **Proposals must include signage as part of their budget** and temporary signage is appropriate for most planting sites. We suggest using this [graphic](#), developed through the Green Duwamish Revegetation Group to connect all the work being done along the river, create a visual cue for mowing crews to avoid mowing native vegetation, and provide good information for the public (graphic available here: <https://app.box.com/s/ch6ezhyggd3q98gyirprf2cvuys69krk>)

In addition:

- Projects must have a high certainty of success within the stated funding limits and within a 3-year grant agreement period. Projects must be completed and closed within three years of award.
- Applicants must identify specific parcels to be planted on a map (provided with application) and should provide any available correspondence showing landowner support for the potential project.
- Projects must be fully completed with the grant award or in combination with other funds being sought or in hand. Deliverables should correspond to what will be accomplished with the funding from this grant.
- This award cannot be used to support mitigation projects required or otherwise mandated under permits, as compensation for damages or in other regulatory or legal contexts⁴.
- Projects must demonstrate consistency with the [WRIA 9 2021 Salmon Habitat Plan Update](#) and the 2016 [Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Strategy](#).
- The project budget is realistic and accurately represents the project's expenses and funding.
- Projects must fully meet all [CWM Policies](#).
- Projects are strongly encouraged to demonstrate community support/engagement and environmental justice.
- Applicants must upload the project information to the [Revegetation Tracker](#) and update the Tracker at major milestones of the project.
- Applicants must agree to report on accomplishments through the WRIA 9 revegetation data solicitation (annually).
- Applicants agree to a project close-out site visit with WRIA 9 staff and review team

⁴ Grants can be used on mitigation projects to extend/increase monitoring beyond that required by regulatory permits.

members (upon request).

- Applicants agree to present their project at a mutually convenient WRIA 9 Implementation and Technical Committee (ITC) or Watershed Ecosystem Forum (Forum) meeting (upon request).

Review Process

Applications received on or before 5:00 pm PST **Wednesday February 28, 2024**, will be assessed for completeness and eligibility. Staff will follow up directly with applicants on incomplete or missing information. Project applicants will have until Wednesday March 6, 2024, at 5 pm PST to complete applications in full.

A review team consisting of local technical experts and WRIA 9 staff will convene to independently evaluate and score proposals using the criteria outlined [below](#). Scores will be summed, and projects ranked in order of score – highest to lowest.

The ranked list will be presented to the full WRIA 9 ITC for review. The ITC will consider the proposed ranked project list and either:

- Recommend the project list, as ranked, to the Forum, Or,
- Recommend an alternative ranking to the Forum with justification for that ranking.

The WRIA 9 Forum will consider for approval a final project list as part of their May 2024 meeting. If approved, the funding list will then be presented to the Flood Control District for decision of final approval. Following the Flood Control District meeting, project applicants will be notified of the decision, and if approved contract agreements will be initiated.

Grant Round Timeline

- **January 12, 2024** – Notice of Intent due via online portal here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=kingcountywaterland>
- **February 28, 2024** - Applications due via online portal here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=kingcountywaterland>
- **March 6 - April 5, 2024** – Initial review and screening of projects by WRIA 9 staff. Review team evaluates, scores, and ranks projects.
- **April 8 – 10, 2024** – Reviewer workshops to finalize scores and ranking.
- **April 17, 2024** – Project list review and decision to recommend for approval by the WRIA 9 ITC.
- **May 9, 2024** – Final project list decision for approval by the WRIA 9 Forum.
- **May 15, 2024** – Project applicants notified of their status for funding.
- **July – November 2024 (meeting schedule tentative)** – Flood Control District makes a funding decision on the final project list.
- **Following FCD meeting** – Project applicants contacted by King County for contracting.

Funding is available after approval and following a signed contract agreement.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria will be used to guide the decision about whether to fund your proposal.

Total points available: 100.

