



Shore Friendly: Six-Year Local Program Grants Request for Proposals

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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This document serves as the official Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) Shore Friendly response for all questions and inquiries related to the 2024 Shore Friendly Request for Proposals (RFP). Questions are grouped by the following categories: general, funding sources, eligibility, and budget.

TYPE	QUESTION	RESPONSE
GENERAL	1. The RFP's described purpose is to initiate new or expand existing Shore Friendly programs. Are existing program proposals expected to expand their current scopes?	Applicants are not required to add new activities or expand their programs. Using the guidance provided in the RFP as well as the application and evaluation questions, applicants may choose to include proposed activities that are new, or an expansion of, the existing program in their unique geography.
FUNDING SOURCES	2. If my program proposal is successful, is it guaranteed funding for 6 years?	While strong support for the ESRP Shore Friendly program continues, funding is not guaranteed until each biennial budget is passed by the Washington State Legislature. As described in "Award Period" on page 9 of the RFP, "Successful programs will be awarded a six-year agreement that identifies the lead local Shore Friendly program as eligible to receive funding through

ELIGIBILITY	3. I'd like to remove armor on my property. Can I apply for a grant under this RFP to fund my project?	<p>this opportunity, as well as two-year funding contracts to complete activities for the following biennia: 2025-27, 2027-29, and 2029-31. Biennial grant funds will be awarded during the six-year agreement as funding allows. Initial contract work must be completed by June 30, 2027."</p> <p>The purpose of this RFP is 6-year programs, not individual projects. However, armor removal on private property is an intended goal of the 6-year programs and we are excited to work with interested landowners! Please reach out to the ESRP Shore Friendly program by contacting mailto:jenna.jewett@dfw.wa.gov to be connected and get started on your project with your current local Shore Friendly lead.</p>
ELIGIBILITY	4. Are non-profits eligible to apply?	<p>Yes, non-profit organizations are eligible applicants. See page 9 of the RFP for a list of eligible applicants.</p>
ELIGIBILITY	5. Are commercial properties, such as campgrounds, eligible project areas?	<p>The Eligible Geographies and Scope section of the RFP on page 10 states that, "1. Applicants' proposed project sites must be within the Puget Sound Nearshore (East of Cape Flattery to the Canadian border). ESRP defines the nearshore zone as 200 meters immediately upland of tidal influence to the end of the photic zone in the marine shoreline. It includes the shoreline bluffs, the tidal portions of streams and rivers, and shallow water areas out to a depth where sunlight no longer supports marine vegetation. Shore Friendly programs must focus on residential marine shoreline properties along Puget Sound, including Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca."</p> <p>Commercial and other non-residential parcels are not eligible for this funding. Please see the Puget Sound Shoreline Parcel Segmentation Report, located in Appendix C of the RFP to learn about the Shore Friendly program's intentional focus on residential marine shorelines in Puget Sound. Other funding</p>

		sources, including ESRP, support armor removal projects on other property types. All ESRP grant offerings are open and described on our website https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/habitat-recovery/nearshore/conservation/programs/esrp/restoration-grant .
ELIGIBILITY	6. Is working with HOAs or other neighborhood groups considered an eligible activity?	Shore Friendly programs must focus on residential marine shoreline properties along Puget Sound, including Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Proposals may include landowner recruitment strategies using best available science that best address the needs of their local geographic scope. This could include working with a group of landowners to develop individual projects that provide habitat continuity along the shoreline, providing greater ecological benefits than a standalone project.
ELIGIBILITY	7. Are activities that include invasive species control and native vegetation planting on armored parcels eligible?	Shoreline planting and weed control at armored sites where no armor will be removed is considered an ineligible activity. See page 10 for a list of ineligible activities.
ELIGIBILITY	8. Are proposals required to include partnerships with other organizations?	Applicants are not required to partner with other organizations to be eligible. There is an opportunity for applicants to share a vision for proposed partnerships in the full application under the "Program Readiness & Probability of Success" category of the evaluation questions.
BUDGET	9. Is match required?	Match is not required. The Matching Requirements section of the RFP on page 11 states, "Providing matching resources is not required, however providing matching resources could improve the overall cost-effectiveness of a proposal. In addition, the intent of this grant opportunity is to benefit Puget Sound beyond the period of grant funding. Program applicants are expected to demonstrate the organization's intent and capacity

		to continue program activities beyond the funding agreement period."
BUDGET	10. Is indirect an eligible expense?	Indirect is an eligible expense. The Eligible Costs section of the RFP on page 12 states, "The ESRP program allows indirect costs for local Shore Friendly programs. Applicants that plan to bill an indirect rate need to provide RCO documentation that confirms their indirect rate prior to their project going under agreement. For indirect costs to be eligible, select the "Agency Indirect" work type on the metrics page of your full application and enter an associated cost."
BUDGET	11. Is there a policy on rollover funds? Do funds need to be spent within the 2-year funding agreement or is rollover eligible?	Funding awarded for programs will be provided as part of the biennial ESRP Investment Plan. Applicants are expected to provide a realistic and achievable proposed budget for the first 2-year period of the 6-year award, and funds are expected to be spent within the 2025-2027 biennium. As stated in the RFP on page 8, "Initial contract work must be completed by June 30, 2027." Policies related to unspent, or rollover funds will be included in a final guidance manual that is planned to be provided to applicants by July 1, 2025.
BUDGET	12. Does the proposed budget need to reflect the 6-year program or the 2-year funding agreement?	The proposed budget is expected to reflect the biennial (2025-2027) funding request, which is the 2-year funding agreement.
BUDGET	13. Do proposed budgets need to include both a maintenance level of funding and an accelerated level of funding, or one budget request?	Applicants should include one proposed budget that reflects the need for the biennial (2025-2027) funding request.