

Summary of Proposed Water Bank Grant

Kittitas County Public Works Department has applied for a grant from the Water Banking Grant Pilot fund, established in 2021, to purchase a water right as part of expanding the county's existing water bank. The county seeks to serve mitigation to Group A and B water systems that are in need of additional water or are vulnerable to priority calls in times of drought. The expanded water bank will continue to serve users throughout Kittitas County. This proposal would use grant funds for the following activities:

- Acquisition of a 283 acre-feet/year adjudicated water right from the Yakima River located within the Reecer Creek sub-basin. Permanently commit one-third of this water right to instream use to meet the funding requirements set by the Legislature.
- Process change applications for water rights the county has already acquired to change the purpose of use to instream flows for mitigation.
- Prepare and process an application for a new mitigated water right for the City of Kittitas.
- Update the county's Master Trust Water Right Agreement with Ecology.
- Update county code to provide mitigation for municipal and group domestic uses;

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