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Infrastructure Funding Program Webinar

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Today's Agenda

- Department of Ecology
- Department of Health
- USDA Rural Development
- Community Development Block Grant
- Community Economic Revitalization Board
- Bond Cap Allocation Program
- Energy Conservation Bonds
- Public Works Board
- Additional Programs

Format:

- *Overview of each funding program*
- *Q&A at end of webinar*

Funding Programs

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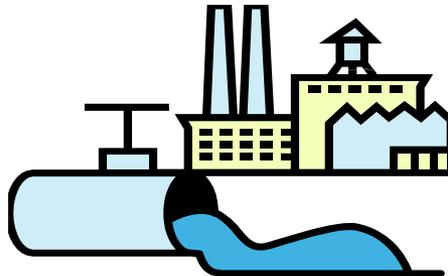
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Department of Ecology

Program:	Integrated Water Quality Funding Program (includes Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans, Centennial Clean Water Grants, Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants, and Storm water Financial Assistance Grants)
Eligible Applicants:	Generally any public body (county, city, town, special purpose district, quasi-municipal corporation, and federally-recognized Indian tribe). Nonprofits are eligible to apply for Clean Water Act Section 319 grants
Eligible Projects:	Any water quality improvement project (wastewater treatment and collection; storm water collection and treatment; combined sewer overflow; low impact storm water; septic system rehabilitation and repair; nonpoint source pollution projects, including riparian restoration)
Loans/ Grants:	Most funds are provided as loans (mostly Federal funds). Forgivable principal loans are available in some cases. Grants (State funds) are available for certain project types (hardship wastewater construction projects, nonpoint source pollution projects, storm water). SFY16 Interest Rates were: 2.4% for 6-20 year loans; 1.2% for 1-5 year loans
Match:	None required for loans or Centennial hardship grants. 25% match for Storm water program grants (15% for hardship). 25% match for Centennial and Section 319 grants for nonpoint source pollution control projects.
Timeline:	Awards for FY16 applicants: July 2015 Applications for FY17: Sept. 1 – Nov. 6, 2015 (annual funding cycle)

Department of Ecology

What's New	
What's New: On-line Platform	This will be the 3 rd year for EAGL (Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans). EAGL is Ecology's on-line platform for funding applications, agreement development, progress reporting, and payment requests. Some new functions have been added, and some revisions to the application have been made
What's New: Status of Funds	Loan funding levels return to a more normal level this year. The budget outlook is positive for grants for storm water projects, nonpoint source pollution abatement projects, and to support wastewater projects in communities facing financial hardship
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Department of Health - DWSRF

Program:	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
Eligible Applicants:	Community and non-community water systems (includes for-profit and non-profit systems, but not federal or state-owned systems); both privately- and publicly-owned (cities, counties, special purpose districts) systems are eligible
Eligible Projects:	Drinking water infrastructure projects aimed at increasing public health protection
Loan/Grant:	Loan (Federal funds); a limited amount of subsidy is available for communities with high affordability index rates and consolidation projects \$6M per jurisdiction per year; \$12M for jointly-owned projects 1.0 – 1.5% interest rate 20 year repayment 1% loan fee assessed at contract execution
Match:	None required
Timeline:	Apply: September 2015 (annual funding cycle) Awarded: after Public Works Approval (no legislative approval)

Department of Health - DWSRF

Funding Cycle:	The DWSRF program has returned to the fall application cycle. There seems to be a better bidding climate for clients in the winter and we can work with the other funders to help use all of our money more effectively
Status of Funds:	Nationwide, DWSRF programs are receiving reduced amounts of funding; the capital grants may cease in federal fiscal year 2017, but we do expect some limited federal funding



Department of Health – Consolidation Grant Funding

Project: to consolidate small (and or failing) group A water systems into municipal water systems

- Water System Plans, SWSMP, Plan amendments
- Feasibility studies
- Engineering and design
- Historic and cultural review
- Environmental review
- Projects must principally move entities closer to applying for a DWSRF Construction Loan.
- Grant; Up to \$30,000 for a single jurisdiction. 2015 applications accepted from January 2 through February 23, 2015

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Department of Health – Pre-Construction Loan Fund

**Projects must principally be to move entities closer to applying for a
DWSRF Construction Loan**

- Water System Plans, SWSMP, Plan amendments
- Feasibility studies
- Engineering and design
- Historic and cultural review
- Environmental review
- Cities or towns with fewer than 10,000 people.
- Loan; \$5M available in 2015. Up to \$300,000 for a single jurisdiction. 2015 applications accepted from January 2- February 23, 2015

