

Puyallup Watershed Small Grants Program

Administered by the Puyallup River Watershed Council

Re-established 2018

The Puyallup Watershed Small Grants Program was re-established in 2018 thanks to matching partners with the **Puyallup Watershed Initiative's Stormwater Community of Interest and Pierce County's Surface Water Management utility fees**. Partners contribute \$10,000 each.

Purpose

The grant program provides resources to help make projects happen on the ground, and assists those not familiar with grant writing obtain experience and funds. Common awardees including K-12 teachers, small nonprofits, college students, and individuals. The types of projects supported are environmental education, habitat restoration, monitoring, and protection and projects that foster community engagement in all of the above.

Need

In 2109 we received requests of nearly \$38,000 in funds to support 17 projects in the watershed. We awarded \$20,000 in grants to support 10 projects. The need clearly exceeds our current resources! Do you know an organization that would like to join this effort by providing matching funds?

Impact

Each project has unique impacts. Overall, thousands of people are reached with messages and education about how to be better stewards of our natural environment and actions they can take to protect water quality and salmon habitat. From young school children to pet owners to families and senior citizen to homeowners— thousands of people!

The 2020 grant cycle is open February 10-April 7, 2020:

www.piercecountwa.org/sgp

2019 Awardees

- Citizens for a Healthy Bay: **Environmental Justice Camp for Girls**
- The Ikkatsu Project: **Puyallup Fresh Water Microplastics Sampling**
- Puyallup Library: **Puyallup Library Rainwater and Pollinator Garden**
- Just and Healthy Foods Community of Interest: **Food Security for People of Color and Native Sharing Garden**
- Friends of Lake Kapowsin: **Riparian Habitat Restoration of Lake Kapowsin**
- Tacoma Tree Foundation: **Hilltop Tree Planting and Distribution**
- South Sound Beaver Cooperative: **Puyallup Watershed Beaver Restoration**
- Puyallup Tribe: **Puyallup River Salmon Education Signage**
- Puyallup Historical Hatchery Foundation: **Orca Room**