

Wildlife Diversity Grant Program

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Western bumble bee



Wildlife Diversity Grant Program: Schedule

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Investments to Enhance Biodiversity in Washington

In the 2023 Legislative Session, WDFW requested funds to implement the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), including species and habitat conservation, along with public education and outreach.

Species Conservation

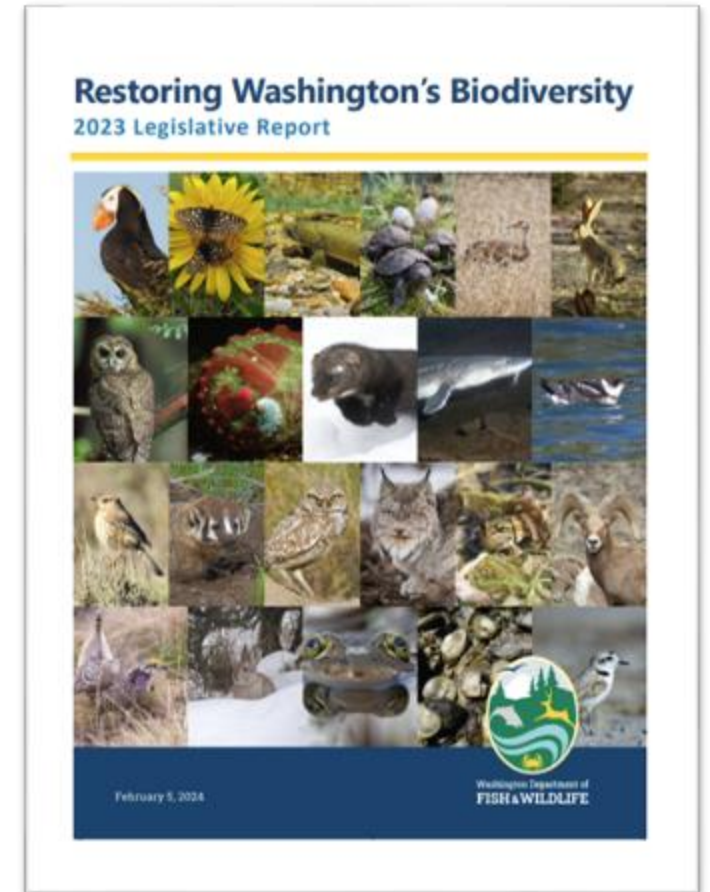
- Implement known recovery actions
- **Support partners to implement conservation actions**
- Survey, monitor, and conduct research to inform conservation action

Habitat Conservation

- Strategic habitat plans
- Modernize standards and guidance for protecting and restoring habitats
- Assist people to follow standards
- Integrate standards into land use and other regulations
- Increase the pace and effectiveness of restoration
- Respond to spills and protect orcas

Policy & Outreach

- State Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator
- Conservation education
- Habitat at Home
- Communications
- WDFW governance assessment



Ramping up to Full Funding

- ~2/3 of our full request was funded with ongoing funding.
- We plan to pursue the remaining ~1/3 in the next legislative session
- Species Conservation ramp up focus areas
 - FY24 & FY25 focus on most imperiled species
 - FY26 & FY27 broaden to include all species of greatest conservation need

Biodiversity Decision Package:
The path to full funding

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These fiscal year priorities build on each other over a four-year investment, delivering the full suite of protection, recovery, and restoration priorities identified in the request. There is flexibility to shift priority work up depending on the levels of funding received within the final budget.