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Department of Health

Program:	Source Water Protection Grants
Eligible Applicants:	Cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts
Eligible Projects:	High-priority drinking water source protection projects identified in a plan and supported by Office of Drinking Water regional office. Eligible projects include: feasibility studies, hydrogeologic studies, land acquisition and conservation easements, watershed protection best management practices, and source water protection planning
Loan/Grant:	Grant (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund set-asides)
Grants/Application Due:	No deadline – funds awarded on first come, first served basis according to regional source water protection priorities
Contact:	Corina Hayes , Source Water Program Manager, Headquarters, Office of Drinking Water 360-236-3114

USDA Rural Development

Program:	Water and Environmental Program (WEP)
Eligible Applicants:	Rural communities: Cities or towns with fewer than 10,000 population Counties, special purpose districts, non-profit corporations or tribes unable to get funds from other sources at reasonable rates and terms
Eligible Projects: WEP Infrastructure	Pre-construction and construction associated with building, repairing, or improving drinking water, solid waste facilities, storm water and wastewater facilities
Loan/Grant:	Federal loan/grant funds: typical split is 70/30 % (loan/grant) 2015 Allocation: ~\$15-16M available for loans; ~\$4.5M available for grants
Match:	None required, except Predevelopment Planning Grants requires 25% match
Interest Rate:	Rates set quarterly; current rates (Jan 1 – Mar 31) are: Poverty = 2.25% Intermediate = 3.0% Market = 3.75%
Term:	Up to 40 years or expected useful life of facility
Timeline:	Applications accepted year-round Federal “fiscal year” funding cycle is October 1 – September 30 National Office reviews/approves projects and funding package when funding > \$5M Expect a decision within 45 days from completed application

USDA Rural Development

What's New

What's New: Interest Rates	Interest rates decreased slightly in 2/FY 2015 Rates for next quarter 3/FY2015 will be released mid March
What's New: Status of Funds	Mid year Pooling May 1; remaining FY 2015 funds to be pooled on Aug 14
What's New: Poverty Initiative	Poverty designated communities receive special funding attention 20x20x16 program Initiative



Community Development Block Grant

Program:	A) CDBG General Purpose Grant	B) CDBG Planning-Only Grant
Purpose:	To benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons by assisting rural local governments to address priority community development and housing needs	
Eligible Applicants:	Rural cities/towns with less than 50,000 in population and not participating in a CDBG entitlement urban county consortium; and counties with less than 200,000 population. Districts and non-profits may partner with city/county and be a grant sub-recipient	
Eligible Projects: 	Acquisition, design and construction / renovation of public infrastructure (e.g. water, sewer, streets, storm water) and community facilities; local assistance programs - housing rehabilitation (including side connections) or microenterprise assistance; and economic development	Planning - including infrastructure system plans, community strategic plans, feasibility studies, pre-engineering reports (no final design), housing needs assessments, and other community planning activities

Community Development Block Grant (cont.)

Program:	A) CDBG General Purpose Grant	B) CDBG Planning-Only Grant
Loan/Grant:	Grant (federal funds from HUD) \$8.5 million available for grants Max grant = \$1 million	Grant (federal funds from HUD) \$350,000 available for grants Up to \$24,000 Up to \$35,000 to address urgent public health & safety and there is financial need
Match:	None required, but those with match are more competitive	
Timeline:	Workshops: March 25 and 31 Apply: June 1 (annual funding cycle) Awarded: September, contingent upon federal funding and timing; no legislative approval	Apply: Applications accepted and awarded until April 30, 2015 while funds are available
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Community Development Block Grant

What's New	
What's New: Economic Opportunity Grant	Up to \$9 million in grant and loan funds for CDBG eligible economic development and energy related projects in rural areas. Applications are accepted ongoing until all funds are awarded
Status of Funds:	2015 federal allocation unknown. Appears there will be approximately 1% reduction which is reflected in 2015 funding amounts. Funds will be available in time for our 2015 program year (July)



Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

Municipal Revitalization Loan Program*, Committed Private Partner Program, Prospective Development Program, and Planning Grant Program

Eligible Applicants:	Cities/towns, counties, federal recognized tribes, housing authorities, port districts, special purpose districts, and quasi-municipal corporations
Eligible Projects:	<p>For <u>Municipal Revitalization Loan Program*</u>: Planning for, acquisition, construction, or repair of public facilities which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve opportunities for revitalizing existing retail, industrial, or commercial properties located within incorporated areas• These properties must have either been abandoned, or have more than 75% of their square footage vacant at the time of application <p>For <u>Committed Private Partner, Prospective Development, or Planning Grant</u>: Site specific planning, acquisition, construction, or repair of public facilities which will ultimately create jobs exceeding county median wage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot include projects that result in retail, gambling, or are outside of jurisdiction.

