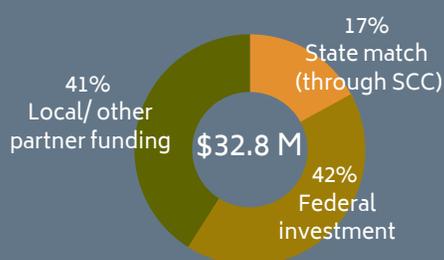


# RCPP Matching Funds

A magnet for leveraged funds



State match represents 17% of the five-year budgets for 5 RCPP projects. The remaining 83% (contingent on state match) from other federal partner contributions.



## Leverage of 5 to 1

On average, every dollar of RCPP state match will leverage \$5 in federal and other partner contributions.



## Putting Washington to Work

For each RCPP, multiple projects are constructed. Over the length of the project, these five projects will generate over 1,000 jobs.

## Proposal

**Funding requested: \$3 million**

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program or RCPP is a Farm Bill program that awards federal funding to projects where multiple partners invest in cooperative action to solve natural resource issues in targeted areas. Grant awards require match, and the Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) has been designated to pass-through state capital matching funds for successful RCPP recipients.

## Why this can't wait

- RCPP is an efficient way for federal, state, tribal and local partners to coordinate efforts and make landscape-scale improvements on urgent issues, including soil health, salmon and orca recovery, farmland preservation, drought resilience and forest health.
- Partners of five RCPP projects in Washington have already committed millions of federal and local funding to support their work. But they need state match to secure those commitments and make their budgets whole.
- Many of these five-year projects have been in progress for years and landowners have signed contracts to work with partners on actions that meet their goals. Without a state match, the project contracts won't be met, jeopardizing trust.

## What does RCPP look like on the ground?



Installing fish-friendly screens on irrigation intakes.



Upgrading irrigation systems to more efficient sprinkler systems.



Removing fish barriers and replacing them with bridges that allow fish access.

# RCPP Projects in Washington

RCPP projects that receive state match through SCC stretch across Washington improving natural resource conditions and generating over a thousand jobs for our communities.

## 1 Palouse River Implementation Partnership WRIA 34

- **Lead partner:** Palouse Conservation District
- **Project:** Engaging agricultural producers (through incentives) to implement the Palouse River Watershed Management Plan. Thus improving water quality and soil health, and reducing regulatory action.

## 2 Middle Columbia Steelhead Partnership

- **Lead partners:** Kittitas County Conservation District and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- **Projects:** Accelerating the recovery of the threatened Mid-Columbia steelhead by targeting high-priority watersheds, which produce more than 50% of the wild steelhead in the Yakima River Basin.

## 3 Puyallup Watershed Partnership

- **Lead partner:** Pierce Conservation District
- **Project:** Working to permanently conserve 1,000 acres of prime farmland and assist landowners with restoration activities that enhance salmon habitat and preserve the economic and ecosystem benefits that farmland provides.

## 4 Southwest Washington Small Forest Lands Conservation Partnership

- **Lead partner:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- **Project:** Assisting small forest landowners with forest stewardship plans that improve habitat, protect water quality, improve forest resiliency and keep working forests working.

## 5 Poop Smart Clark Program

- **Lead partner:** Clark Conservation District
- **Project:** Connecting landowners with the tools they need to drive social change, adopt better management practices and correct sources of sediment, nutrient and bacteria runoff in Clark County.

## 6 Fuel Break & Forestry Resiliency Partnership

- **Lead partner:** Cascadia Conservation District
- **Project:** Increasing the scope and scale of wildfire risk reduction and wildlife enhancement projects in areas identified by DNR, US Forest Service, local utilities and fire districts as critical for restoring forest health and improving response to wildfire.

## 7 Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program

- **Lead partner:** Columbia Basin Conservation District
- **Project:** Conserving 33,000 acre-feet of groundwater in the rapidly declining Odessa Aquifer each year through implementing on-farm irrigation systems that replace groundwater irrigation with Columbia River surface water.

## Project locations



## Accomplishments



With assistance from Palouse River RCPP partners, farmers have started using soil-friendly conservation tillage on 80 square miles of land — that's an area almost the size of Seattle!

## Testimonial



"I signed up for the reduced minimum tillage program to basically try to establish into a more no-till program for future years to maintain soil and organic matter. Working with the partners was easy... I'm hoping to see benefits like higher organic matter, which then may allow water to absorb into the ground and not run off, and to build up that long-term organic matter to hopefully see increased yields."

- Ryan Kile, Whitman County farmer

Commenting on his experience with the Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District as part of the Palouse River Watershed RCPP.



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