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Conservation Futures Program Grants Are Available for 2019

EVERETT, Wash., February 15th 2019 – The Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board (CFPAB) today announced applications will be accepted from February 15, 2019 to April 15, 2019 for potential funding assistance from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program. The CFPAB anticipates application review at their May 2019 board meeting with recommendations given to the Snohomish County Council in June 2019.

Successful program funding is available on a reimbursement basis. It is anticipated that approximately \$1.6 million dollars will be available during this grant round for distribution to eligible organizations/jurisdictions per Snohomish County Code Section [4.14](#). Please note that substantial updates have been made to the 2019 grant application package.

Application Updates

- A Preliminary Title Report is required with all applications, for each property proposed to be acquired.
- Applicants may be determined ineligible for application for SCCFP funding if they are determined to be out of compliance with prior SCCFP projects (see Allocation Policies).
- Funding for awarded projects will be provided on a reimbursable basis only, following project completion, and will be limited to the amount allocated by County Council, or that percentage of the total project cost, as indicated in the original grant application for Conservation Futures funding, whichever is less. Documentation of match and total project costs will be required. Exceptions to the requirement that funding is only provided as a reimbursement may be allowed on a case-by-case basis. If this is an anticipated need, applicants should check with staff prior to applying.

Allocation Policies

- Snohomish County will allocate Conservation Futures Program funds on a competitive basis through an application and evaluative project selection process.
- Matching funds are encouraged but not required.

- Funding to successful awardees is provided only on a reimbursable basis once the project is complete. Exceptions to this policy may be considered on a case-by-case basis and applicants should check with staff prior to applying.
- Projects may be funded at a level below the amount requested by the project sponsor, as recommended by the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board (CFPAB) and forwarded through the County Executive to the Snohomish County Council for review and final consideration for funding approval.
- Prior fund recipients that have been determined to be out of compliance with prior project Interlocal or Acquisition Agreements and/or property Conservation Easements shall not be eligible to apply for additional funding until the compliance issue is corrected to the satisfaction of Snohomish County.

Grant applications and accompanying attachments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. April 15, 2019. Submissions received after this time will not be accepted. Final grant applications can be submitted by mail or via hand delivery using information provided on the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board [webpage](#). If submitting by mail, the submittal must be postmarked by the submission deadline. Submittals shall consist of eight double sided copies of the application along with one digital copy (.pdf).

About the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program

The Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program was started in 1988 as a way to distribute Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds as authorized by RCW 84.34.230. The purpose of this funding is to acquire interests, or rights, in real property for the preservation of open space, farm and agricultural land, and timber land per SCC 4.14.010.

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