FY24 ≈\$8 M
Fish icon
Actions to recover most imperiled species

- Implement known threatened and endangered species recovery actions including supporting partner actions with pass-through funding

Improved protection of habitats/ecosystems

- Increase technical assistance and guidance efforts to Growth Management Act (GMA) plan reviews and updates
- Update critical guidance products to support local governments and partner conservation actions/planning
- Improve fish and fish habitat protection by completing civil compliance staffing

Examples

- Recovery projects for pygmy rabbits, western pond turtles, northern leopard frog, Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, island marble butterfly, and sharp-tailed grouse
- Pass-through funding to our partners to continue pinto abalone and Olympia oyster recovery

FY25 ≈\$15 M
Owl icon
Finalize initial guidance products and expand technical assistance support to second round GMA planning updates

- Expand focus on imperiled species recovery plan development and implementation of conservation actions that have not yet begun
- Support partnerships, public engagement, and conservation education

Examples

- Increasing recovery actions for listed species such as eulachon, bull trout and lamprey
- Pass-through funding to University of Washington to assess threats and determine management actions for newly listed Cascade red fox
- Bring fish and wildlife protection priorities into the second round of comprehensive plan updates in Clark, Lewis, Thurston, Mason, Jefferson, and Clallam counties

FY26 ≈\$21 M
Bee icon
Expanded capacity to assess status and threats of unlisted Species of Greatest Conservation Need (both fish and wildlife species) and incorporate that knowledge into conservation planning and guidance documents to minimize new listings
Increased restoration capacity for watershed health including an emphasis on terrestrial habitat conditions and climate resiliency
Expand scientific knowledge for species and ecosystem protection and restoration needs
Examples

- Pass through funding to WSU to assess jackrabbit distribution in shrubsteppe habitats with camera traps and other assessment methods
- Pass through funding to Xerxes and other invertebrate conservation partners to assess status, threats, and conservation actions for terrestrial invertebrate SGCN, including pollinators
- Identify and design projects that restore native forest cover near major wildlife crossings

FY27 ≈\$24 M
Frog icon
Expanding habitat restoration efforts (with an increased emphasis on terrestrial ecosystems) and species and habitat status and threats work

Goals: Vastly expand and improve the effectiveness of habitat protection and restoration efforts, implement species recovery actions, and increase our knowledge about Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) populations to:

1. Increase the scope and scale of biodiversity recovery in Washington
2. Prevent the need for future listings under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA)
3. Provide scientific feedback to influence habitat protection and restoration and recovery efforts

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Wildlife Diversity Grant Program Purpose

The Wildlife Diversity Grant Program aims to support **recovery actions** for a suite of Species of Greatest Conservation Need that are state-listed or candidates for listing.

Grant funding can also be awarded for projects aimed at **collecting data and information** on species abundance, distribution, and habitat associations with priority for those whose habitats are under significant threat of incompatible development, land use, or resource management.



Black-tailed jackrabbit



Wildlife Diversity Grant Program: **Priority Activities**

- Implementing recovery and conservation actions for eligible species
- Collecting data and information on abundance, distribution, habitat associations, or natural history
- Implementing direct actionable steps toward achieving those activities

We encourage proposals that benefit multiple species and address actions in the SWAP or state/federal recovery plans.

The full list of priority species is in the announcement.



Marbled murrelet



Wildlife Diversity Grant Program: Deprioritized and Ineligible

Eligible but not prioritized:

- Projects for non-listed and non-candidate SGCN.

Ineligible Activities:

- Outreach and education
- Habitat restoration*, conservation easements, or land acquisition.
- Projects that primarily target benefits for fish, aquatic invertebrates, wolves, and harvested wildlife.

*Projects with a primary purpose of habitat restoration are not eligible for this grant opportunity, this includes mowing, burning, planting, and herbicide spraying.



Northwestern pond turtle



Grant Award Type and Amounts



Oregon spotted frog

- **Project timeframe:** July 2024- June 2025
- **Funding available:** approximately \$1M
- **Project budget range:** \$20,000 to \$200,000
- Awards will result in a grant managed by WDFW
- Match or cost-sharing is not required but encouraged
- **WDFW estimates awarding 8-12 grants**



Eligible Entities and Locations

Eligible Applicants:

Employed by a public, nonprofit, academic, or tribal entity.
Subrecipients are allowed.

Eligible locations:

Project activities must benefit species populations within Washington.



