# Questions and Answers

# Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Lead (CR2SL)

# Fall 2024 Solicitation

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| 64 | I’m hoping you might have some time for a chat about the CR2S grants. I lead the Watershed Resilience Program at DNR and we are interested in a collaborative proposal with a couple of RFEGs, but I need some clarity about the limitations on working with state agencies and on state lands before I get much further down the road of proposal development and partners engagement. Are state agencies eligible to provide much needed capacity for maintenance on other lands?Can this work be done on state and private lands? | Thank you for your interest in the program!As you likely know, State agencies are ineligible to be a lead applicant, though they can support other eligible applicants, like RFEGs. The state lands limitation includes restoration or permanent protection of riparian areas on state owned/managed lands. There are plenty of activities that DNR can partner with RFEGs on for this funding opportunity. The funding is not intended to include state owned aquatic lands for implementation work, however, I encourage you to include the full strategy of riparian restoration in your proposal to show the need, though the work needs to be focused primarily on privately owned land.  |
| 63 | I was reading about the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program in the latest DOE weekly digest bulletin email. Will this grant ever be available for the rest of Washington State? We are working with several Eastern WA cities to develop their Climate Element for the Comprehensive Plan. Future availability of a grant such as the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems program would go a long way to help local elected officials to see the benefit in creating meaningful local goals and policies that will set the city up for future success and potential funding. | Thanks for reaching out. I’m glad to hear about this work and understand how far funding like this could go for you. Unfortunately, this funding is coming from the EPA Region 10 and is allocated for the Puget Sound at this time.There is a small possibility that work being done outside of the region could qualify for some innovation work if there is a way to expand models of work from one location to another. However, the implementation funds cannot be used outside of the Puget Sound at this time. I have been collecting a fair amount of frustration for this limitation, and I truly understand the need in other locations. If we can use this funding opportunity to prove that riparian implementation funds are needed and can be well used, it is a long-term goal to institutionalize the funding source and perhaps expand that to all of Washington.  |
| 62 | What is/would be the term length of the awarded funding?  How many years to use these funds? | The timing for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems:Application selection released: March 5, 2025Contract negotiations: March – July 2025Grant period: May 2025 – June 2030 |
| 61 | Who do we reach out to to chat through a specific project? Need to talk about what they would like to do with "innovation". | Libby Gier (Libby.Gier@ecy.wa.gov), and office hours published on the website. |
| 60 | Ineligible activities section mentions facilities, but what about facilities/materials in relation to nurseries? | Those activities and costs are eligible for nursery activities. |
| 59 | If there is a restoration project that requires more funds and would allow for more work, can funds be utilized towards a project, or is this strictly for the plantings? (leverage, using these funds for match) | This funding can be used for match for other programs. |
| 58 | Implementation category - implementation needs to be a part of the proposal if design is included. What if the project won’t be completed with CR2SL funds? | That’s ok, just need to get started on implementation with CR2SL funds, not complete the project. |
| 57 | Prior descriptions of this funding focused on innovative techniques - but this seems more focused on traditional. Any flexibility where we can't get the traditional buffer widths? | The program is intended to be innovative, give us your vision for landowner incentives. Buffer widths need to meet the minimum requirements in the FG. |
| 56 | Is there a scale to the restoration that is indicated for this funding? | Programmatic, collaborative, watershed scale. Mapping question looks at the whole watershed and focuses in from there.  |
| 55 | Metrics - can we consolidate metrics for the whole grant, provides flexibility for number of plants per site. Do metrics have to be specific to the site or can be consolidated | The metrics do not be tied to specific sites, and can likely be consolidated.  |
| 54 | Are the investment priorities are weighted equally? Are any of them less of a priority than others?  | They are not in priority order, they are in more of a sequential order. No priority of one over another. |
| 53 | Should we focus on programmatic planning for this first round and save implementation for the 2nd round? What will the 2nd round of funding look like? | We encourage proposing the whole picture in this first round, We don't know what the next round of funding will look like, changes could occur, we have funding now for the first round |
| 52 | We were not able to attend the informational meeting on November 13 to hear more about the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems funding opportunity. Was that meeting recorded and will it be accessible on the website? I was looking for it today and didn't see it, but I could have missed it.  | We are working on getting the video posted on the website. It should be on the Climate Resilient website shortly. I will be sure to send you a link when it’s up. |
| 51 | Kirkland is considering this grant application and we have a question about the potential requirements that may come into play with being awarded federal funding. If there is a hard infrastructure component to a project, such as removing or replacing stormwater infrastructure or bank protection, will there be additional federal contracting requirements? Other grants we have received State sources that include Federal funds have required American Iron and Steel and some even Build America, Buy America program compliance. | I’m happy to hear that Kirkland is considering the [grant opportunity](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian). If you could share a bit more about the project idea, I can better advise you on the eligible activities. The [Funding Guidelines](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2406020.html) has a lot of specificity for eligible and ineligible activities. I’m wondering if there will be large construction equipment included in the proposal, as that is one of the activities that is ineligible for the most part. There is also specific streambank protection requirements lined out in the Funding Guidelines, Chapter 2.2.3. And of course, the work is intended to be a larger programmatic proposal with riparian restoration and/or protection at the core. It sounds like this may be a stormwater project with some riparian plantings unless I am missing something. |
| 50 | Is there any risk of this funding being affected by federal administration changes? | Very unlikely. Ecology has a portion of the funds in hand, and the rest will be dispersed over the next year.  |
| 49 | Is there a water rights opportunity? | Not eligible or ineligible. Likely would work if tied to LO incentive |
| 48 | Our project is a construction project to restore a stream for salmon habitat. It appears that the grant dollars is based on Federal funding. Do we need to apply for a NEPA or is a SEPA sufficient?Also, could you let me know the timeline in regards to when Awards will be announced and when funding is expected to arrive? | The funding is EPA BIL funding, passed through to Ecology. More information will be provided in the funding guidelines once it is available for sharing on November 5.  NEPA will not be required for implementation for this program. The timing for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems:Application selection released: March 5, 2025Contract negotiations: March – July 2025Grant period: May 2025 – June 2030  |