Table 1: Track A Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

Technical Merit (55 points; 20 point minimum to be considered for funding)		Max points: 55
<p>For NEW planting projects:</p>	<p>Proposal demonstrates how the project will contribute to the goals of the 2021 Salmon Habitat Plan Update and 2016 Re-Green the Green Strategy by enhancing riparian buffers and addressing high summer water temperatures.</p> <p>Size, connectivity, and buffer width are scoring factors for new planting projects. Generally, larger projects with wider buffers, conducted on parcels with adjacent or connected intact buffer will score higher. For example, a 1-acre site with a 200 ft buffer adjacent to protected or restored habitat will score higher than an isolated ¼ acre site with 25 ft buffers.</p>	0 - 35
<p>For maintenance/ stewardship projects:</p>	<p>Proposal clearly demonstrates how project is vital for the success of current or previous investments by the WRIA or partners.</p> <p>Proposal details and provides a timeline for previous restoration/maintenance efforts completed on site. Please highlight any previous CWM grants awards for the proposed site.</p>	
<p>Project sites located on the mainstem Green River, or Newaukum or Soos Creeks are within a priority location identified on the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s riparian sun map (must be demonstrated on map(s)).</p> <p>Projects proposed outside of areas identified in the MIT riparian sun map will be evaluated by information provided on</p>		<p>20 points if >75% of site is high or critical priority</p> <p>15 points if > 50% of site is high or critical priority</p> <p>10 points if >25% of site is high or</p>

<p>temperature, existing riparian cover and composition, invasive species presence, and fish use data, as available. Projects primarily supporting invasive control with little to no riparian replacement will score lower. A project proposing installing riparian vegetation where no riparian cover exists will score higher than projects enhancing an existing treed area.</p>	<p>critical priority</p> <p>5 points if >10% of site is high or critical priority</p>
<p>Certainty of Success (35 points; 10 point minimum)</p>	<p>MAX points: 35</p>
<p>Proposal uses Best Management Practices⁵ for invasives removal, clearing, and planting. For example, projects that use proven methods for efficient and effective removal of invasives will score high than unproven, labor intensive, or high maintenance methods.</p>	<p>0 - 5</p>
<p>Proposal primarily uses trained crew (generally, projects utilizing trained professional crews will score higher than volunteer or student led proposals; community outreach/engagement that involves site work is considered part of the 20% community stewardship activities)</p>	<p>0 - 5</p>
<p>Proposal demonstrates that organization has a plan for site preparation and follow-up maintenance to ensure success.</p>	<p>0 - 10</p>
<p>Proposal identifies all parcels for planting that already have landowner buy-in or high likelihood of buy-in. Proposal includes a map/maps of target revegetation sites.</p>	<p>0 – 5</p>
<p>Project cost per acre is reasonable (a reasonable cost/acre is ~\$30k or less).</p>	<p>0 - 10</p>
<p>Community Support (10 points; no point minimum)</p>	<p>MAX points: 10</p>
<p>Proposal demonstrates community support or incorporates elements of community engagement.</p>	<p>0 - 5</p>
<p>Proposal provides secured matching funds. <i>NOTE: Matching funds are not required.</i></p>	<p>0 - 5</p>
	<p>TOTAL POINTS: 100</p>

⁵ King County Noxious Weeds Best Management Practices (BMPs): [Best Management Practices \(BMP's\) - King County, Washington](#)

Track B: Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Riparian Funding

This funding supports projects that will restore healthy, functioning riparian ecosystems, which are fundamental for clean water, healthy salmon populations, and climate resilient watersheds. Projects competing for this funding source must align with the requirements outlined in the [SRFB Manual 18: Appendix K](#).

Anticipated funding available for acquisition and/or restoration is \$497,722 with a \$200,000 minimum grant award. The maximum award is \$497,722 and must be used only for new riparian planting projects or expanding the footprint of existing sites (where little to no riparian cover exists). Maintenance and stewardship are not eligible as a standalone project.

