



Nonpoint Funding Opportunities



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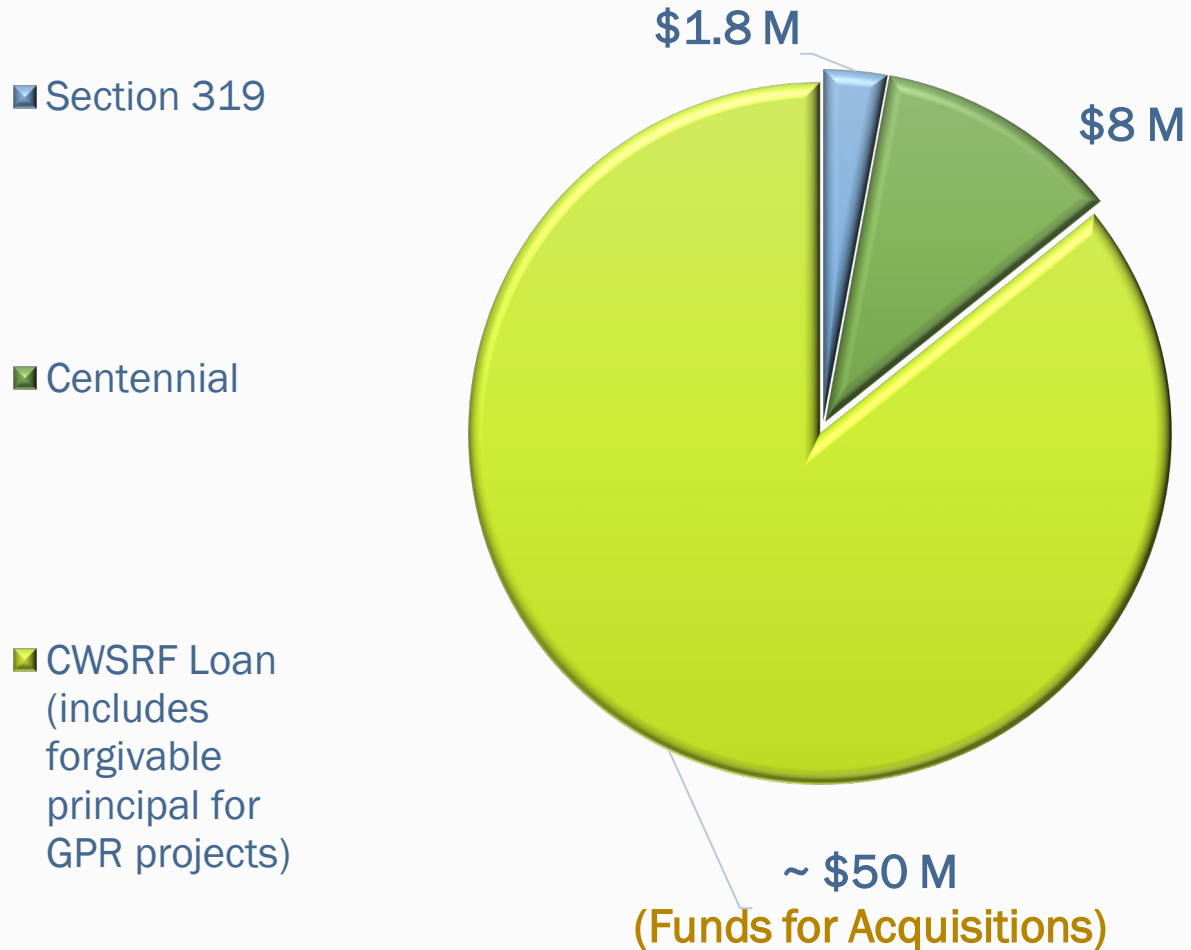
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Projected Funding Available for Nonpoint in SFY 2024



Match and Maximums

- **Nonpoint: NO match** required as of SFY 2024!
- **On Site Sewage (OSS):** Repair and replacement requires 100% match (newer program)
- Maximum grant amount: \$500,000
- 36-month agreement duration
 - Potential to extend up to 12 months (depending on funding source)