| 47 | A portion of our project would require us to place engineered log jams with helicopters and use machines on the ground to anchor them. In the list of ineligible activities you have:"Instream activities that require use of big equipment or heavy machinery (Unless negotiated with Ecology).If we can deliver everything you require, from planning, community engagement, and engineering through implementation for less than $2,750,000, can we negotiate that with you? | We are encouraging collaborative, programmatic proposals that include strategic planning, landowner outreach, and watershed restoration across programs. This seems like one good project, and I would encourage you to make partnerships and fold it into a larger restoration/protection effort. You are correct that the Funding Guidelines includes flexible language "unless negotiated with Ecology" which would be a case by case basis if the proposal is selected. I would encourage a proposal if you have all of the collaborative, programmatic approach to riparian restoration including this implementation project.  |
| 46 | The City of Redmond is considering applying for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant opportunity for our Evans Creek Relocation project. The project includes approximately 12-acres of native planting, replacing a monoculture of Reed canary grass. The project is in the final design phase and is waiting on a flood permit and a few property agreements, but we anticipate going to construction in the summer of 2025, with planting in the fall of 2025 and winter of 2026. Does that timing work for the grant process? I could not find the schedule on the website. | Thank you for your interest in the program! We are encouraging collaborative, programmatic proposals that include strategic planning, landowner outreach, and watershed restoration. This seems like one good project, and I would encourage you to make partnerships and fold it into a larger restoration/protection effort.The timing for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems:Application selection released: March 5, 2025Contract negotiations: March – July 2025Grant period: May 2025 – June 2030 Let me know if you have any questions.  |
| 45 | Who is on the grant selection committee and how was this formed?  | No details/nuances shared. Mostly coalition members and efforts to include Tribal participation. |
| 44 | How to address long term need for landowner incentives and maintenance funds within grant timeframe: | May be able to allocate funds to a trust that can be doled out over a longer time period. There is also an option for a lump sum payment. |
| 43 | How are we weighting impacts/adaptation to climate change and approach to doing riparian restoration? | Dynamics are evolving. We want to see proposals that acknowledge possible climate impacts, implementation will be flexible and adaptively managed.  |
| 42 | Are there climate projections/models that applicants can use? |  |
| 41b | Ther are several properties in riparian areas/CMZs that have existing open code violations of solid waste (motorhomes, refrigerators, washers, etc) that end up in the creeks rivers when it floods.  The landowners do not have the means to clean up the property.  What we are thinking is creating a program where the landowner agrees to have the County help with clean up (landowner incentive) and they agree to work with Conservation District /an or myself to come up with a riparian restoration plan that they help with plantings and then then agree to steward the area(possibly a permanent protection easement).  We would also do outreach of other high priority riparian areas for voluntary landowners who want to restore their riparian area.  This is it in a nutshell.  I would love to chat more about this idea.  We see it as a way to keep solid waste out of salmon rivers/streams and implement riparian restoration. | Wow, that sounds great. Here are the guidelines I can provide in response. We cannot fund mitigation or remediation for violations, even solid waste violations. We have a line item in our ineligible activities list that says “Solid and hazardous waste cleanup”. As long as the funds are used as you describe and are not used for the solid waste cleanup part of the program, it would be an eligible requirement.The outcomes of this proposal certainly seem admirable.  |
| 41a | Clallam County has interest in applying for this grant.  We have a novel idea that I wanted to talk with you about to see it is something that could be funded.  | Thank you for your interest in the program.I am excited to hear about Clallam County’s interest and would be glad to identify whether the proposal is eligible under the investment priorities for this funding opportunity. If you could write a brief summary of the novel idea, I will be able to advise.We also have a pre-applicant webinar today at 2pm that might help answer some questions. The recording will be available shortly thereafter.  |
| 40 | Are subsequent years of funding dependent of future federal budget application or is the $25 million currently set aside as obligated? | It is in EPAs hands and expect to see a final allocation by October of 2025. |
| 39 | Would we describe the kind of incentive we are wanting to lay the framework for the program, then put an estimated budget for the next funding round? | Great question. The application requests that you consider the types of incentives you could offer in a strategic approach to the program. You could put a funding estimate along with that response. We are more interested in what you are thinking about. We would like to see that you have considered and have interest in the types of landowner payments. Likely, we will be close to knowing what eligible expenses look like by the time we get to contracting. |
| 38 | What does ecology support look like for near final applications? | Our grant writing and reviewing support is very limited. We can verify that you meet all of the eligibility and activity requirements. You have all of the resources in front of you at this point, we do not offer grant writing assistance at this time, or advise on competitive advantages, to be sure to be fair to all applicants.  |
| 37 | What are some of the different rates (flexibility in the program) for leases and acquisitions?  | For acquisitions, we have an appendix that speaks to the standards. RCP’s state policies are in place. Up to 10% fair market value if approved by Ecology based on USFLA appraised value and yellow book standards. For leases, we do not have a specific policy for leases at this time, though we can discuss more about ecosystem service payment options. Commodity basis for payment and an ecosystem service basis for payment. One lump sum payment is simple to do upfront with challenges of stewardship later. Potential for a payment over time managed by another entity, with funding placed into a trust that is drawn down over time. Looking into opportunities to do that.  If that is a critical part of the strategy, we want to hear about them.  |
| 36 | We are trying to design an integrated, programmatic proposal working together on the riparian restoration approach, which is the future of this work. It’s complicated, has numerous objectives, where are the sideboards for what we should not consider? Example: we have some unique opportunities to engage with landowners that were previously enrolled in other programs, and now could be interested in permanent conservation easements. They might not be riparian acres exactly - how do wetlands and floodplains fit in? Should they intentionally be excluded from this grant source?  | Riparian wetlands where hydrologically connected to a salmon bearing stream should be considered for this funding source. The strategy for scaling up the work and having a durable, long-term program to meet land owner needs would be a great backing for those types of ideas. We want to see early ideas and opportunities for supporting riparian restoration programs. What are the less risky approaches (with existing relationships) alongside the early opportunities. Want to have a lot of flexibility in what gets implemented over the five year time frame. Describe some of the projects where implementation can be done, and describe the vegetation task – can work with you to determine what to fund within the grant period.  |
