

PSRC Consolidated Grant Priority Ranking Process Debrief

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Puget Sound Regional Council



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Today...

- Overview of the 2023-25 Consolidated Grant Priority Ranking Process
- Review of the 2023-25 Ranking & Award Results
- Discussion
- Next Steps



2023-25 Priority Ranking Process



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PSRC announced **call for projects** for regional priority ranking process:

- Process chart
- Detailed timeline
- Application review guidance (including review factors, additional resources)

Training webinar was provided in August on the regional ranking process.



2023-25 Priority Ranking Process



Newly incorporated **sponsor presentations** for this cycle.

All project applicants provided a short presentation (and Q&A) on Zoom.



2023-25 Priority Ranking Process



PSRC conducted **SNTC deliberation** in December 2022 to submit rankings to the state by January.

PSRC Executive Board reviews the recommended rankings as a final step of this process.



Regional Priority Rankings Factors for PSRC Assessment

Regional Ranking Factors for PSRC Review:

- Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)
- Support for Coordinated Mobility Plan
- Uniqueness of Service
- Financial Sustainability



Additional Considerations for Deliberation

- Geographical distribution
- Project types (operations, mobility management, etc.)
- Agency equity
- Compelling cases for agencies with limited resources
- Strategic application of federal/state funds
- Coordination
- Acknowledge the importance of the largest county service providers

Review of the 2023 Award Results (Attachment A)

16 projects (12 sponsors) received rankings

- Seeking \$10.8 million in 2023–25 and \$8.3 million in 2025–27
- 5 A's, 5 B's, 5 C's, and 1 D ranking
- 10 projects received rankings for two biennia: 4A's, 4B's, 2C's

NOTE: 4-year projects receive the same ranking for both biennia.

All 16 Projects were funded by WSDOT

- \$10.8M for 2023–25 & \$8.3M for 2025–27

2 “new” and 2 “expansion” projects were funded. The majority are “sustaining” existing programs

Lesson Learned

- **Additional federal and state funding** played a big role in funding all projects.
- **Sponsor presentations** helped SNTC to better understand projects and determine regional rankings.
- More fully incorporating **equity considerations** in the process requires further discussion for more data-driven analysis.
- Make use of **performance measures and targets** appropriate to different project types for the next process.

Discussion

Do you have any feedback on:

- Regional Priority Ranking **call for projects materials**
- Regional priority ranking **training webinar**
- **Sponsor presentations**
- **SNTC deliberation meeting** and information provided to assist in developing a recommendation

Other comments on the State-led process

Next Steps

July 1, 2023

2023–25 Fiscal Year Began

Spring 2024

Prepare for the 2025–27 Regional
Priority Ranking Process

Summer 2024

Tentative Timeframe for Next Call
for Projects



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