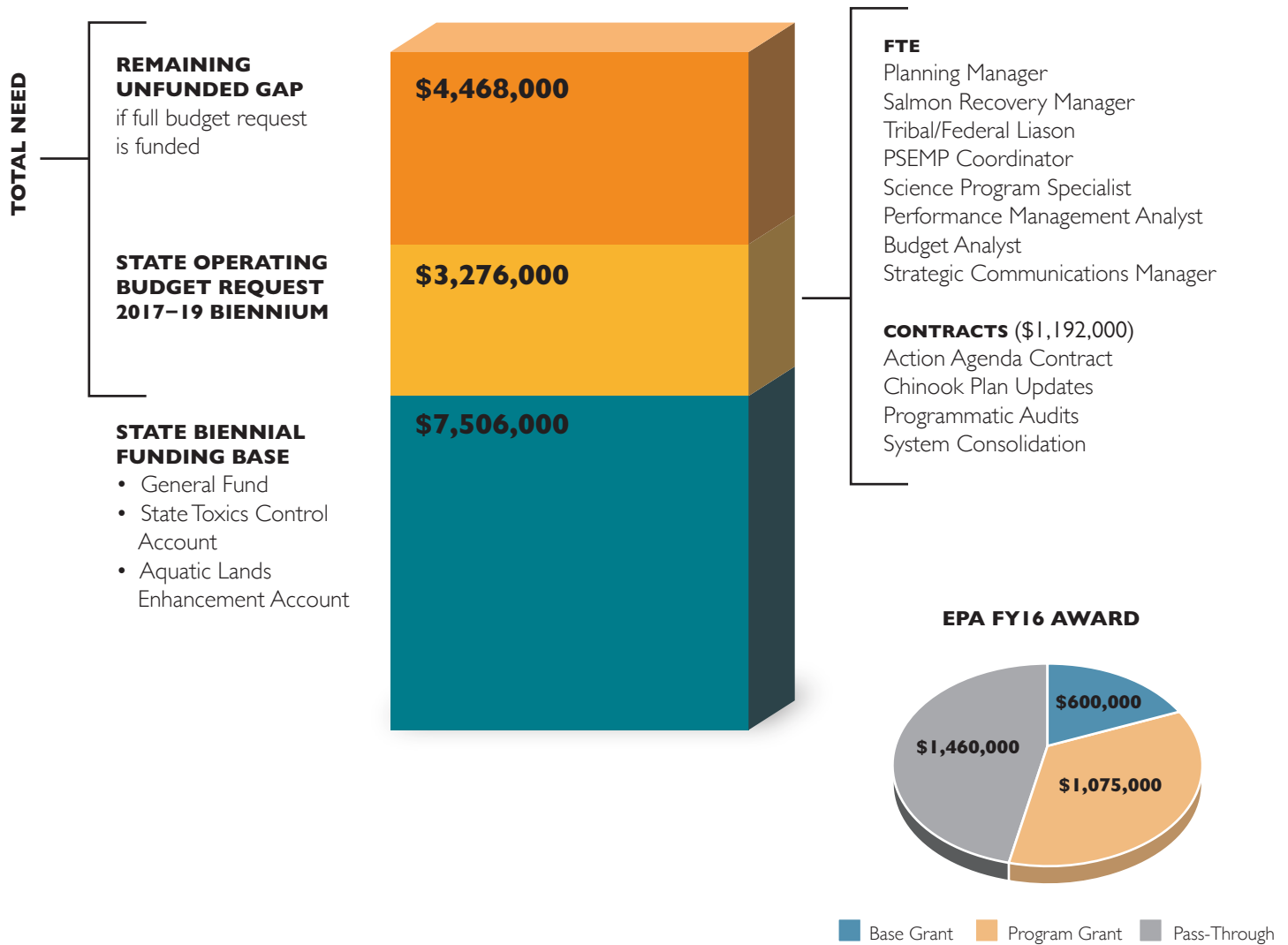


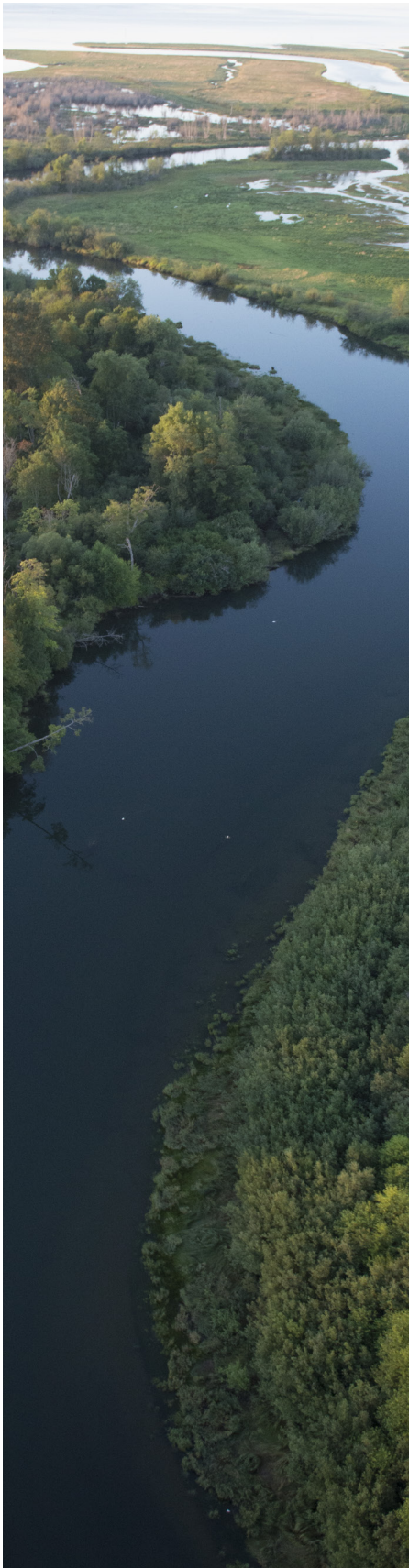
PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP OPERATING BUDGET DECISION PACKAGES, 2017–19



RATIONALE:

A series of federal and state funding reductions combined with mandates for the use of existing resources has diminished the Partnership's capacity to fulfill its state-mandated responsibilities in support of ecosystem and salmon recovery. An analysis of the agency's current resources compared to the resources needed to be fully compliant with the statute, identified a biennial gap of approximately \$8 million.





REQUEST:

Recognizing the current constraints on the state's budget, the Partnership narrowed its request by nearly 60 percent to focus on ensuring the agency's ability to improve the cost effectiveness of state investments in Puget Sound recovery. The Puget Sound Partnership submitted five decision packages:

Prioritizing Action for Puget Sound Recovery allows the agency to develop a streamlined Action Agenda, which directs funding to the actions that produce the greatest benefit for recovery. (\$526,000)

Accelerating Puget Sound Salmon Recovery provides leadership to the region as it updates Chinook salmon recovery plans using the latest science. (\$829,000)

Sound Science for Sound Decisions on Puget Sound Recovery adds science support for the agency to ensure peer-reviewed science and data provide the basis and legitimacy for all the region's work. (\$500,000)

Accountability for Effectiveness of Puget Sound Recovery provides resources to implement an Accountability program as directed in statute and complete the agency's performance management framework for Puget Sound ecosystem recovery. (\$727,000)

Effective Governance of Puget Sound Recovery recognizes the importance of communications and strong partner relationships in building an effective collective effort. (\$694,000)

This request rebuilds the Partnership's capacity to catalyze and leverage significant action and investment regionally to protect and restore Puget Sound by 2020, and every year thereafter.