| 35 | We have large groups involved in this area and each has capacity to administer large grants. It’s difficult when the tasks are spread across different entities. Do you have to have 1 lead that the money goes through and is distributed? Could ecology contract separately with one application under a single proposal? | Up until now, Ecology has described the funding opportunity with a single lead. It is possible that we could consider administering multiple agreements within one grant award, but unlikely.  |
| 34b | Thank you so much for the prompt response! Based on my read of the RFP, I’m thinking we would likely fit more into the riparian restoration implementation priority as at this point we’ve identified target areas and are in the process of drafting habitat restoration designs (about the 60% level or thereabouts). If we secured funding through we would likely be using it to complete the restoration designs and commence construction/site preparation. Our staff estimates about 50% of the work is occurring on private lands with the remainder taking place on federal lands. Based on that split, I’m thinking this particular project might not be the best fit for this specific funding source. Does that seem reasonable based on your understanding of the RFP? Thank you again for helping us evaluate this funding source!  | I would encourage you to apply with the riparian restoration implementation on private lands as the basis of the proposal. Perhaps there is a way to propose funding the private lands part of the proposal now, then work with other funding sources for the federal lands aspects. We discussed having flexibility for proposals like this, but do not have a sense of how well they will compare with proposals that are 100% on private lands. It still seems like a good fit to me.  |
| 34a | I had a question regarding eligibility for this grant round that I was hoping you might be able to shed some light on. Long Live the Kings is supporting the Nisqually Indian Tribe to help design and implement a climate resilience focused habitat restoration plan for the Nisqually River Delta. We are confident that much of this work aligns with the goals of the funding opportunity, but I also know that portions of this project occur on or are adjacent to federal land as the delta includes the federal Nisqually Wildlife Refuge as well as land owned by Joint Base Lewis–McChord. I know the RFP lists “Riparian restoration implementation on most federal owned property” as being ineligible. Considering the “most” qualifier, do you have any guidance on when a project that includes federal land might be eligible? I’m happy to hop on Zoom or a phone call to dig into this in greater detail. I also want to note that this project isn’t occurring exclusively on federal land and the climate resilience benefits will most certainly flow to flood prone communities along the Nisqually River.  | Great question.Eligibility for this funding opportunity depends on the kind of proposal. Most of what you describe would fit into the categories of reach-scale planning, which can include all types of lands in the reach and watershed. Most implementation activities on federal lands are ineligible, however, there is some flexibility in the funding given that these are intended to be programmatic, collaborative proposals across a watershed, and if some of the areas that are identified as the key reaches from reach scale planning lead to a suite of implementation activities across the stream, including some state or federal lands. If the most holistic approach includes “some” federal lands, it may be considered.  |
| 33 | The Port of Camas Washougal maintains many acres of property along the Columbia River. Would we be eligible for funding under 1.3.4. Maintenance, Monitoring and Adaptive Management ?We do not have a past habitat restoration project site that needs maintenance but have significant areas of existing riparian habitat that need would benefit from maintenance and adaptive management. | Thanks for reaching out. Unfortunately, this funding is coming from the EPA Region 10 and is allocated for the Puget Sound. There is a small possibility that work being done outside of the region could qualify for some innovation work if there is a way to expand models of work from one location to another. However, the implementation funds cannot be used outside of the Puget Sound at this time. I have been collecting a fair amount of frustration for this limitation, and I truly understand the need in other locations. If we can use this funding opportunity to prove that riparian implementation funds are needed and can be well used, it is a long-term goal to institutionalize the funding source and perhaps expand that to all of Washington.  |
| 32 | There was one follow-up question after the presentation regarding Priority E: Maintenance, monitoring, and adaptive management.  We are still in the early stages of developing our ideal project list, but TNC currently has some monitoring occurring at their Port Susan Bay site. If they’d like to continue or expand upon an existing project that monitors effectiveness to help inform future restoration and track changes and there is currently a QAPP in place will they have to submit another QAPP for this funding source? | You would likely be able to submit the same QAPP materials to Ecology with some documentation about how this expands on the same methods and be able to use the same methods and a streamlined QAPP process. I think it will still need to be reviewed by our Quality Assurance officer and likely approved with a reasonable turn around time. Thank you for your interest in the program, and congrats on receiving a National Coastal Wetlands grant.  |
| 31 | ﻿…Is this Riparian Granting only for the PS area?...what about Eastern Washington, especially NE/Stevens County/Loon Lake? | Thanks for reaching out. Unfortunately, this funding is coming from the EPA Region 10 and is allocated for the Puget Sound. There is a small possibility that work being done outside of the region could qualify for some innovation work if there is a way to expand models of work from one location to another. However, the implementation funds cannot be used outside of the Puget Sound at this time. I have been collecting a fair amount of frustration for this limitation, and I truly understand the need in other locations. If we can use this funding opportunity to prove that riparian implementation funds are needed and can be well used, it is a long-term goal to institutionalize the funding source and perhaps expand that to all of Washington.  |
| 30 | I saw the Climate Resilient Riparian grants were released today. I was looking through eligibility and see that “local governments” are listed. In some grants this includes port districts, but I do not see them listed instead it just says counties, cities/towns. I am wondering if ports are eligible for this grant program? I am hoping I would be able to distribute  this opportunity to our members. Thanks for your time and attention to this.  | Thank you for your question and interest in promoting the grant opportunity. Great question- eligibility for ports will be based on who owns the land. If ports would like to do restoration on the land or shorelines that are managed by the ports, eligibility would depend on who owns that land that the restoration would take place on. Port districts themselves may participate in some of the other priorities, like reach scale planning and outreach, without this clause. I encourage you to distribute the opportunity to your members perhaps with this nuance called out, it would be a great way to include the ports.Anyone interested in learning more should [sign up for updates here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) and can [visit the website](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian).  |
| 29 | To access additional funding later on, how much flexibility to build into the proposed scope of work? | Initially proponents will propose a set of tasks and deliverables, as new information is obtained or phases achieved, there will be opportunities to amend the agreements to incorporate new work as needed. It will be helpful if applicants can demonstrate that they have the structure in place to prioritize and implement new work. Example: a watershed may have a set of criteria that they use to evaluate different reaches based on habitat qualities, and target landowner outreach according to how individual parcels score within this criteria. Individual landowners and parcels do not need to be identified in the proposal, but sharing this prioritization strategy will give confidence to address emergent needs as they come up during the award period.  |
