

Department of Ecology – Water Quality Program

State Fiscal Year 2016 – Financial Assistance Summary

The Washington State Department of Ecology’s (Ecology) Water Quality Program administers four main funding programs under an integrated annual funding cycle. Ecology awards grants and loans on a competitive basis to eligible applicants for high priority water quality projects throughout the State.

The four main funding programs are:

- Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program (Revolving Fund).
- Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP).
- Centennial Clean Water Program (Centennial).
- Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program (Section 319).

Eligible applicants include:

- Counties, cities, towns, and intermunicipal corporations.
- Water districts, sewer districts, conservation districts, and other special purpose districts.
- Federally recognized tribes.
- State institutions of higher education (if the project is not included in its statutory responsibilities).
- Nonprofit organizations recognized as tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service (eligible for Section 319 funding only).

Eligible project types include:

- Wastewater facilities planning, design, and construction, including combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement, infiltration and inflow (I/I) corrections, and water reclamation/reuse.
- Onsite sewage system (OSS) projects, including large onsite sewage systems (LOSS)/community systems and local grant/loan programs for funding repair/replacement of individual OSS.
- Stormwater facilities planning, design, and construction, including retrofits of existing infrastructure and low impact development (LID) techniques.
- Nonpoint source pollution control projects, including agricultural best management practices (BMP) design and implementation, groundwater/aquifer/source water/wellhead planning and protection, lake restoration planning and implementation, riparian/wetland restoration planning and implementation, public outreach and education, total maximum daily load (TMDL) support, water quality monitoring, and watershed planning and implementation.

A summary of the State Fiscal Year 2016 estimated funding and eligibilities is provided in the following table.

State Fiscal Year 2016 Funding Sources, Set-asides, Amounts, and Eligibilities			
Funding Sources	Estimated Amounts	Eligible Projects	Eligible Applicants
Revolving Fund Loans	\$90,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater and stormwater facilities planning, design, and construction • Nonpoint source pollution control activities 	Public bodies
<i>Preconstruction Set-aside</i>	<i>\$4,500,000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wastewater and stormwater facilities planning and design</i> 	<i>Public bodies: population <25,000 and median household income (MHI) <State MHI</i>
<i>Facilities Set-aside</i>	<i>\$67,500,000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wastewater and stormwater facilities planning, design, and construction</i> 	Public bodies
<i>Nonpoint Activities Set-aside</i>	<i>\$18,000,000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nonpoint source pollution control activities</i> 	Public bodies
<i>Green Project Reserve Set-aside</i>	<i>\$2,500,000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Projects meeting EPA's criteria</i> 	Public bodies
SFAP Grants	\$66,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater facilities and activities 	Cities and counties
Centennial Grants	\$25,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater facilities construction in financially distressed communities • Nonpoint source pollution control activities 	Public bodies
<i>Hardship Construction Set-aside</i>	<i>\$8,333,333</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wastewater facilities construction in financially distressed communities</i> 	<i>Public bodies: project would result in sewer fees >2% of MHI</i>
<i>Nonpoint Activities Set-aside</i>	<i>\$8,333,333</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nonpoint source pollution control activities</i> 	Public bodies
Section 319 Grants	\$1,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonpoint source pollution control activities 	Public bodies and tax-exempt nonprofits

For more information, please see <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/cycles/FY2016/index.html>.