

## **APPENDIX B – FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***PEND OREILLE RIVER WATER TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN***

There are a number of grant sources that provide funding for water trail development, maintenance, and education programs. While, not exhaustive, below is a list of primary funding sources that could be used to implement the recommendations in the Water Trail Concept Plan.

#### **Federal**

##### ***Recreational Trails Program***

The National Recreational Trails Program (N RTP) is a federal funding source that supports the renovation, maintenance, and education related to trails that provide a ‘backcountry experience’ including water trails. N RTP grants require a 20% match. The N RTP is administered in Washington by the Recreation and Conservation Office. See [www.rco.wa.gov/](http://www.rco.wa.gov/)

##### ***Land and Water Conservation Fund***

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was enacted by Congress in 1964 to establish a funding source for grants to state and local governments for land acquisition and/or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. LWCF is federally funded and overseen by the National Park Service but administered in each state; in Washington LWCF is administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). LWCF grants require a 50% match from state or local funds. Areas funded through LWCF assistance are required to be dedicated in perpetuity for public recreation use. See [www.rco.wa.gov/](http://www.rco.wa.gov/)

##### ***EPA Environmental Education Grants***

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsors environmental education projects that enhance the public’s awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. The program is managed by EPA’s Office of Environmental Education and awards grants each year based on funding appropriated by Congress. Annual funding for the program ranges between \$2 and \$3 million. More than 75 percent of the grants awarded by this program receive less than \$15,000. This represents an opportunity to pursue funding for various environmental education projects (e.g., interpretive signs, exhibits, websites, brochures, etc). See <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html> or <http://www.grants.gov/>

##### ***U.S. Forest Service Cooperative Programs***

The USFS’s Rural Community Assistance and Rural Development Programs provide technical and financial assistance programs to help communities in rural areas to strengthen, diversify, and expand their local economies. See <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/coop/programs/rca/economic.htm>

#### **State**

##### ***Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)***

The WWRP is a grant program authorized by the Washington State legislature to support acquisition and development of outdoor recreation and conservation lands. Eligible projects include state and local parks, water access sites, trails, critical wildlife habitat, and natural areas. Grants require a 50% match. WWRP is managed by the Recreation and Conservation Office. See [www.rco.wa.gov/](http://www.rco.wa.gov/)

##### ***Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)***

The ALEA is a grant program authorized by the Washington State legislature to provide grant-in-aid support for the purchase, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes, and for providing and improving access to such lands. It is funded by is funded entirely by revenue generated by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from management of state-owned aquatic lands. Eligible projects

include acquisition (purchase), restoration, or improvement of aquatic lands for public purposes and for providing and improving public access to aquatic lands and associated waters. Any divisions of local or state government, as well as Native American Tribes are eligible to apply if legally authorized to acquire and develop public open space, habitat, or recreation facilities. The ALEA program is managed by the RCO. See [www.rco.wa.gov/](http://www.rco.wa.gov/)

### **National Philanthropy and Planned Giving**

- Kodak American Greenways Program - [www.conservationfund.org/kodak\\_awards](http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards)
- American Canoe Association (ACA) Club-Fostered Stewardship Program - [http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=LLBean\\_CFS\\_Grant](http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=LLBean_CFS_Grant)
- REI - [www.rei.com/aboutrei/grants02.html](http://www.rei.com/aboutrei/grants02.html)
- Tom's of Maine - [http://www.tomsofmaine.com/toms/community/rivers2004/frameset\\_overview.asp](http://www.tomsofmaine.com/toms/community/rivers2004/frameset_overview.asp)
- Walmart - <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8979.aspx>

### **Potential Local and Regional Funding Sources and Planned Giving**

- Inland Northwest Foundation <http://www.inwcf.org>
- Kalispel Charitable Fund <http://www.kalispeltribe.com/charitable-fund>
- Lions Club <http://www.lionstrainrides.com/about-us/special-projects>
- The Mountaineers Foundation - <http://www.mountaineersfoundation.org/grantsmenu>
- Pend Oreille Valley Foundation (children's programs only)
- Economic Development Council
- Pend Oreille County Public Utility District Revolving Fund
- Pend Oreille County Hotel/Motel Tax Fund
- Newport City Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; Pend Oreille County Economic Development
- Stimson Lumber
- Spokane Teachers Credit Union
- Pend Oreille County Park Board
- Mountain West Bank
- Seattle City Light Boundary Powerhouse
- Strategies Grant Program (Spokane office)

### **Other**

Other grant opportunities are available from various private groups, foundations and businesses. These have to be tracked and monitored from year to year for funding levels and availability. There are several web-based programs that assist people in identifying and locating these types of grant opportunities. Some of these are:

- The Environmental Grantmakers Association ([www.ega.org](http://www.ega.org))
- Foundation Center's Guide to Grants ([www.fdncenter.org/pnd/](http://www.fdncenter.org/pnd/))
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There is also a federal website to search for grants. It is <http://www.grants.gov/>.