| 28 | Will there be any "right-sizing" of proposed activities after proposals are ranked? | Yes, once all proposals are received and ranked, the grant team may work with applicants to right size their projects based on the amount of funding available and synergies or overlap with other projects.  |
| 27 | Are any of the six categories higher priority than others?  ie., is there a project type that will rank better?  | No, we encourage applicants to apply to any range of the categories, from one through six. No category is prioritized over another, though we will be looking for collaborative, programmatic approaches to this work.  |
| 26 | This focus primarily on freshwater riparian?  Or do you distinguish between freshwater and marine shorelines?   | We expect to see more freshwater riparian applications, but we welcome proposals that have good strategic justification for the type of riparian system that they would like to restore or improve.  |
| 25 | I recently say the new Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grants opportunity through DOE and am excited about the potential of it. I did have one question about it and that is whether these grants are targeted to only streams that are identified today as “salmon streams” or if it was open for any riparian system that is in need of restoration (which probably covers most in western Washington)? Here in Island County we don’t have many streams today that are functional for salmon spawning but we certainly do have stream systems that could use restoration. Maxwelton Creek on the south end and Crescent Creek on the north end come to mind. Before I invest more time into thinking about potential projects, I wanted to confirm the scope.What design criteria parameters exist for riparian restoration implementation projects? Would the use of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation practice standards that focus on riparian and associated area plantings be sufficient criteria to follow if applying for implementation projects?If awarded funding, is there a specific time window of execution (for example, if awarded funding in the first round, when would the funding “start” and need to “complete” by?)? Are extensions available if need arises, so long as they do not extend beyond the 2030 time window specified in the announcement? | Thank you for your questions and interest in the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. More information will be available on November 5 when the solicitation period opens including an extensive funding guidelines, applicant resources, and application materials. I believe all of your questions will be answered by those resources.  I recommend that you sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) for information about how to register for the applicant webinar and dates for the office hours. [More information available on the website](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian). The funding guidelines has recommendations for the riparian restoration implementation projects, which specifically references WDFW and Ecology guidance. Check it out once it’s available and let me know if you still have a question. The contract dates are March 2025 – June 2030. The application will describe the requirements for each application. It includes some questions about the strategic plans that the proposal is based upon and the context surrounding how the focus area was selected. There is also a mapping component to show the surrounding conditions for the work.  |
| 24 | We’re interested in learning about this new grant and would like to get the link to the webinar scheduled for Nov 13.In addition to the link requested, may I know if you will be recording the webinar and if so, may I request for a recording. | Thank you for your interest in the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. More information about the program will be available on November 5. Be sure to check the funding guidelines. If you know you are interested, [sign up for updates on the program’s listserv here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340). We will be sure to share registration information for the November 13 office hours there once it is available. We will also be hosting office hours to answer applicant questions later in the application period. We will have multiple recorded resources available to assist applicants, including a recording of the applicant webinar on the [program’s website here](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian).  |
| 23 | The City of Bellingham is very interested in pursuing the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant when it opens in November. A few quick questions;Could you send me the invite to the webinar on November 13th? I didn't see a link to sign up in the email I received. Would you be able to spend some time via teams or zoom to talk through our project idea and make sure we understand how it would fit in this program? We have a very specific need, and this funding source seems like a perfect fit for us. Thanks! Have a great day.  | Thank you for your interest in the grant program. If you sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340), we will share registration information there once it is ready. It might be worth noting that we are encouraging proposals from multiple partners to support large scale restoration within a watershed. The minimum amount for each proposal reflects that, at $500,000.We will host an applicant webinar on November 13, and a few office hours intended to answer questions about specific proposals. If you need further information or assistance after that, I would be happy to help.  |
| 22 | I’m working with Tribes and land trusts on food forest work in riparian areas locally (Nisqually delta, Puyallup, R and on Vashon). The below is really interesting! Can we talk some time?The attached is a description of the work we are doing this year, and just applied to USGS to expand and relate to climate resilience. | Congratulations on your work and thank you for your interest in our program. All that I can advise you on at this time is if proposal is eligible for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. The application is intended to support programmatic and ongoing riparian maintenance throughout Puget Sound watersheds. It includes reach scale planning, restoration in strategic places, purchasing properties, and maintenance activities. While your proposal would fit into the outreach and education category, I would encourage you to collaborate with other partners in the key focus area to propose a larger application. The minimum amount for a single application is $500,000. [More information available on the website](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian). Be sure to check the funding guidelines once it is released on November 5 for more information on what might be competitive.And for your convenience, sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340).  |
| 21 | Hello Libby, I am a consultant working, on behalf of Island County. I am writing to request the Department of Ecology's support and coordination as we prepare our application for the PROTECT (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation) Grant Opportunity from the U.S. Department of Transportation. We are in the process of developing a planning grant proposal that will include a comprehensive resiliency plan aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change and enhancing the sustainability of our transportation infrastructure. Island County recognizes the importance of a collaborative approach in creating a resilient transportation network, and your department’s expertise in environmental stewardship and sustainability is essential to our success.We would greatly appreciate your collaboration in this effort, including sharing any relevant data or resources, as well as providing input on best practices that can align our project with state-level initiatives. Additionally, we welcome the opportunity to discuss ways in which our proposal can support the broader environmental goals of Washington State.Please let us know if we can schedule a meeting or call to further discuss how we can work together on this important initiative. We look forward to your insights and support.Thank you for your time and consideration. | All that I can advise you on at this time is if proposal is eligible for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. This does seem like an eligible proposal from an eligible applicant.  Be sure to check the funding guidelines once it is released on November 5 for more information on what might be competitive.And for your convenience, sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340).   |
