

# Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

## ALEA Grant

In 1984, the Washington State Legislature created this grant program to ensure that money generated from aquatic lands was used to protect and enhance those lands.

Grants may be used for the acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes. They also may be used to provide or improve public access to the waterfront.

Aquatic lands are all tidelands, shore lands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters.

### Grant Application Schedule

Item	Date
Application Webinar, Applications Open	February 13, 2020
Application Due	May 1, 2020
Technical Review	May 27, 2020 - May 28, 2020
Technical Completion Deadline	July 13, 2020
Project Evaluation	August 24, 2020 - August 25, 2020
Board Awards Grants	October 7, 2020 - October 8, 2020

### Typical Projects

- Removing bulkheads to restore natural beach functions
- Restoring an estuary
- Replacing a waterfront boardwalk
- Restoring shoreline for salmon habitat
- Developing a waterfront park

### Who May Apply?

- Local agencies
- State agencies
- Native American Tribes

The above entities must be authorized legally to acquire and develop public open space, habitat, or recreation facilities.

# Funding

Funding generally is awarded every 2 years.

ALEA is funded almost entirely by revenue generated from aquatic lands and is used to improve those lands or access to them. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources manages the state-owned aquatic lands and generates revenue from activities such as leasing waterfront sites to marinas and selling harvest rights for geoduck clams.

## Grant Limits

Project Type	Grant Limit	Administrative Cost Limit
Acquisition	\$1 million	5 percent of the total acquisition costs.
Restoration or Improvement	\$500,000	
Development	\$500,000	20 percent of the total project cost 30 percent of the total project cost for Salmon Recovery Funding Board projects
Combination (acquisition and development or restoration)	\$1 million. Not more than \$500,000 may be for development or restoration.	

Grant applicants may ask for greater amounts.

## Match Details

Match may include the following:

- Appropriations or cash
- Bonds
- Donations of cash, land, labor, equipment, and materials
- Federal, state, local, and private grants
- Applicant's labor, equipment, and materials

For local agencies, at least 10 percent of the total project cost must come from a non-state, non-federal contribution.

## Eligible Projects

**Acquisition:** Buying land, leases, conservation easements, or access easements that will provide reasonable public access.

**Restoration:** Returning damaged or altered land to a condition that could be reasonably expected to substantially improve ecological conditions. The work is expected to result in a site that is self-sustaining and will not require continual intervention to function as a predominantly natural ecosystem.

Restoration projects must allow or provide public access to aquatic lands. Restoration projects with interpretive or educational elements are strongly encouraged.

**Development:** Improving, renovating, or providing new structures or facilities that support public access to aquatic lands and waters for water-dependent activities. Educational features are strongly encouraged.

## Ineligible Projects

- Concessionaire buildings
- Fish and other wildlife production facilities
- Indoor facilities such as pools, community centers, museums, environmental centers
- Offices, shops, residences, meeting rooms
- Operating, overhead, and incidental costs
- Routine maintenance costs
- Legally mandated clean-up or mitigation costs not associated with the project