

# Match for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

RCPP is a Farm Bill program that awards federal funding to projects where multiple partners coordinate and invest in cooperative actions to solve natural resource issues in targeted areas. Grant awards require match, and the Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) has been designated to pass-through state capital matching funds for RCPP projects.

**Funding requested: \$2,248,152**

## Why this request can't wait:

- ▶ State match funding for RCPP in the 2019-21 budget was insufficient, leaving an over \$2M deficit.
- ▶ Without state match, six RCPP projects in Washington — which have been under development for years — will lose millions more in federal and local leveraged funding.
- ▶ Project leads will be unable to fulfill contractual obligations with landowners, which will jeopardize landowner trust and the future of these voluntary conservation projects.
- ▶ Washington could lose hundreds of jobs associated with these projects and the opportunity to make measurable progress on urgent natural resource issues, including fish passage, flood control, orca recovery, water supply, forest health, and farmland preservation.

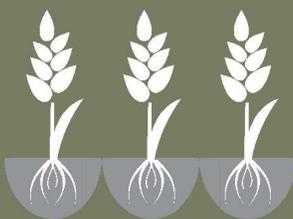
## Why is RCPP important for Washington?

- ▶ RCPP brings millions of federal dollars to Washington for projects that address priority natural resource issues in targeted areas.
- ▶ Farm Bill dollars are invested in regional and watershed-scale projects where multiple partners coordinate efforts, engage voluntary landowner participation, and leverage funds to maximize results.
- ▶ State investment in RCPP has delivered a high return-on-investment. For the last four years, every state dollar invested in RCPP has leveraged over five dollars of federal and local funding.

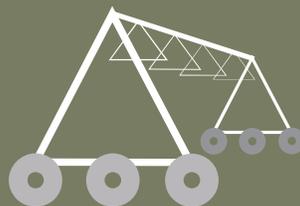


**RCPP is the vehicle for bringing millions of Farm Bill dollars to Washington State.**

## What are some examples of RCPP accomplishments so far?



**57,000 acres**  
converted from conventional  
to conservation tillage



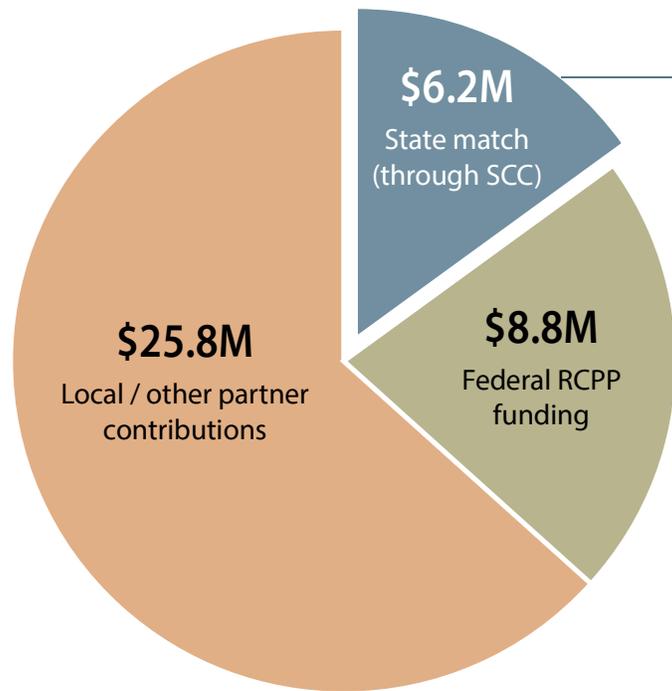
**700 acres**  
of cropland converted to  
more efficient irrigation



**772 acres**  
treated to reduce  
soil erosion

# How much funding has RCPP state match leveraged?

RCPP SPENDING TO DATE, FY16-FY19



State matching funds represent 15% of the total investment in RCPP projects in Washington.

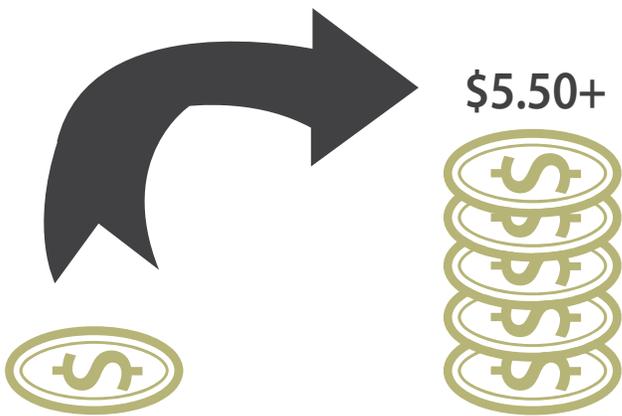
The remaining 85% of funding — which is contingent on state match — has come from federal and other partner contributions.



*“I signed up for the reduced minimum tillage program to basically try to establish into a more no-till program for future years to maintain soil and organic matter. Working with the partners was easy... I’m hoping to see benefits like higher organic matter, which then may allow water to absorb into the ground and not run off, and to build up that long-term organic matter to hopefully see increased yields.”*

- Ryan Kile, Whitman County farmer, on his experience working with Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District as part of the Palouse River Watershed RCPP

## LEVERAGING STATE DOLLARS TO MAXIMIZE INVESTMENT



On average, every state dollar invested in RCPP projects leverages over \$5.50 in federal and other partner contributions.

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