| 20 | I wanted to make sure there was a way for me to become aware of any upcoming Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant informational applicant webinars that are planned.  | Thank you for your interest in the grant program. We do have a way to sign up for [our program’s listserv at this link](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) for news and updates. There will be an applicant webinar and two opportunities for “office hours” where you can drop in and ask questions.  |
| 19 | I have a few questions for you about this funding.  Can you let me know when is convenient to talk? | Thank you for your interest in the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. We are getting ready to release more information about the upcoming opportunity on November 5. I believe many of your questions will be answered by the funding guidelines and applicant materials [on this website](https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/puget-sound/helping-puget-sound/riparian-restoration/riparian-systems). Feel free to sign up for updates about [the funding opportunity on this program’s listserv here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340).  |
| 18 | I’m working with a private landowner to investigate removal of a small earthen dam on their property which spans an unnamed tributary to Cottage Lake Creek near Woodinville, WA.  A key part of the project is identifying possible funding and I’d like your thoughts on whether removal of the dam and restoration of the creek and riparian corridor is eligible for the upcoming Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant. Likely either the county or the local fisheries enhancement group would be the grant applicant. The dam impounds a pond/wetland approximately 20,000 sq. ft.in size upstream of it, much of which has filled in with sediment. The dam crest is about 9’ tall at the downstream face. In the next 2 years, the county is planning to replace an undersized culvert under a county road a short distance downstream of the dam. The road culvert and the dam are the last two known fish passage barriers on this stream. Reviewing the grant website, it looks like this project would meet Riparian restoration implementation (Priority D); Maintenance, monitoring, and adaptive management (Priority E); and possibly Permanent protection of riparian habitat (Priority F).  But the details for these categories could aim to something entirely different than a dam removal and creek restoration, so I want to check with you about your thoughts on project eligibility. | Thank you for your interest in the program and your questions. All that I can advise you on at this time is if proposal is eligible for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. This does seem like an eligible proposal from an eligible applicant. [More information available on the website](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian). Be sure to check the funding guidelines once it is released on November 5 for more information on what might be competitive.And for your convenience, sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340).  |
| 17b | Thanks. I’m all signed up for updates. This meeting would not be to the whole group – rather just King Conservation District, and some partners. Do you have preferred times for a smaller meeting?Some up front questions that we have:How do you recommend that sponsors apply, as individual grants or a bundle of projects that connect with one another and address various priorities? How are multiple applications evaluated that are some from same watershed?How would you recommend that partners prepare for Nov 5th when the application and criteria becomes open? | More information to answer your questions will be available along with the funding guidelines on November 5.And Kayla Seaforth from BEF will be reaching out to each LIO/LE about scheduling individual meetings with partners. We recommend that an application with multiple partners be completed for programmatic support within a watershed. Applications will be evaluated separately. Each will be ranked according to the evaluation criterion. More information will be shared on November 5. We will have an applicant webinar and office hours to answer more project-specific questions throughout the period of the grant.  For now signing up for updates on our program’s listserv is the best way to get information.  |
| 17a | I am supporting partners in the Snoqualmie Basin for teeing up there projects to the new Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program (Congrats on getting it underway!!!).Can you please share a copy of the application, as I am unable to access it through the SAW portal. Also, we would like to set up a time to meet with you and ask a few questions about the grant and the projects that Snoqualmie partners have in mind. Are there preferred times that you have available within the next 2-3 weeks?  | Thanks for reaching out. We would be happy to come to one of your working group meetings in November to discuss the funding opportunity, if there’s a time that works for you. The grant solicitation opens on November 5, so the solicitation materials are not quite ready to share. We will have the funding guidelines, application instructions, and application materials available at that time. Sign up for [the program’s listserv](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) for updates on the dates for the applicant workshops and office hours, and if you want to, potential applicants can fill out the [intent to apply form](https://forms.office.com/g/1taWurhz6h), which helps us gauge interest.  |
| 16 | I have been browsing the website for your program to find rfp and specifics for the application process. Do you have an RFP available?I have added the service to our SAW account, but cannot find any further information on this proposal.I was able to add the service to our current account. Also, I am wondering if a vendor number is  required for the application?  [https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fecology.wa.gov%2Fabout-us%2Fpayments-contracts-grants%2Fgrants-loans%2Ffind-a-grant-or-loan%2Fclimate-resilient-riparian&data=05%7C02%7Clgie461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7C993940ff51f34a7722a408dced8542d6%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638646403813696017%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yZ3K%2BqRxAxl5ECN6XjJShWSD2wgowxCyA7rAf0%2B8jnQ%3D&reserved=0) | While Ecology did receive your registration request it has been denied because the one-time EAGL registration was missing your name and a Statewide Vendor (SWV) number for the organization you were registering. Please visit [Vendor payee registration | Office of Financial Management (wa.gov)](https://ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/accounting-systems/statewide-vendorpayee-services/vendor-payee-registration) to set up a vendor number for the organization it takes 3-5 days. Once received you can complete the one-time EAGL registration form again. Be sure to add your personal name in the Name field on the form and add the SWV# and we along with the other information and we will get you approved as soon as possible. |
| 15 | I saw that Ecology will be administering the new Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grants and I was hoping you might be able to address a couple quick questions for me: The grant program [website](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fecology.wa.gov%2Fabout-us%2Fpayments-contracts-grants%2Fgrants-loans%2Ffind-a-grant-or-loan%2Fclimate-resilient-riparian%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C02%7Clgie461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7C542b3f7d88754895f87608dced5291f7%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638646186101867351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v2ITPkl0rRvnJkeMYzRmVJl3lWBToPTB4dvxMJSRGDo%3D&reserved=0) indicates that an RFP is forthcoming on November 5. I presume this document will include information regarding the applicant webinar and office hour sessions referenced on the website, but please let me know if the details of those learning opportunities are already known/shareable. The website indicates that this is a federally (EPA) funded program. As such, I assume NEPA review will be required for funded projects, or at least “implementation” type projects. Can you please confirm?  | Thanks for reaching out and for your interest in the program. I can answer all your questions!You are correct, that most of the information you will need will be released on November 5. Be sure to sign up for [the program’s listserv](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) to get updates on things like the date of webinars, office hours, and release of application materials. The funding is EPA BIL funding, passed through to Ecology. More information will be provided in the funding guidelines once it is available for sharing on November 5.  NEPA will not be required for implementation for this program.  |
