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# WaterWorks Grant Program

Sound investments in clean water and community



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Wastewater Treatment Division

## Info Session 2023

## Welcome!

### To Start:

- Update your name in the participant list, to **your first name** and **your organization**, and **preferred pronouns** if you wish. (E.g.: Elizabeth, King Co WaterWorks, she/her)

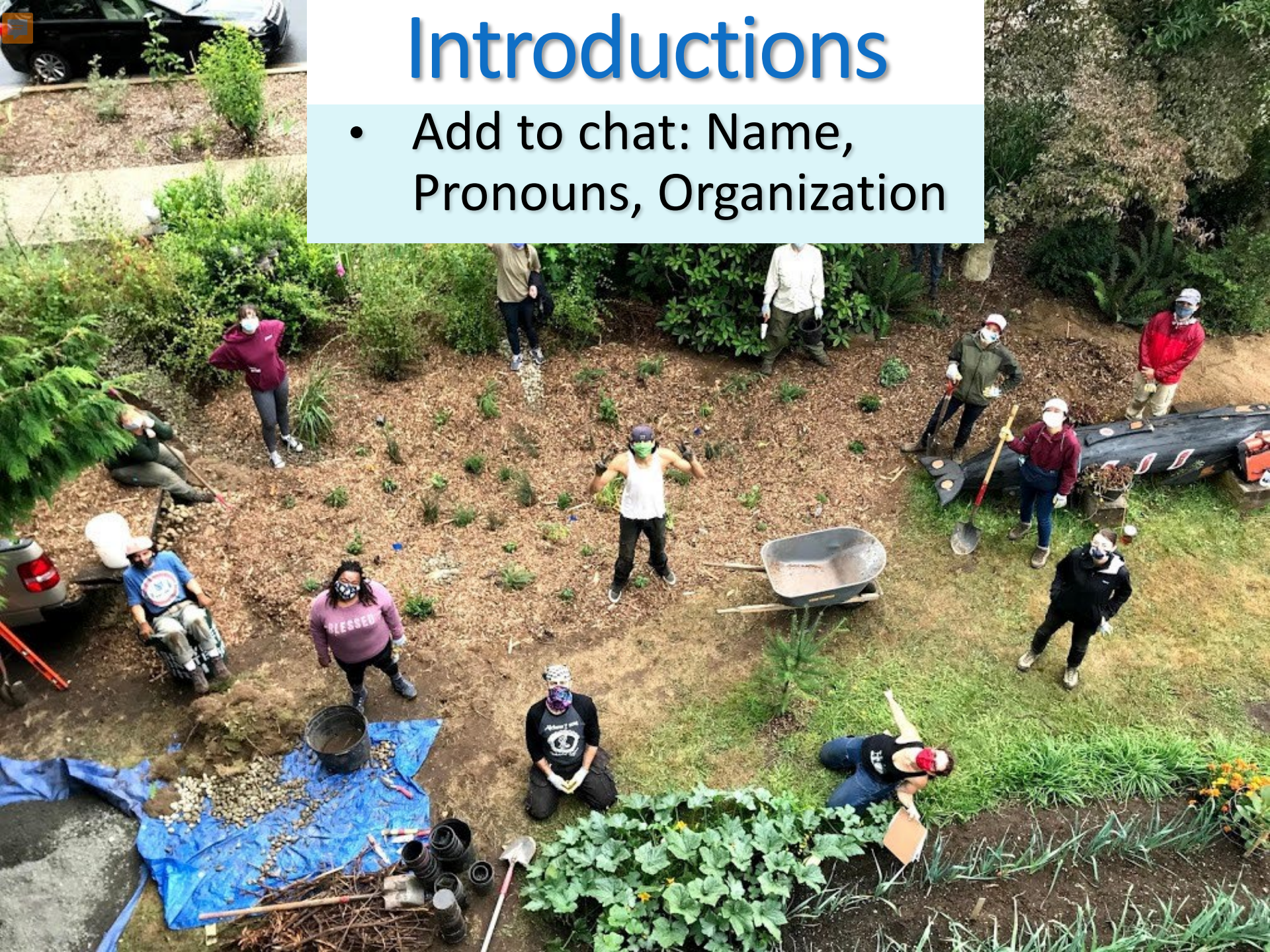
**Reminder!**

**This meeting will be recorded  
(after intros)**



# Introductions

- Add to chat: Name, Pronouns, Organization





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# Today's Agenda

1. Intro, Overview
2. How to Apply
3. Website & Grant Portal
4. Other Grant Resources
5. Q & A

*FYI: We'll post a recording and email a copy of the PPT!*



# Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

**Mission:** We protect public health and enhance the environment by collecting and treating wastewater while recycling valuable resources for the Puget Sound region.