Tufted puffin



Required Application Components

- Proposal summary
- Project narrative
 - Background and problem statement
 - Objectives, outcomes, and deliverables
 - Approach
- Roles of project team members
- Completed schedule and budget template
- Compliance questionnaire and project area map(s)



Killer whale



How to Apply

Email your complete application to WildlifeDiversityGrants@dfw.wa.gov

- Proposal Summary:** Not exceeding one (1) page.
- Project Narrative:** Not exceeding four (4) pages.
- Roles of Project Team Members:** Using the table format provided, one (1) page.
- Combined Schedule and Budget:** Included as a separate excel sheet using provided template.
- Compliance Requirements:** Project area map(s) and responses to the questionnaire not exceeding two (2) pages.



Ferruginous hawk



Review and Selection Process

- Eligibility screening
- Technical reviewers use criteria to score and evaluate
- Evaluation panel develops ranked list of projects to recommend for funding
- Wildlife Diversity Division management makes funding decisions



Fisher



Criteria

- Project contribution
- Project approach
- Project team
- Schedule
- Budget



Northern spotted owl



Award administration and contracting

Grants will be negotiated based on selected proposals and input from WDFW technical reviewers and evaluators.

Grants will be awarded and managed following standard WDFW procedures.

Required reporting:

- Progress reporting associated with invoices
- Factsheet
- Final report



Ashy pebblesnail



Wildlife Diversity Grant Opportunity Summary

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Juniper hairstreak



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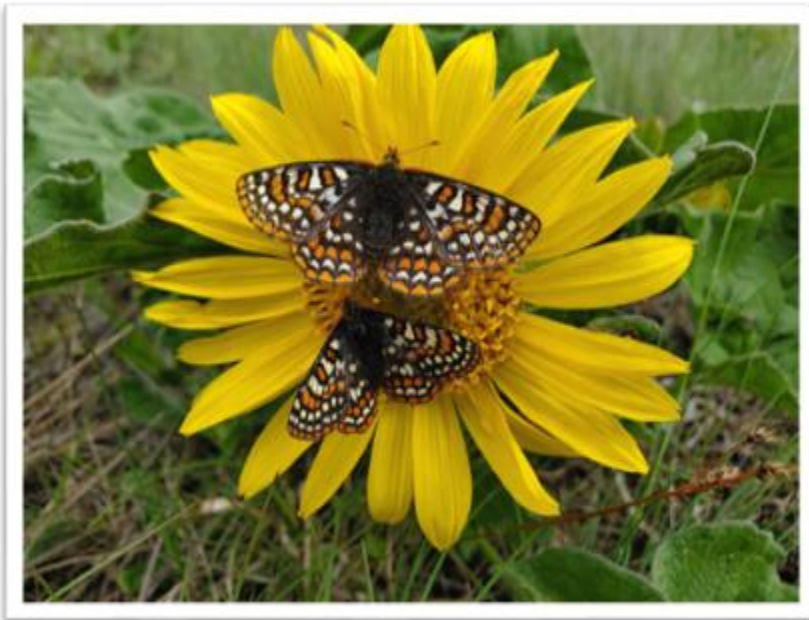
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Looking Ahead



Northern leopard frog



Taylor's checkerspot



Washington ground squirrel





Thank You

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Priority Species of Greatest Conservation Need

Species	Taxa	State status	Federal status	Additional priority for data/information focus ⁴
<u>Cascade torrent salamander (<i>Rhyacotriton cascadae</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Candidate	None	
<u>Columbia spotted frog (<i>Rana luteiventris</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Candidate	None	
<u>Dunn's salamander (<i>Plethodon dunni</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Candidate	None	
<u>Larch Mountain salamander (<i>Plethodon larselli</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Sensitive	None	
<u>Northern leopard frog (<i>Rana pipiens</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Endangered	None	
<u>Rocky Mountain tailed frog (<i>Ascaphus montanus</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Candidate	None	
<u>Van Dyke's salamander (<i>Plethodon vandykei</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Candidate	None	
<u>Western toad (<i>Anaxyrus boreas</i>)</u>	Amphibians	Candidate	None	
<u>American white pelican (<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>)</u>	Birds	Sensitive	None	
<u>Black-backed woodpecker (<i>Picoides arcticus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Burrowing owl (<i>Athene cunicularia</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Cassin's auklet (<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	
<u>Clarks' grebe (<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	
<u>Columbian sharp-tailed grouse (<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	
<u>Common loon (<i>Gavia immer</i>)</u>	Birds	Sensitive	None	