| 14b | A couple of follow up questions below.Is there a target budget for proposals?What is the process to negotiate for a heavy equipment implemented project?What are the “programmatic approaches to strategic restoration/protection”?We have a shovel ready project which would also benefit the City’s water supply, so we would be very interested in a no match habitat restoration funding source that could allow us to implement next summer as the City’s water well is increasingly vulnerable during summer low flows as the river continues to migrate west away from the well intake.I will sign up for the listserv. | All that I can advise you on at this time is if proposal is eligible for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. This does seem like an eligible proposal from an eligible applicant. [More information available on the website](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian). The range for this funding opportunity award limit is $500,000-$2.75 million. Be sure to check the funding guidelines once it is released on November 5 for more information on what might be competitive.And for your convenience, sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340).  |
| 14a | I’m interested in connecting to touch base of the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems opportunity.  We are considering an Elwha River project that encompasses floodplain restoration (inwater infrastructure removal, dike removal, engineered logjam construction and riparian revegetation to benefit salmon and to also slow down water and recharge the aquifer that supplies drinking water to the City of Port Angeles.  I wanted to run these ideas past you for further development of the proposal and also inquire as to when the funds with the Jan 15 deadline would be available for use.Please let me know of some good times to connect. | Thank you for your question and interest in the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program.  The intent of the funds are to be used for smaller scale projects. One of the ineligible activities includes instream activities that require use of big equipment or heavy machinery (unless negotiated with Ecology). Those kinds of project usually have other sources of funding, and this funding source is intended to focus on smaller streams and a programmatic approach to strategic restoration and/or protection.  The application period closes on January 15, and final proposals are selected by March 5, so the contract period could be as early as May 2025 – September 2028.Be sure to [sign up for the program’s listserv](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) for updates on applicant webinars, office hours, and funding guidelines.  |
| 13b | I hope this email find you well. I was wondering if you have a few moments to talk about grant funding, eligibility and the scope of City's restoration project. | Thank you for your interest in the program. Do you have any specific questions for me?The City of Bothell is an eligible applicant for the funding opportunity. I would mention that we are encouraging programmatic, collaborative applications for a watershed. We have an applicant webinar coming up, and a few office hours which I know you know about that should have quite a few answers to common questions.  |
| 13a | Do you have any dates yet for the webinars that will be offered for this grant. | Thanks for reaching out and your interest in the program. The first applicant webinar is November 13 (2-3pm), with 2 technical assistance office hours for specific proposal questions on December 12 (9-11am) and January 8 (1-3pm). We will have a lot more information coming out soon. If you are interested, you can sign up for the [program’s listserv here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340). |
| 12 | I'm working on a multi-phased project in SW Washington in the SF Toutle watershed. We've secured a variety of funding sources including SRFB, ECY Streamflow, ECY Terry Hussman, and private donations but we're always looking for new sources. This project covers about 500 acres and 17 miles of the SF Toutle River and its tributaries; I've attached a photo of the area we're starting to seek funding for. We applied for Floodplains by Design in 2024 but we're ranked pretty low on the list and don't anticipate getting funded. I'm curious about the new ECY Riparian funding and whether our project is eligible for funding. Can you help me find out if we are eligible?  | Thanks for reaching out and for your interest in this program. Unfortunately, your project area is not within the geographic confines of this grant opportunity. It sounds like a great project- good luck with your applications. |
| 11 | Work on state land would be eligible, correct? It is just that state agencies cannot be recipients, although they could be partners. A non-profit could apply for funds to do work that would occur on state land, right? | Thanks for reaching out. Sorry it took me a few days to get back to you. Typically, work on state lands is ineligible for this funding opportunity. However, we are now clarifying the requirement. We have added this language to the funding guidelines, which is still being published: Activities to take place on State owned lands are eligible under a narrow set of circumstances, subject to negotiations with Ecology. Activities on State owned lands must be supportive of a programmatic proposal that focuses on work on privately owned land. Hopefully this helps accommodate a few good circumstances.  |
| 10 | Just had a quick question about the grant.  Would the funds cover property acquisition costs or conservation easement costs? | Thanks for reaching out. As long as the funding can be tied to riparian restoration and/or protection, some of the priority approaches include property acquisition costs or conservation easement costs. Yes. We will release more information about applicant webinars and technical resources as it gets closer to when the funding opportunity opens on November 5. Be sure to [join our listserv](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) to stay up to date.  |
| 9 | Today's announcement of the new Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant is very exciting. I see that it is only for the Puget Sound WRIA's. Will this funding also be offered for eastern WA WRIA's in the future? So many of our riparian areas are heavily impacted by current and legacy livestock grazing, stream channelization, and road infrastructure. Our historic riparian corridors are most often dominated by static monocultures of pioneer riparian species such as Alder or upland community species instead of riparian ones. Any information you can share on future riparian funding opportunities would be greatly appreciated. | Thanks for reaching out. Unfortunately, this funding is coming from the EPA Region 10 and is allocated for the Puget Sound. There is a small possibility that work being done outside of the region could qualify for some innovation work if there is a way to expand models of work from one location to another. However, the implementation funds cannot be used outside of the Puget Sound at this time. I have been collecting a fair amount of frustration for this limitation, and I truly understand the need in other locations. If we can use this funding opportunity to prove that riparian implementation funds are needed and can be well used, it is a long-term goal to institutionalize the funding source and perhaps expand that to all of Washington.  |