More information in Guidelines section 3.4.3

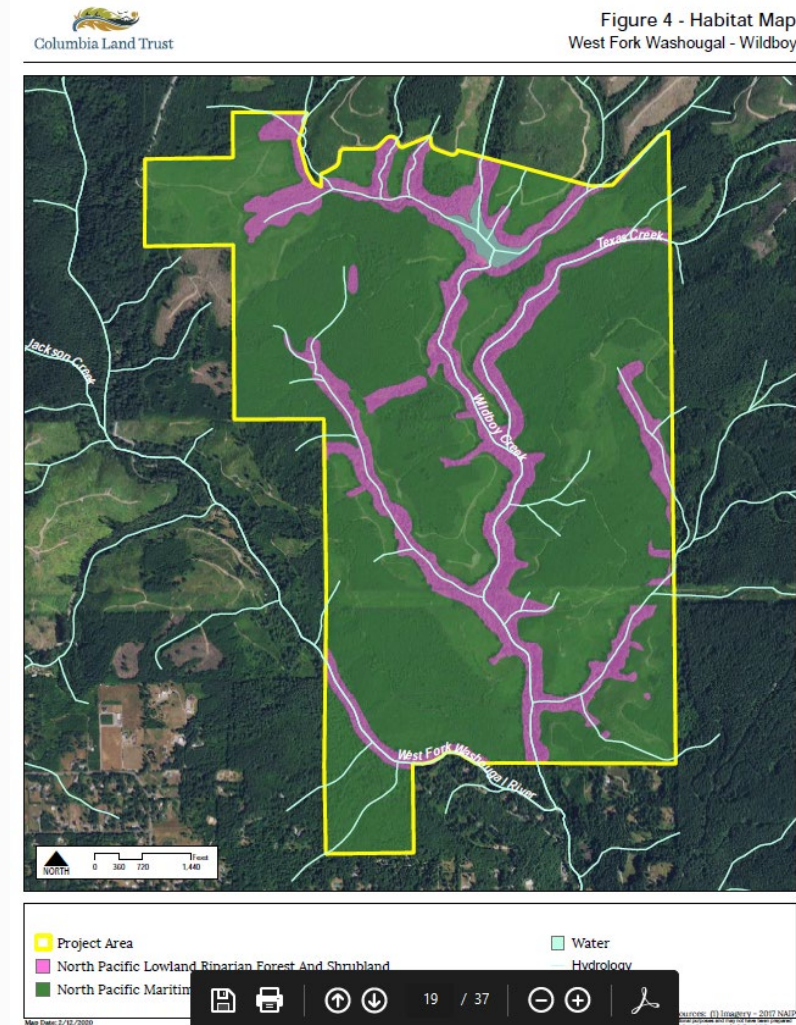
Grant Eligibility: Land Acquisitions!

Property purchase & conservation easements for:

- Riparian areas
- Watershed protection
- Wetland preservation and protection
- Drinking source water protection

*Really excited to see how these opportunities can help the region

See Guidelines section 2.5.5





Eligible Grant Activities: Restoration

- Riparian buffers

- New Voluntary Clean Water Guidance

- Lakes

- Phased process required

- Wetlands

- Creation



- Stream

- Grading and bank stabilization
- Installation of large woody debris
- Channel re-establishment/re-meander



See Guidelines section 2.5.8, Appendix J

Eligible Grant Activities: Agricultural BMPs

- Conservation-based tillage
 - Direct seed, high residue retention
- Livestock feeding & off-stream watering BMPs
 - Heavy Use Area Protection
 - Associated confinement fencing
 - Waste Storage Facilities
 - Permanent roof, curbed concrete floors, designed and stamped by an engineer
- Livestock exclusion
 - Native tree and shrub planting required within fencing setbacks (grass filter strips alone are not sufficient)
 - VCWG - [Chapter 12: Riparian Areas](#).