<u>Ferruginous hawk (<i>Buteo regalis</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	yes
<u>Flammulated owl (<i>Psilosops flammeolus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Golden eagle (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Greater sage-grouse (<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	
<u>Loggerhead shrike (<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Marbled murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	Threatened	
<u>Northern goshawk (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Northern spotted owl (<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	Threatened	yes
<u>Oregon vesper sparrow (<i>Poocetes gramineus affinis</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	yes
<u>Sage thrasher (<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Sagebrush sparrow (<i>Artemisiospiza nevadensis</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Sandhill crane (<i>Grus canadensis</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	
<u>Short-tailed albatross (<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	Endangered	
<u>Slender-billed white-breasted nuthatch (<i>Sitta carolinensis aculeata</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Snowy plover (<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	Threatened	
<u>Streaked horned lark (<i>Eremophila alpestris strigata</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	Threatened	yes
<u>Tufted puffin (<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	
<u>Upland sandpiper (<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	None	yes
<u>Western grebe (<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	
<u>White-headed woodpecker (<i>Dryobates albolarvatus</i>)</u>	Birds	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>)</u>	Birds	Endangered	Threatened	
<u>Beller's ground beetle (<i>Agonum belleri</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Chinquapin hairstreak (<i>Habrodais grunus herri</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Columbia clubtail (dragonfly) (<i>Gomphurus lynnae</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Columbia River tiger beetle (<i>Cicindela columbica</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Great Arctic butterfly (<i>Oeneis nevadensis gigas</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Hatch's click beetle (<i>Eanus hatchii</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Island marble (<i>Euchloe ausonides insulanus</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	Endangered	yes
<u>Johnson's hairstreak (<i>Callophrys johnsoni</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Juniper hairstreak (<i>Callophrys gryneus</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Makah copper (<i>Tharsalea mariposa</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	



<u>Mann's mollusk-eating ground beetle (<i>Scaphinotus manni</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Mardon skipper (<i>Polites mardon</i>)</u>	Insects	Endangered	None	yes
<u>Monarch butterfly (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Pacific clubtail (dragonfly) (<i>Phanogomphus kurilis</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Puget blue butterfly (<i>Icaricia icarioides blackmorei</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Sand-verbena moth (<i>Copablepharon fuscum</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Silver-bordered fritillary (<i>Boloria selene atrocotalis</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Taylor's checkerspot (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>)</u>	Insects	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Valley silverspot (<i>Argynnis zerene bremnerii</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Western bumble bee (<i>Bombus occidentalis</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	
<u>Yuma skipper (<i>Ochlodes yuma</i>)</u>	Insects	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Black-tailed jackrabbit (<i>Lepus californicus</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Cascade red fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes cascadenis</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	None	
<u>Columbian white-tailed deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus leucurus</i>)</u>	Mammals	Threatened	Threatened	
<u>Fisher (<i>Pekania pennanti</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	None	
<u>Grizzly bear (<i>Ursus arctos</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	Threatened	
<u>Keen's myotis bat (<i>Myotis keenii</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	
<u>Mazama pocket gopher (<i>Thomomys mazama</i>)</u>	Mammals	Threatened	Threatened	yes
<u>North American lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	Threatened	
<u>Olympic marmot (<i>Marmota olympus</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	
<u>Pygmy rabbit (<i>Brachylagus idahoensis</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Townsend's big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	
<u>Townsend's ground squirrel (<i>Urocitellus townsendii townsendii</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Washington ground squirrel (<i>Urocitellus washingtoni</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Western gray squirrel (<i>Sciurus griseus</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	None	yes
<u>White-tailed jackrabbit (<i>Lepus townsendii</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Wolverine (<i>Gulo gulo</i>)</u>	Mammals	Candidate	Threatened	
<u>Woodland caribou (<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>)</u>	Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Blue whale (<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Fin whale (<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Gray whale (<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Sensitive	None	