# Wastewater Treatment Division Services

The regional wastewater system serves:

- 1.9 million people
- 34 local agencies (cities, sewer districts, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)



# Regional Water Quality Responsibilities

FROM THIS...



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For water quality  
improvement projects

Blue = eligible area



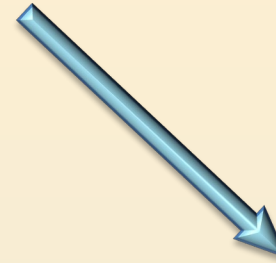
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**Wastewater  
Treatment Division  
Service Area**



# Two Opportunities for Funding



## Competitive Track

\$2.4 million for  
2023-2024

Apply via Info on  
website

## Council-allocated funding Track

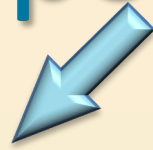
\$2.6 million for  
2023-2024

To Apply:  
Contact your  
councilmember





# Two Opportunities for Funding



Competitive Track

Council-allocated  
funding Track

## **SAME:**

### Criteria

- Eligibility
- Reporting

## **DIFFERENT:**

- Application Process
- Review Process



# Two Opportunities for Funding



Competitive Track

Council-allocated  
funding Track

- You can apply to both tracks, but you can't get funded twice for the same project
- --> **Best practice: submit separate proposals**
- We'll forward list of unfunded & partially funded proposals to council for consideration in the council track





**King County Council**

Councilmembers

Look up my Councilmember

Rod Dembowski, District 1

Girmay Zahilay, District 2

Sarah Perry, District 3

Jeanne Kohl-Welles, District 4

Dave Upthegrove, District 5

Claudia Balducci, District 6

Pete von Reichbauer, District 7

Joe McDermott, District 8

Reagan Dunn, District 9

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## Districts and Councilmembers

### Search by home address

Enter your street address (e.g. 8621 428TH AVE SE) or parcel number.

King County Elections [Interactive map](#) | Large-format [printable map](#) (PDF)

District Overview Map:



### Contact your councilmember

[Contact all Councilmembers directly](#)

#### [Rod Dembowski](#)

District 1

206-477-1001

[rod.dembowski@kingcounty.gov](mailto:rod.dembowski@kingcounty.gov)

Member since: 2013

Current term: 2022-2026

[Official portrait](#)

#### [Girmay Zahilay](#)

District 2

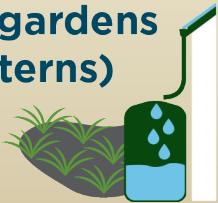
## Look up my Councilmember:

[https://kingcounty.gov/council/councilmembers/find\\_district.aspx](https://kingcounty.gov/council/councilmembers/find_district.aspx)

# Types of Projects



**green stormwater  
infrastructure  
(raingardens  
& cisterns)**



**education &  
community  
engagement**



**research &  
monitoring**

**stream &  
river bank  
restoration**







# Evaluation Criteria

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Water quality benefits                           | 60%            |
| Implementation strength and certainty of success | 20%            |
| Community involvement                            | 20%            |
| Equity and Social Justice                        | included above |

# Equity and Social Justice (ESJ)

*Fair and Just = overarching principle*

- King County has adopted equity and social justice into all of our work.
- Economy and quality of life depends on everyone's ability to contribute.
- Health and wealth depend on race and place—where you live.
- We encourage proposals that include ESJ





# Equity and Social Justice



- Provides benefits to, and/or engages:
  - people of color,
  - limited English proficiency,
  - low income communities
- Organization or partners have skills, relationships to engage community members
- Benefits water quality in an ESJ area

# More Details

1. Min \$20,000, Max \$200,000
2. One **biennial grant cycle** for 2023/2024
3. **Yes, you can apply** if your org already has an active grant
4. **1 step** application process:
  - Full application; no Letter of Intent (LOI)
5. [Mapping tools](#) online
6. **Grant Portal** for online application & grant management
7. **Overhead** or billing rates



# Matching Funds



## Match can include

- **Cash** match (other grants or internal funds dedicated to the project)
- **In-kind** donations (such as donated plants, materials)
- **Volunteer** hours