See Guidelines section 2.5.2 and Appendices G, H, I

Ineligible activities:

- **BMP implementation on state/federal lands**
 - Rare exceptions on case-by-case basis
- **Funding application preparation**
- **Previously funded objectives**
 - cannot fund “do-overs”
 - Phased projects should have clear, distinct objectives for each phase

**Review Table 3
prior to starting
your
application**

See Guidelines Section 1.3, table 3

Buffer Guidelines:

- Federal terms and conditions are applied to all 319, State Revolving Funds (SRF), and Centennial match funds
- Based on our **new Voluntary Clean Water Guidance for Agriculture**
 - [Voluntary Clean Water Guidance for Agriculture – Riparian](#)
 - Tables 1-5 (pages 25b-28b) – Chapter 12
- Width measured from Ordinary Highwater Mark (OHWM)
- [Mapping tool indicates which buffer width applies](#)

See Guidelines Appendix J

Guidelines: Agricultural BMPs

- **Caps on direct seed**
 - Equipment rental or custom application fee reimbursement
 - \$30/acre up to 250 acres per landowner/producer, 3 rotations
 - Cap increased to 500 acres with riparian buffer
 - Equipment purchase
 - \$187,000 one-time grant for a public entity

See Guidelines Appendix G



Grant Eligibility: Conservation Plans for water quality

• Eligible

- ✓ • Site visits to discuss water quality impacts from the property
- ✓ • Writing up recommendations and conceptual plans for livestock exclusion fencing and off-stream water sources

• Not Eligible

- ✗ • Nutrient management plans (except WITH waste storage facility construction)
- ✗ • Farm plans (general) or other proprietary plans



Eligible Grant Activities: Other tasks

- Groundwater Protection (section 2.5.4)
- Public Outreach & Education (section 2.5.7, Appendix H)
- Technical Assistance & Conservation Plans (section 2.5.9)
- Water Quality Monitoring (section 2.5.10)
- Watershed Planning (section 2.5.11)

*Summary list of eligible components available on
Tables 10 in section 2.5.12 of Guidelines*

Eligible Loan Activities

- All grant-eligible activities
- Direct seed equipment purchasing program
- Irrigation efficiency implementation
- On-site septic repair & replacement

• **Wetland creation**

See Table 10



Water Quality Funding Successes

[2019-2021 Outcomes Report \(arcgis.com\)](#)



Things to know....

- **Watershed plans**

- Proposed activities implement part of local, state or federal water quality plans

- **Landowner agreements**

- Review requirements before applying
- <https://ecology.wa.gov/Asset-Collections/Doc-Assets/Water-quality/Grants-and-Loans/Nonpoint-Ressources/Example-Land-Owner-Agreement-for-Cent-and-Section>

- **Cultural resource review**

- See **Appendix N** for cultural resource info
- Guidance and forms are available with environmental review on our website
- <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-grants-and-loans/Environmental-review>

See Guidelines Sections 2.5.1 & 6.2, and Appendix N



Project Schedule - Tips

- **July 1st** is the earliest reimbursable start date
 - July-September for planning and reviews

- **Early October** is typically earliest start for on the ground implementation – after reviews are complete
 - **~2 months for Cultural resource review**
 - Final determination could require a survey
 - **~1-3 months BMP approval**
 - Includes review of site plans, BMP Approval Form, ensures work will be reimbursed
 - **~2-3 months for Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)**
 - Required for monitoring

Application Submission:

- Correct any errors and go to “Change Status” on the Application menu to submit
- **Submit by 5 pm-Thursday October 12, 2023**
- Sign up for our WQ Financial Assistance Email List (GovDelivery) for future notices
 - Lots super helpful information



Funding Information Resources:

SFY 2024 Funding Guidelines

- Applicant Prep Tool (Appendix C)



Ecology WQC Website:

Training, forms, environmental review and other goodies

Nonpoint-specific forms, training materials

Project Budget Template v1.0 –

- One template – several water/fish restoration funders

Ask a Human:

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*** 2024 Nonpoint *
Applicant Workshop
August 23rd**



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**Thank you
for your time today**

**We are accepting the
“Notices of Intent” now**

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