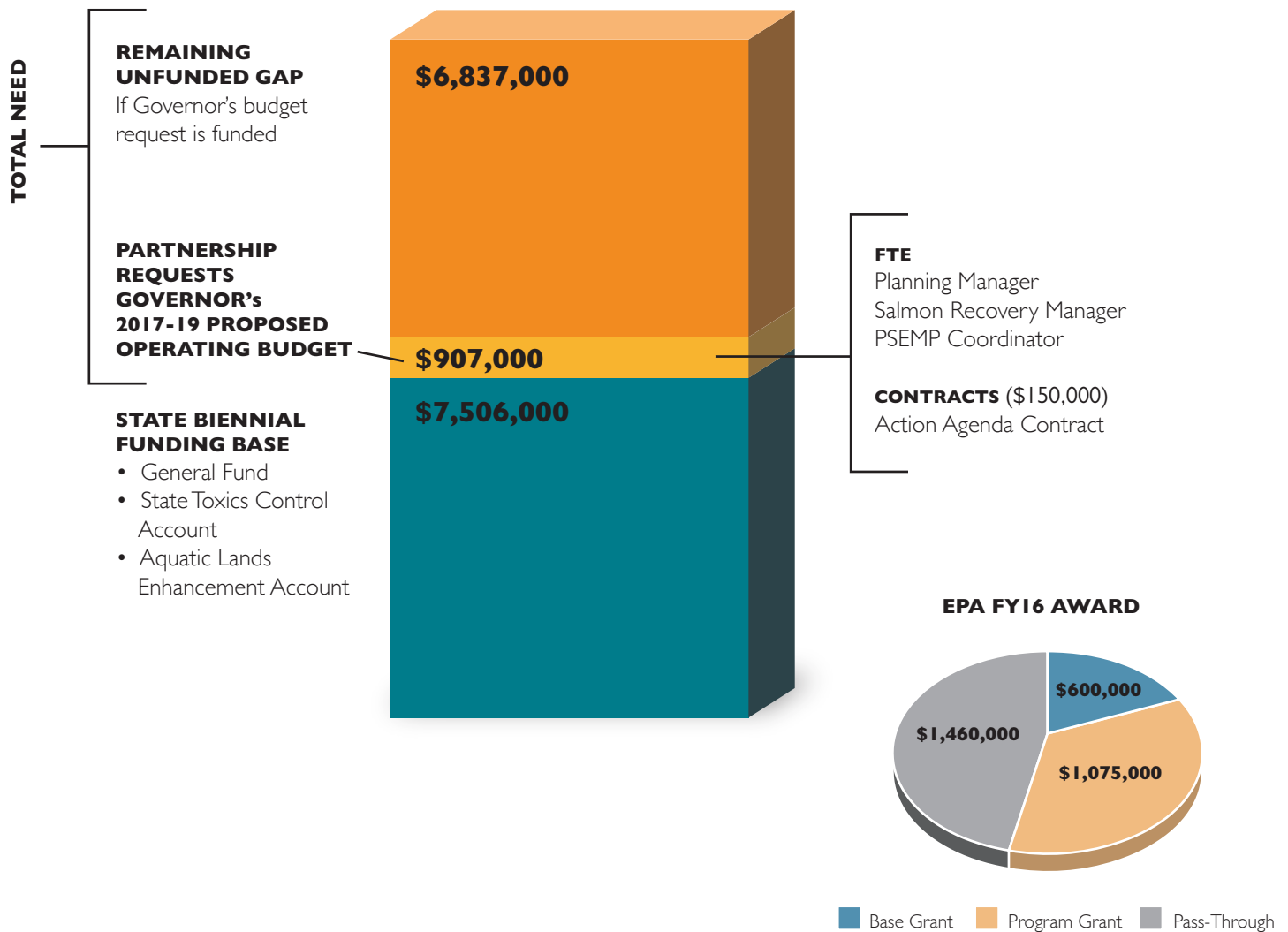


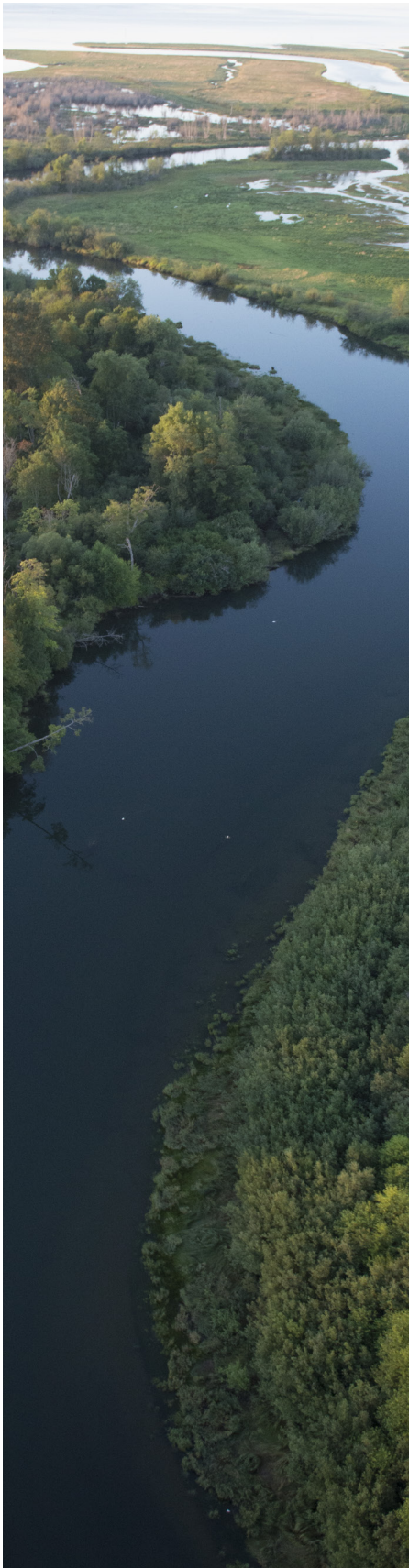
# PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP OPERATING BUDGET DECISION PACKAGES, 2017-19



## 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:**

The Governor's 2017-19 Operating Budget includes three additions to rebuild 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.

### **Prioritizing Action for Puget Sound Recovery \$385,000**

The Governor's request includes funding for a Senior Planning Manager position and approximately \$150,000 for contractor support to facilitate updates of the Action Agenda, which directs funding to the actions that produce the greatest benefit for recovery.

### **Accelerating Puget Sound Salmon Recovery \$278,000**

The Governor's request includes funding for a Salmon Recovery Manager position, which provides leadership to the region as it updates Chinook salmon recovery plans and regional salmon recovery policies using the latest science.

### **Sound Science for Sound Decisions on Puget Sound Recovery \$244,000**

The Governor's request includes funding for the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) Manager position, which adds science support for the agency to ensure peer-reviewed science and data provides the basis for all the region's recovery and protection work.