Eligible Project Types:

Restoration - Riparian Habitat

- Multi-site projects within a geographic area are allowed where potential parcels would provide similar benefits.
- Riparian planting projects are eligible for an agreement period of up to five years to support post-planting monitoring, stewardship, and adaptive management.

Restoration - Instream Habitat

- Eligible instream habitat work-types are limited to: Beaver dam analogs, instream structure placement, and streambank stabilization.
- These instream work-types may only be included as a supporting element of a riparian habitat project in the 2024 annual grant round.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must be one of the following:

- Private non-profit corporations (501(c)3 status)
- Tribes
- Government (e.g., city, county, state)
- Special purpose districts
- Schools

How to Apply

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Proposal Elements

Eligible Costs

In addition to eligible costs explicitly stated in [Manual 18](#), riparian planting projects may include costs related to:

- Irrigation to support plant establishment;
- Monitoring and maintenance during the life of the grant agreement;
- Plant propagation, including the development of on-site nurseries for the agreement period to produce needed plant materials;
- Outreach to landowners within the geographic area to secure additional riparian planting sites as prioritized in the application.

Instream & floodplain elements

Limited instream and floodplain related work-types may be included as a supporting element of a riparian planting project in the 2024 annual grant round. Unless otherwise pre-approved by RCO, eligible instream work-types are limited to:

- Beaver dam analogs
- Post assisted log structures
- Large woody debris
- Bank stabilization or reshaping

These supporting work-types are only eligible for funding under the following circumstances:

- The primary goal of the proposed project is to restore riparian function by supporting native riparian plant survival, and the project has a planting component.
- Application and existing designs clearly demonstrate why current conditions are not suitable for a planting-only project and show how the instream and floodplain activities restore riparian function or allow for increased riparian plant propagation and survival.
- The instream and floodplain elements meet current SRFB [Manual 18](#) design thresholds based on the amount requested for restoration and design, and restoration will be completed by project closing.

Applicants must provide the required designs as part of a final application, and prior to site visits.

Required Project Deliverables

Riparian planting projects will require a detailed planting plan prior to project implementation, a stewardship plan that includes an adaptive management component prior to disbursement of monitoring, stewardship, or adaptive management funding (see below), and “as-built” documentation demonstrating the extent and location of planting prior to closing.

Agreement Periods

To the extent practicable, projects with riparian planting components will be eligible for an extended

grant agreement period to support needed monitoring, stewardship, and adaptive management. Either through an amendment or special condition within the grant agreement, monitoring, stewardship, and adaptive management elements of a funded project will become reimbursable after completion of planting and/or acquisition activities, and RCO approval of the required stewardship plan.

Invasive species control

Invasive species control must directly contribute to establishment or protection of established native riparian vegetation. If invasive species control is being proposed for riparian funding as the sole project activity, applicants must clearly demonstrate how salmonid recovery represents the primary management objective, and why invasive species control alone represents the best pathway to achieve or improve native plant establishment and riparian function at the site(s).

Prerequisites

Riparian revegetation projects must show a direct benefit to salmon habitat or water quality indicators that support salmon habitat. The project should be located along the main stem of the Green/Duwamish River or its tributaries. **Proposals must include signage as part of their budget** and temporary signage is appropriate for most planting sites. We suggest using this [graphic](#), developed through the Green Duwamish Revegetation Group to connect all the work being done along the river, create a visual cue for mowing crews to avoid mowing native vegetation, and provide good information for the public (graphic available here: <https://app.box.com/s/ch6ezhyggd3q98gyirprf2cvuys69krk>)

- Projects must be fully completed with the grant award or in combination with other funds being sought or in hand. Deliverables should correspond to what will be accomplished with the funding from this grant.
- This award cannot be used to support mitigation projects required or otherwise mandated under permits, as compensation for damages or in other regulatory or legal contexts⁶.
- Projects must demonstrate consistency with the [WRIA 9 2021 Salmon Habitat Plan Update](#) and the 2016 [Re-Green the Green Riparian Revegetation Strategy](#).
- The project budget is realistic and accurately represents the project's expenses and funding.
- Projects are strongly encouraged to demonstrate community support/engagement and environmental justice.
- Applicants must upload the project information to the [Revegetation Tracker](#) and update the Tracker at major milestones of the project.
- Applicants must agree to report on accomplishments through the WRIA 9 revegetation data solicitation (annually).