**Exemption** for CBOs serving underserved populations

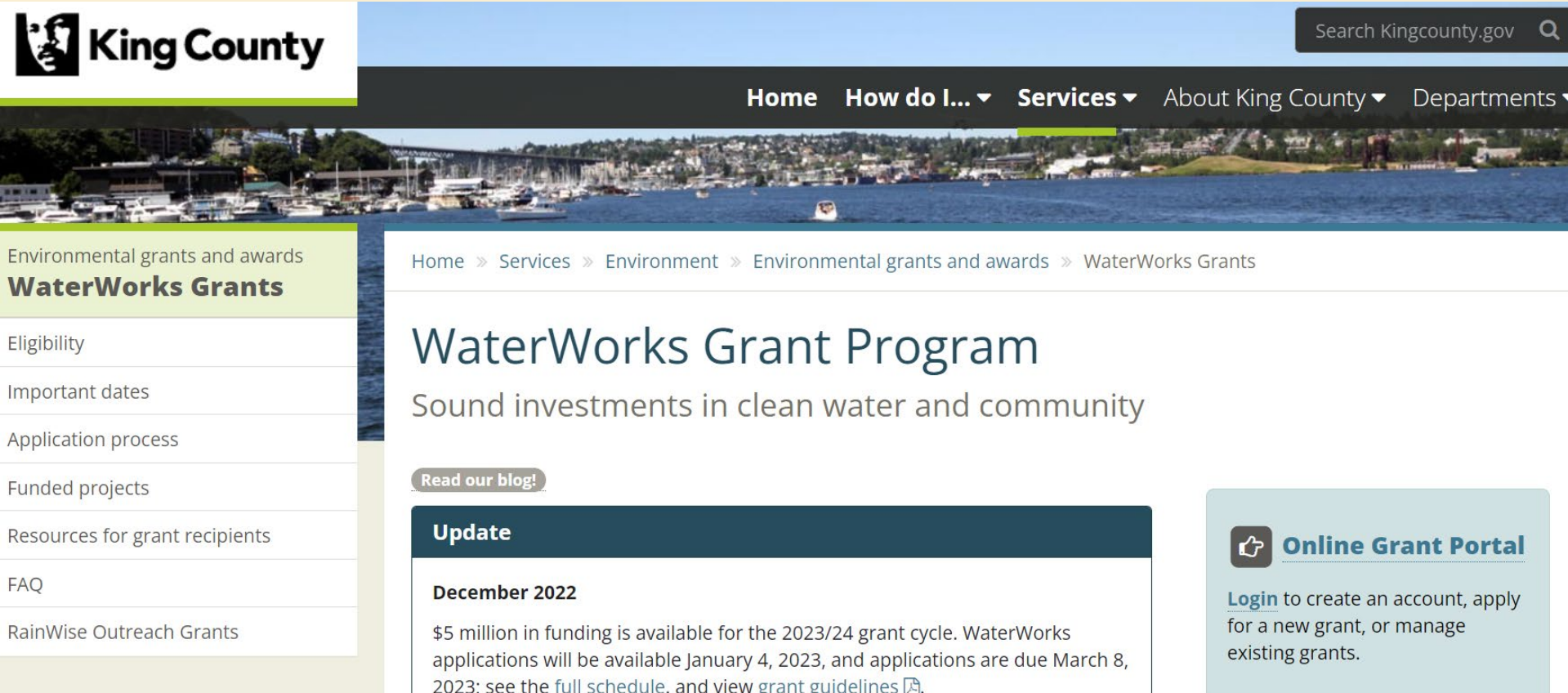


# Timeline


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|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>March 8, 2023, 11:59 pm</b> | <b>Deadline</b> for application                |
| Spring/Summer                  | Review   |
| Fall 2023                      | Authorization by KC Executive and KC Council   |
|                                | Applicants notified of funding recommendations |
| Winter/Spring 2024             | <b>Projects begin!</b>                         |



# Website: lots of info!



The screenshot shows the King County website's 'WaterWorks Grants' page. The header features the King County logo, a search bar, and navigation links. A left sidebar lists various grant-related topics. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail, a title, a subtitle, a blog link, an update section with a December 2022 announcement, and an online grant portal link.

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[Read our blog!](#)

### Update

**December 2022**

\$5 million in funding is available for the 2023/24 grant cycle. WaterWorks applications will be available January 4, 2023, and applications are due March 8, 2023; see the [full schedule](#). and [view grant guidelines](#).

