Ecology Funding Programs

• Water Quality Program
  – Clean water infrastructure

• Other Programs
  – Air – Clean air retrofits
  – Shorelands – Flood Plains
  – Toxics Cleanup – Brownfields
  – Waste 2 Resources – Solid waste/landfills
  – Water Resources – Water Supply, Irrigation

• The Office of Columbia River (OCR)
  – funding and coordinating storage, conservation, and transmission projects.

Mission:
Protect and restore Washington’s waters to sustain healthy watersheds and communities.
Clean Water Funding

• Wastewater Facilities
• Stormwater Facilities
• Decentralized Sewage Systems
• Nonpoint Source
  – Surface and groundwater protection
  – Watershed restoration and protection
  – Agricultural BMPs
  – Property Acquisition
    • Water quality and source water protection
  – Education and Outreach
Integrated Funding Program

Investment in high priority water quality infrastructure
Integrated Funding Program

~$150 million in awards per year

• Competitive process

• Eligible recipients
  – public entities
  – non-profits for nonpoint projects (319 only)

• Linking grant and loan funds
  – Total project cost
  – Meet match
  – Address hardship
  – Incentivize outcomes

• E.g. a loan for acquisition can be linked with grant for restoration; loan covers grant match
### Integrated Funding Program

- **Grants** - $50 million +/-
  - 25% Local match usually required
  - $500K cap for nonpoint projects

- **CWSRF Loans** - $100 million per year
  - 20% set aside for nonpoint projects
    - Maximum loan of ~$10 million
  - Forgivable principal – ~$1-2 million annually available – available to priority “green” projects

- **Rates**

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Example - Acquisition

Skagit PUD Source Water Protection Project

• Acquisition of 549 acres
  – CWSRF loan - $1.6M
  – $400K forgivable

• Multiple benefits
  – Protects a critical drinking water source serving 65,000 customers
  – Protects water quality and watershed function
  – Protects habitat and fish
Example - Restoration

Bellingham Squalicum Creek Restoration Project

• Restoration of a water quality impaired urban creek
  – CWSRF loan, forgivable & grant – total of $3.8M

• Multiple benefits
  – Restores & protects water quality and watershed function
  – Prevents flooding via floodplain reconnection
    • climate resiliency and sustainability
  – Protects habitat and endangered salmon species
  – Provides public access for education and recreation
Challenges/Opportunities

• Applicant needs to be a public entity
  – Partnerships are highly encouraged
• Project needs to have clear water quality ties
• State and Federal Funding Levels
  – Often Unpredictable
• Federal conditions and requirements
  – Pose some challenges but manageable

Bottom Line:
A community forest project with a public partner applicant and clear water quality outcomes has a good chance to be funded
Questions?

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Program web link:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/funding.html