⁶ Grants can be used on mitigation projects to extend/increase monitoring beyond that required by regulatory permits.

- Applicants agree to a project close-out site visit with RCO and WRIA 9 staff and review team members (upon request).
- If requested, the applicants agree to present their project at a mutually convenient WRIA 9 Implementation and Technical Committee (ITC) or Watershed Ecosystem Forum (Forum) meeting.

In addition:

- Except as otherwise provided or modified herein, riparian specific funding is subject to SRFB [Manual 18](#) requirements.
- Multiple project types eligible for riparian specific funding may be combined in a single proposed scope of work.
- Riparian specific funding cannot be used to partially fund a project with other, noneligible project elements.
- RCO will be creating a separate funding program in PRISM to track the riparian specific funding separately from regular SRFB funding.
- Riparian specific funding may not be used for cost increases on projects previously funded with SRFB or PSAR money, only for cost increases on projects that have been previously funded, in whole or in part, with riparian specific funding.
- RCO may use a portion of the riparian specific funding to fulfill its Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funding (PCSRF) match obligation and will work with the grant applicants to identify which projects need indirect.
- Projects funded solely with riparian funding (Track B funding) will not require matching funds, but if a project includes both riparian funding and funding from SRFB and/or PSAR, the riparian dollars will also be subject to the current matching share requirements in SRFB [Manual 18](#).

Review Process

Applicants will follow the application schedule and requirements as outlined in SRFB [Manual 18](#) and the WRIA 9 grant round process and timeline. Applications will follow the SRFB evaluation process as laid out in SRFB Manual 18, including an evaluation by the lead entity, region, and the SRFB Review Panel. Projects must be included on the local lead entity salmon project list to be eligible for statewide funding, but do not need to be ranked or allocated SRFB funding.

WRIA review process

A review team consisting of local technical experts and WRIA 9 staff will convene to independently evaluate and score proposals using the criteria outlined below (Table 2). The review team will first review all Notices of Intent for Track B and recommend proposals to proceed to full application. Once final proposals are submitted the review team will then rank projects based on summed scores.

Track B projects will be presented separate from Track A projects to the full WRIA 9 ITC for review. The ITC will consider the proposed ranked project list and either:

- Recommend the project list, as ranked, to the Forum.
- Or, recommend an alternative ranking to the Forum with justification for that ranking.

The WRIA 9 Forum will consider for approval a final project list as part of their May 2024 meeting. If approved, projects will be ranked as part of the WRIA 9 Salmon Ranked List in August. All projects must achieve a “Cleared”, “Need more information”, or “Conditioned” status to be included in the final ranked list. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board will make a final funding decision at their September 2024 meeting.

SRFB review process

The SRFB Review Panel reviews proposed projects developed in each lead entity area and ensures that SRFB-funded projects create actual benefits to salmon, have costs that do not outweigh the anticipated benefits, and have a high likelihood of being successful.

The SRFB Review Panel does not rate, score, rank, or advocate for projects; rather it assesses the technical merits of proposed projects statewide. To do so, panel members review project applications, conduct site visits, and provide feedback to lead entities and applicants on proposed projects. Projects are considered in light of regional recovery plans and lead entity strategies where no regional recovery plans exist. Technical feedback provided by the SRFB Review Panel is designed to improve project concepts and overall benefits to fish and to achieve the greatest results for SRFB dollars invested.

The SRFB Review Panel reviews application materials and visits project sites. After which, the panel completes project comments in PRISM with recommendations on how applicants could improve their projects before the final application deadline. To help ensure that every project funded by the SRFB is technically sound, the SRFB Review Panel uses the evaluation criteria **below**.

