

Open Space - River Corridors



Grant Purpose

The Open Space – River Corridors grant program supports projects that help restore the natural functions of rivers, create or restore public access, and/or increase public awareness of river corridors as valuable natural resources. This grant program incentivizes multi-benefit projects that integrate recreation and habitat restoration with larger floodplain management efforts.

All projects must be located within King County and be associated with one or more of the following rivers:

- Cedar
- Duwamish
- Green
- Raging
- Sammamish
- Snoqualmie
- South Fork Skykomish
- Tolt
- White



\$22 Million
Total Funding
2020-2025



\$9.9 Million
Available Funding
in 2023



Up to \$1 million
Maximum
Award Amount



2023 & 2025
Biennial
Application

Eligible Applicants

- City or town
- King County agency
- Port, Flood, Conservation, or Diking and Drainage Districts
- Salmon recovery forums
- Nonprofit organization
- Tribal organization

Eligible Project Types

- Acquisition
- Feasibility Study
- Planning and Design
- Construction
- Project-specific outreach and education

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Examples of Possible Projects

Below are examples of projects that may be funded. This list is not all-inclusive. All grant applicants for this program must ensure that public access is provided.

- Restoration of natural floodplain systems by removal or setback of flood protection features such as levees, revetments, etc.
- Development of passive recreation amenities along rivers, such as trails, viewpoints, interpretative signage, etc.
- Enhancement of ecological function through invasive species removal, native species revegetation, or the installation of critical habitat features
- Land acquisition for future natural areas or protect and restore habitat function
- Outreach and educational programs associated with capital projects to increase public awareness and local community engagement

Visit the Levy Grants website to view a list of previously awarded projects.

Projects Not Funded By This Program

Projects that do not align with the goals of this grant program may include, but are not limited to:

- Active recreation facilities such as play areas or ballfields
- Fish or wildlife production facilities
- Indoor facilities such as swimming pools, community centers, museums, interpretive and environmental centers
- Routine operation and maintenance costs
- Legally mandated clean-up or costs of required mitigation actions not associated with the approved project