| 8d | I had sent a follow up question that may have been lost in the shuffle. It follows.A portion of our envisioned project is to remove old Railroad infrastructure that is along the banks of the Hoko River. Here a bunch of creosote piling form a trestle and bridge abutments that impair river function and riparian zone recovery efforts. These are big, smelly structures Around 200 piles estimated at ~400 tons of creosoted wood. One abutment is across the Hoko River with no good access and very soft soils.  As such the estimated costs for removal approach $1M. We want to get them out before replanting 23 acres riparian zone, as after replanting we’d crush plantings for access. Do you think a big ticket item like this would compete? It is definitely an expensive riparian planting component. The partners are struggling to figure out how to get these out so riparian restoration can commence. (The trestle sits on private lands.) I include a page of trestle photos from our design report. | All that I can advise you on at this time is if proposal is eligible for the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. This does seem like an eligible proposal from an eligible applicant. Be sure to check the funding guidelines once it is released on November 5 for more information on what might be competitive.And for your convenience, sign up for updates from [our program here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340).  |
| 8c | OK, Thanks for clarifying. I’m curious what is driving the rule that the implementation cannot occur on State owned lands? Hoko River State park desperately needs riparian plantings and they have been unable to secure any funds for such.I do notice that State Partners are allowed by the grant source, not as applicants, but as partners. I’m curious what might be envisioned there if work cannot occur on state lands? Is it EPA not allowing state lands to benefit from the program, I’m curious about that wrinkle.A portion of our envisioned project is to remove old Railroad infrastructure that is along the banks of the Hoko River. Here a bunch of creosote piling form a trestle and bridge abutments that impair river function and riparian zone recovery efforts. These are big, smelly structures Around 200 piles estimated at ~400 tons of creosoted wood. One abutment is across the Hoko River with no good access and very soft soils.  As such the estimated costs for removal approach $1M. We want to get them out before replanting 23 acres riparian zone, as after replanting we’d crush plantings for access. Do you think a big ticket item like this would compete? It is definitely an expensive riparian planting component. The partners are struggling to figure out how to get these out so riparian restoration can commence. (The trestle sits on private lands.) I include a page of trestle photos from our design report.I know it is early in your process, so thanks for any input you can provide. | Thanks for reaching out. The focus of this funding opportunity is for privately owned lands and support for landowner incentives. For this purpose, typically, work on state lands is ineligible for this funding opportunity. However, we are now clarifying the requirement. We have added this language to the funding guidelines, which is still being published: Activities to take place on State owned lands are eligible under a narrow set of circumstances, subject to negotiations with Ecology. Activities on State owned lands must be supportive of a programmatic proposal that focuses on work on privately owned land. Hopefully, this helps accommodate a few good circumstances.  |
| 8b | OK, in that case, the planting of state parks is ineligible too through this program?  If that is correct, we wouldn’t be seeking money to move the weather station either. | The location of the proposal makes it ineligible for the funding source, regardless of the activity. I like the proposal and wish you best of luck.  |
| 8a | We plan to cooperate with our partners at the Makah Tribe and Washington State Parks to prepare and application for this grant.I have a cost eligibility question. The Makah Tribe maintains a weather station on State Park lands that monitors weather and records long term weather data. This station ins in a large field we would plan to plant with this grant. A forest is not a good place for the station obviously. We are wondering if moving/replacing this weather station would be an allowable cost to the grant? Would you know such specifics yet? | Thanks for reaching out. It’s an interesting eligibility question with the Makah Tribe maintaining, but the land being officially owned by State Parks. It is unlikely that this is eligible for our funding, as state owned property is ineligible for implementation funds with this program. I could see a way for some of the funding to be eligible for the relocation of the infrastructure to a new site. I will continue to dig a little deeper into the nuance here, but it seems ineligible to me at this time.  |
| 7 | This grant opportunity looks very interesting and might be very applicable to a Port proposal we’ve been working on.  Are Ports eligible to apply?  It’s not clear on the website.Thank you, | Thank you for reaching out and for your interest. Yes, ports are eligible to apply. Be sure to [sign up for the listserv here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) to get updates on the office hours and technical assistance as we get closer to opening the opportunity on November 5. |
| 6 | We wanted to ask about the eligibility and potential competitiveness of a proposed King County Metro project and the performance period of these awards.  The proposed project would daylight and restore two underground branches of Riverton Creek, a salmon bearing creek, within the project site of our South Base Operation Campus 11911 E Marginal Way S in Tukwila which is King County Metro owned property.  The project would increase water quality, stormwater and flood management, fish and wildlife habitat, and improve the livability of the built environment by daylighting 950 ft. of the west and east branches of Riverton Creek, installing three fish-passable culverts to improve fish passage of resident trout and coho salmon, and restore riparian vegetation.  This work is part of a larger project to build a new 544,000 operation base to support Metro’s battery electric bus fleet.Any input you could provide would be helpful. | Thanks for reaching out. It sounds like an interesting project and riparian restoration on King County Metro property is an eligible activity on an eligible land type.Be sure to sign up for [the program’s listserv here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) for updates on the applicant office hours dates and more information about technical assistance. |
| 5 | I help run Whatcom County's Conservation Easement Program, which primarily purchases agricultural easements by removing development rights. We have a property that we are hoping to place a permanent riparian easement along the riparian corridor and then place an agricultural easement on the remaining portion of the property. I would love to learn more about the new Climate Resilient Riparian Grant Program to see if it may be an option for this property. Could we set up a time to meet? Maybe the week of October 14th?  | Thank you for reaching out and for your interest in the program. This does seem like eligible activity, with an eligible applicant and a good fit for the funds.We are still getting ourselves ready for the application period to open on November 5, but at that point, many more resources will be available to help answer your questions. Be sure to [join the program’s listserv here](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340) for updates on applicant office hours or technical assistance that we will share as it gets closer to the opening of the opportunity. We have included an office hours webinar times for specific proposal questions and can have other experts available to answer your questions at that time.   |
