



Washington  
Department of  
**FISH &  
WILDLIFE**

# WILDLIFE DIVERSITY GRANT OPPORTUNITY

2025-2027



## WDFW's Wildlife Diversity Grant Program aims to support recovery actions for a suite of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).

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.

## KEY DATES

Grant application period opens

**November 1, 2024**

Public information session

**November 13, 2024**

Grant proposals due by 11:59 p.m.

**January 19, 2025**

Learn more and apply at:  
[wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/wildlife-diversity-grants](https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/wildlife-diversity-grants)

**Total available funding:**  
\$2 million

**Eligible Applicants:**  
Applicants affiliated with public, nonprofit, academic, or tribal entities

**Project Timeframe:**  
Projects must occur from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027

**Project budget range:**  
\$40,000 to \$400,000, including indirect/overhead

**Eligible species:**  
SGCN within the Wildlife Diversity Division's scope. Ineligible SGCN include fish, aquatic invertebrates, wolves, and most harvested wildlife.

Funding for the Wildlife Diversity Grant program comes from a significant investment by the state legislature to restore and protect biodiversity in Washington.

# PAST-FUNDED PROJECTS

WDFW selected 17 grants to be funded in 2024-2025, allocating \$1.2M. These grants advance a range of recovery actions and data collection efforts that support recovery of over twenty Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) representing a variety of wildlife species in Washington.

For the full list of funded grants, visit [wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/wildlife-diversity-grants](https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/wildlife-diversity-grants)



## **Spatial Prioritization Model for Habitat Restoration for the Endangered Western Gray Squirrel**

This project will develop a spatial prioritization model that can identify priority land parcels for targeted conservation efforts to aid the recovery of the Klickitat Western gray squirrel (WGS) population. The vast majority of Klickitat WGS habitat is on privately held forest lands and the model will also aid in developing incentives for landowners adopting WGS habitat restoration recommendations.



## **Aquatic Invasive Bullfrog Control for Columbia Gorge Northwestern Pond Turtles**

To protect the endangered Northwestern pond turtle (NWPT), Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the US Forest Service (USFS) are partnering to remove invasive bullfrogs on over 625 acres of property in Skamania County. Reduction in bullfrog numbers can result in increased NWPT hatchling and juvenile survival.



## **Burrowing Owl Population Surveys on the Yakama Nation Reservation**

This project will conduct surveys to fill in the knowledge gaps of burrowing owl populations in the yet unsurveyed 1.2 million-acre Yakama Nation Reservation, which contains 410,000 acres of ideal habitat for the burrowing owl. Acquiring baseline population data for this vulnerable species will inform land management decision-making and conservation and recovery actions.

Request this information in an alternative format or language at [wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/requests-accommodation](https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/requests-accommodation), 833-885-1012, TTY (711), or [CivilRightsTeam@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:CivilRightsTeam@dfw.wa.gov)