 **Online Grant Portal**

[Login](#) to create an account, apply for a new grant, or manage existing grants.

# To Apply

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## Application process

This timeline is for the **competitive track**. For information on applying to the **council-allocated track**, contact your councilmember's office directly. For a map of council districts and contact information, visit the [council district finder](#).

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[Free online Information Sessions](#) will be held January 19 (12-1:30 pm) and January 23 (6-7:30 pm), 2023. [For more information and to register visit this page](#). A recorded version of the session will be available online by early February.



# To Apply

## To prepare your proposal, review the following:

Visit [Important dates](#) for information on grant cycles.

- To explore whether your project might be a good candidate for WaterWorks, check [Eligibility](#)
- Review [Funded projects](#)
- To better understand one of the key criteria, review [WTD's regional water quality responsibilities](#)
- [Evaluation criteria](#) outlines how proposals are assessed and scored
- [Funding policies](#) covers common questions for applicants such as match and overhead costs, as well as policies for recipients such as reporting requirements and amendments
- Contact staff to discuss your proposal ideas
- [Resources](#) includes information on other funding sources, [equity and social justice](#), green stormwater, and other planning tools



*Apply here!*



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### Update

#### January 2021

WaterWorks is now accepting proposals for the 2021-22 grant cycle, with \$2.2 million available through the competitive track. The Letter of Intent (LOI) is the first step in the process and is required to receive funding. To apply, go to [Application process](#). **The deadline for Letters of Intent is February 17, 2021.**



### Online Grant Portal

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# To Apply



## Login Page

Email Address\*

elizabeth.loudon@kingcounty.gov

Password\*

.....

Log On

Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to the King County WaterWorks Grant Program online grant portal.

**New Users:** Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your login credentials.

### Tutorials:

- [Video Tutorial 1: Site Access & Account Creation](#) (3 minutes long)
- [Video Tutorial 2: Applying for Funding](#) (5 minutes long)
- [Video Tutorial 3: Your Applicant Dashboard](#) (3 minutes long)
- [Written Tutorial - Account, Applying, & Dashboard](#)
- [Video Tutorial 4: Collaborator Feature](#) (2 minutes long)
- [Written Tutorial - Collaborator Feature](#)

**Existing Users:** Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot



# Application form: complete and submit online

Application

King County - Waterworks

## 2023 WaterWorks Competitive Grants

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*King County - Waterworks*

### *Project Overview*

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#### **Project Name\***

*Please give your project a very short but specific name*

*Character Limit: 100*

#### **Project Summary\***

*Provide a short and clear description of the project you propose, including what makes it unique.*

*Character Limit: 800*

#### **Location\***

*Describe the location or area where your project will take place. Point locations can be an address, intersection, or description of stream or river (e.g. 201 S Main St, Seattle; 2nd Ave S and S Main St, Seattle; river mile 5-8 of the Duwamish River).*





# Grant Review

- Internal review
- Review & recommendations by Committee



| Grant Ranking Committee |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| 3                       | MWPAAC representatives                                |
| Up to 9                 | King County residents, one from each Council District |
| 1                       | Water quality technical specialist                    |

# TIPS for a Good Proposal

1. Start on your draft early
2. Submit early! **We cannot accept late applications.**
3. Review website guidelines
4. **Clarity & logic** are important. Make sure your narrative, your scope of work, and your budget connect.
5. Double-check your math on budgets.



# Tips from the Grant Ranking Committee

1. Get a reviewer!
2. Describe your prior experience and results
3. Details are important; especially target outcomes
4. Remember the basics
5. Water Quality = main criteria—make sure this is the focus!



# What to Expect if Funded



Projects will begin in winter or spring 2024

Required:

- **Quarterly reports**--progress and expense, with metrics, backup documentation
- **Final reports**—narrative and financial, with actual match

Project completion 2 years after contracting; 3 years in some cases

# Other Grant Programs

For restoration, habitat, acquisition, and related activities

## King County DNRP – Funding Open House

1/30/23 – 11-12:30

Virtual; will be recorded

Conservation Futures, KC Parks, Cooperative Watershed Management,  
Flood Control

[Click here to register](#), or contact [ParksGrants@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ParksGrants@kingcounty.gov) with any questions!

## **Recorded webinar available online:**

[Funding for Salmon Habitat Recovery - Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound  
Watershed \(WRIA 9\) \(govlink.org\)](#)

# Contact Info

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# Questions?