<u>Humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Killer whale (<i>Orcinus orca</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>North Pacific right whale (<i>Eubalaena japonica</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Pacific harbor porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Candidate	None	
<u>Sea otter (<i>Enhydra lutris</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Threatened	None	
<u>Sei whale (<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Sperm whale (<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>)</u>	Marine Mammals	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Ashy pebblesnail (<i>Fluminicola fuscus</i>)</u>	Mollusks	Candidate	None	
<u>Blue-gray tailedrop (slug) (<i>Prophysaon coeruleum</i>)</u>	Mollusks	Candidate	None	
<u>Columbia Oregonian (snail) (<i>Cryptomastix hendersoni</i>)</u>	Mollusks	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Dalles sideband (snail) (<i>Monadenia fidelis minor</i>)</u>	Mollusks	Candidate	None	
<u>Poplar Oregonian (snail) (<i>Cryptomastix populi</i>)</u>	Mollusks	Candidate	None	
<u>Shortface lanx (snail) (<i>Fisherola nuttalli</i>)</u>	Mollusks	Candidate	None	
<u>California mountain kingsnake (<i>Lampropeltis zonata</i>)</u>	Reptiles	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Common sharp-tailed snake (<i>Contia tenuis</i>)</u>	Reptiles	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Northwestern pond turtle (<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>)</u>	Reptiles	Endangered	Proposed threatened	
<u>Sagebrush lizard (<i>Sceloporus graciosus</i>)</u>	Reptiles	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Striped whipsnake (<i>Coluber taeniatus taeniatus</i>)</u>	Reptiles	Candidate	None	yes
<u>Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>)</u>	Reptiles (marine)	Threatened	Threatened	
<u>Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>)</u>	Reptiles (marine)	Endangered	Endangered	
<u>Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>)</u>	Reptiles (marine)	Endangered	Endangered	



Application Component: Summary

Up to one page

- a) Project title
- b) Project initiation and completion dates (within 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)
- c) Applicant information: Name, title, organization, phone number
- d) Project abstract:
 - Alignment with priority/eligible actions/species
 - Objectives, outcomes, deliverables
 - Approach, methods, and partners



Application Component: Narrative

Up to four pages

- a) Background and problem statement
- b) Objectives, outcomes, and deliverables
- c) Approach



Application Component: Project Team

Role	Name and affiliation	Funding source (this award or in-kind)	Tasks	Qualifications, Certifications, & Experience
Project lead				
Contract manager and point of contact for the Partnership				
<i>Add rows for any other team member</i>				



Application Component: Schedule & Budget

Summary Information		
Entity		
Entity Project Manager		
Email Address		
Telephone		
Project Title		
Start Date		
End Date		
Total Estimated Project Cost		
Entity Indirect Rate	0%	
Proposed Schedule		
Project Activities	Deliverable	Due Date
Activity #1		
Activity #2		
Activity #3		
Activity #4		
Activity #5		



Application Component: Schedule & Budget

Proposed Project Budget						
	Unit	Cost/Unit	Project Total	Applicant Share	WDFW Share	Budget Justification
A Salaries						
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Subtotal			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Direct Dollars			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Entity's Indirect Rate <i>(see above)</i>			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	



Application Component: Schedule & Budget

Partial Funding

In the space below, please indicate whether partial funding of the project is practicable, and, if so, what specific portion(s) of the project could be implemented with what level of funding. A project proposal that is a part of a longer-term initiative will be considered; however, the proposed project's objectives, benefits, and tasks must stand on their own, as there are no assurances that additional funding would be awarded in subsequent years for associated or complementary projects.

Insert response to partial funding questions here:



Application Component: Compliance Requirements

- Project Area Map(s)
- Responses to questionnaire
 - Ground disturbing activities
 - Effects on federally listed species
 - Activities on WDFW lands
 - Activities requiring a WDFW-issued Scientific Collection Permit
 - List of any relevant current or pending permits