The SRFB Review Panel will review final application materials, provide final comments, and assign a final status to the project.

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- **March 2024 – SRFB Review process (SRFB Site Visit date TBD)**
- **April 8 – 10, 2024** – Reviewer workshops to finalize scores and ranking.
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Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

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Total points available: 100.

Table 2: Track B Local Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

Technical Merit (55 points; 20 point minimum to be considered for funding)		Max points: 55
For NEW planting projects:	<p>Proposal demonstrates how the project will contribute to the goals of the 2021 Salmon Habitat Plan Update and 2016 Re-Green the Green Strategy by enhancing riparian buffers and addressing high summer water temperatures.</p> <p>Size, connectivity, and buffer width are scoring factors for new planting projects. Generally, larger projects with wider buffers, conducted on parcels with adjacent or connected intact buffer will score higher. For example, a 1-acre site with a 200 ft buffer adjacent to protected or restored habitat will score higher than an isolated ¼ acre site with 25 ft buffers.</p>	0 – 35
<p>Project sites located on the mainstem Green River, or Newaukum or Soos Creeks are within a priority location identified on the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s riparian sun map (must be demonstrated on map(s)).</p> <p>Projects proposed outside of areas identified in the MIT riparian sun map will be evaluated by information provided on temperature, existing riparian cover and composition, invasive species presence, and fish use data, as available.</p> <p>Projects primarily supporting invasive control with little to no riparian replacement will score lower. A project proposing installing riparian vegetation where no riparian covers exist will score higher than projects enhancing an existing treed area.</p>		<p>20 points if >75% of site is high or critical priority</p> <p>15 points if > 50% of site is high or critical priority</p> <p>10 points if >25% of site is high or critical priority</p> <p>5 points if >10% of site is high or critical priority</p>
Certainty of Success (35 points; 10 point minimum)		MAX points: 35
<p>Proposal uses Best Management Practices⁷ for invasives removal, treatment, and planting. For example, projects that</p>		0 – 5

⁷ Use King County Noxious Weeds BMPs for individual species, here: [Brochures on individual weed species - King County, Washington](#)

use proven methods for efficient and effective removal of invasives will score high than unproven, labor intensive, or high maintenance methods.	
Proposal uses trained crew as appropriate (generally, projects utilizing trained professional crews will score higher than volunteer or student led proposals)	0 – 5
Proposal demonstrates that organization has a plan for site preparation and follow-up maintenance to ensure success.	0 – 10
Proposal identifies all parcels for planting that already have landowner buy-in or high likelihood of buy-in. Proposal includes a map/maps of target revegetation sites.	0 – 5
Project cost per acre is reasonable (a reasonable cost/acre is ~\$30k or less).	0 – 10
Community Support (10 points; no point minimum)	MAX points: 10
Letter(s) of support submitted AND proposed work provides positive outcomes for equity and social justice (ESJ)	0 – 5
Proposal provides secured matching funds. <i>NOTE: Matching funds are not required.</i>	0 – 5
	TOTAL POINTS: 100

Additional SRFB Scoring Criteria

To help ensure that every project funded by the SRFB is technically sound, the SRFB Review Panel will note for the SRFB any projects it believes have the following:

- Low benefit to salmon
- A low likelihood of being successful
- Costs that outweigh the anticipated benefits of the project

Additional Criteria for Riparian Restoration Projects

For riparian planting projects, if a project does not meet the required minimum buffer width, the SRFB Review Panel will evaluate each project based on the site-specific conditions and determine whether the proposed width can provide riparian function, will provide a benefit to salmon recovery, and will achieve goals as articulated in the regional recovery plans. For more information on evaluation criteria, please see [Appendix F](#) of SRFB [Manual 18](#).

Questions/Contact Information

For any questions, please contact Suzanna Smith at susmith@kingcounty.gov or by phone at 206-477-4641. This information is available in alternative formats on request at 206-684-1280 (voice) or 711 (TTY).