| 4 | XXX. is providing engineering, funding and planning assistance to the Taylor Bay Beach Club for their Wastewater Treatment Plant and Marine Outfall Replacement Project in Pierce County. I received Ecology’s notice for the new Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant Lead Program today and I’m wondering whether restoration of native vegetation to stabilize a steep marine hillside would qualify under your program? The parcel where the new WWTP will be located is within 200 feet of this steep, potentially unstable marine bluff that has been stabilized over the years in places with non-native plant species. Between a quarter  and a half mile of the hillside would benefit from a replanting with native vegetation that would stabilize the slope and protect the WWTP. Taylor Bay has received a Shellfish SIL Grant for extension of their marine outfall into deeper water to allow harvest of commercial geoduck beds and adjacent beaches along Taylor Bay near the southwest tip of the Key Peninsula, and a grant to protect the hillside above the outfall would benefit both marine and upland ecosystems. Please let me know if you think a re-vegetation project of this sort might be eligible for your new grant program.Feel free to call me at xxxx if you have questions or require additional information about this potential project. | Thanks for your email and interest in this work. The Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant is focused on restoring and protecting riparian areas in key ecosystems throughout Puget Sound. We are encouraging large, integrated programs to boost riparian recovery in key watersheds. Each proposal will need to have a handful of selected project sites, and this might be a good one to include in a larger proposal. I don’t know of anyone in your area that is pulling together a proposal at this time, but the solicitation is not even open yet, so there is time. I know the Shellfish SIL grant team well- does this fit as part of a next phase of funding for that work?We are building a listserv of interested contacts and just sent out the first, more detailed post this morning. See below. If you would like to sign up for updates, please do. You will then be notified when the application period is open and can join technical assistance workshops if needed. Additionally, the attached email just went out. It has a bit more information than the earlier Ecology blog post. Be sure to sign up for updates if you want them. If you have any other questions, please let me know.  |
| 3 | My name is xxx. I am a veteran public affairs official: (7 years as Public Affairs Director for the Department of Natural Resources, 5 years corporate, 26 years as Public Affairs Director for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and 10 years as owner of SR Productions, a public affairs/lobbying company). Most of my work through the years as been in service to the tribes, particularly in western Washington. I retired my business in 2020 to write books, but am currently serving on several environmental/education boards of directors. Among these are the Pacific Education Institute, Washington Wild and This Is Indian Country. All of these are non-profit 501c3's.   I apologize for the long self introduction. But I felt it necessary to explain why I am writing to you. I coordinated the efforts of these boards along with the Tulalip Tribes recently to produce a Teachers' Workshop, "Tribes and Climate Change". It was a great success! A curriculum, a documentary and 25 new video interviews with tribal leaders across the state are online at [www.ThisIsIndianCountry.org](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.thisisindiancountry.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Clgie461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7C0542ad5dccfb4ee3398008dce2fd93e7%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638634825948840707%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3GY1HObdb3DyKX1jP%2BBCec5wWQz8YpaYhMUDF6JljQE%3D&reserved=0) (The concentration is on the impacts of climate change on tribes statewide and what the tribes are doing in response). The This Is Indian Country program is one we started with Billy Frank, Jr. before he passed away...I was Billy's "P.R. guy" for more than 30 years.   As I said, the workshop was a great success, and will result in tribal-based education for thousands of students. The 30 teachers who participated heard from such great leaders as Ron Allen, longtime chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; Leonard Forsman, longtime chair of the Suquamish Tribe and President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; Fawn Sharp, former President of Quinault Indian Nation, ATNI and the National Congress of American Indians...and many more. Due to successful fundraising, we were able to provide 5-star rooms at the Tulalip Inn for the teachers, travel expenses, all food for the 2-days, including a traditional salmon bake, and much more.   So, now that we have reached so many teachers in the North Sound region, we're in initial stages of planning to do a similar event for teachers in South Sound (then the Coast and then eastern Washington. In all, we anticipate reaching well more than 100,000  each year with this important tribal message/information.   So why am I bothering you with all this? I'm hoping you can direct me to prospective fund-raising opportunities for this effort.   I will appreciate anything you can do to help.  | Thank you for reaching out. This sounds like a great project. I received your email from Michelle Quast, so I’m assuming this question is about the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. I can see this proposal being a potentially compelling eligible component of a larger, cooperative proposal for the fall solicitation of the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems grant program. We are just getting ready to open the funding opportunity on November 5. You would likely need to find some partners to coordinate on a proposal to include tribal-led education and outreach with an emphasis on climate change, and tie it directly to riparian restoration and/or protection for this opportunity. There is another program that facilitated the Coastal Hazards Organizational Resilience Team that focuses a bit more on climate resiliency. They have a lot of opportunities that might be more in line with the work that you are interested in doing. I’ve cc’d Jay Krienitz on this email- he will be able to get you more information about that effort and any upcoming opportunities to support your efforts. Let me know if I can help with anything else.  |
| 2 | I'm interested in the Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grants but am having trouble finding the guidelines and criteria referenced in the "how to apply" webpage: Applicants should review all solicitation documents on the application webpage, including the funding guidelines and evaluation criteria, to give the application the best opportunity for success.Can you point me to those? Thank you! | Thanks for reaching out. We are still working on the application and evaluation criterion for the funding opportunity. We are currently messaging out about the solicitation that will open November 5. The email below has more information about the solicitation itself, it still does not have the information you are looking for, but will be available on November 5. I will look into changing those links to say “Coming soon”. [Climate Resilient Riparian Systems](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/climate-resilient-riparian%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/2/010001925370c6d9-21f2463a-ebd5-4e62-b331-0db0af94ebac-000000/nQ4vwyEo4ri25aixNzoi-xvhjPrB68u7vQB971eR0gg%3D373) grant funding web page.[Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Lead](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/puget-sound/helping-puget-sound/riparian-restoration/riparian-systems%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/2/010001925370c6d9-21f2463a-ebd5-4e62-b331-0db0af94ebac-000000/zTd0p8XDErIZev_IBVxxVEnrq-WGdGBw0tdLxkQ_TVU%3D373) overview web page.[Climate Resilient Riparian Systems](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//ecology.wa.gov/blog/october-2024/new-grant-program-aims-to-restore-protect-puget-sound-riparian-areas%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/010001925370c6d9-21f2463a-ebd5-4e62-b331-0db0af94ebac-000000/eImTtCyvH6ygcc1wz7-bgXK2GJ-yXYITcBqQogPRBoQ%3D373) blog.Please join the listserv so you can get an email when it opens and when those materials are ready for review. If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out.  |
| 1 | Can you please add me to the email list? | Yes. This email just went out. I’m checking to make sure you got it, and if you have any other questions, please let me know. You can also sign up for updates on the program’s website here: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_340>  |