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Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

Municipal Revitalization Loan Program, Committed Private Partner Program, Prospective Development Program, and Planning Grant Program (continued)

Funding:	Approximately \$7 million available for loans: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2 million loan maximum per applicant• \$50,000 maximum for each Planning Grant with a 25% cash match• <u>Municipal Revitalization Loan*</u>: Interest rates: 1.5% for distressed counties, 2.0% for non-distressed counties• <u>Committed Private Partner and Prospective Development Loans</u>: Interest rates: 2.5% for distressed counties, 3% for non-distressed counties• 20 year term maximum• Up to 3 year deferral of principal and interest (based on financial need)
Timeline:	Applications are considered on an ongoing, first-come, first-served basis
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Bond Cap Allocation Program

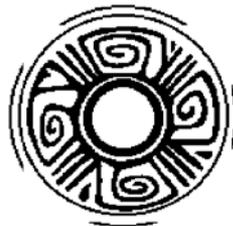
Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities, counties, port districts, special purpose districts• Businesses or developers working with public authorities to develop projects using tax-exempt bond financing
Eligible Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small-issue manufacturing and first-time farmers or ranchers• Affordable housing, both multifamily and single family• Exempt (capital) facilities, including some types of infrastructure projects under special conditions, solid waste, recycling and production or distribution of electricity or water• Student loans
Funding:	Allocations of bond-issuing authority allow bond financing at lower, tax-exempt rates for projects that would otherwise be taxable private activities (for example, projects benefitting for-profit businesses or involving public/private partnerships). State law divides the state's total bond cap by percentage among the eligible project types, and provides guidance for prioritizing projects by estimating the public value of private projects
Timeline:	Open year-round
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Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Eligible Applicants:	Any authorized bond issuer may issue a QECCB from the state allocation, or from a city or county allocation. Individual project developers will need to work with their local jurisdiction or a state issuer to arrange for the bond issuance
Eligible Projects:	Energy conservation in government buildings, green communities programs, renewable energy in rural areas, research on energy conservation and renewable energy; reducing energy consumption and pollution from mass commuting facilities; demonstration projects to commercialize green technologies; public energy conservation education campaigns
Funding:	Bond issuing authority supported by federal funds from the U.S. Treasury in the form of either a tax credit for the bond investor or an interest rate subsidy for the bond issuer
Timeline:	Applications accepted year-round; however, the state's total allocation is limited; contact Liz Green-Taylor for availability information
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Public Works Board

Program:	Construction
Eligible Applicants:	Counties, cities, special purpose districts, and quasi-municipal organizations that meet certain requirements. No school districts, port districts or tribes.
Eligible Projects:	New construction, replacement, and repair of existing infrastructure for domestic water, sanitary sewer, storm water, solid waste, and transportation system that includes road, bridge and ferry projects
Loan/Grant:	2015-2017 funding cycle closed. Next application cycle may be available in 2016 for 2017 – 2019 biennium.
Term	To be determined
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Public Works Board



Online Resource Catalogue:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/com/pwldata/ResourceCat.aspx?ActiveView=0>

MORE Funding Programs...

- Recreation and Conservation Office
- Transportation Improvement Board
- Local Option Capital Asset Lending
- National Rural Water Association
- Rural Community Asst. Corporation

Recreation and Conservation Office

Eligible Applicants:	Cities, towns, counties, ports, special purpose districts, state agencies, federal agencies, Native American tribes, private landowners, nonprofit organizations, corporations, lead entities – varies by program	
Eligible Projects:	Parks, trails, boat access, water access, firearms and archery ranges, off-road vehicle areas, athletic fields, salmon recovery, conservation areas, farmland, etc.	
Loan/Grant:	Grant (federal and state funds)	
Grant Applications Due: 	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Boating Facilities Program Boating Infrastructure Grant Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Recreational Trails Program Salmon Recovery WA Wildlife and Recreation Program - Farmland WA Wildlife and Recreation Program – Habitat Conservation WA Wildlife and Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation Youth Athletic Facilities	May 2016 July 2016 May 1, 2015 July 2016 May 2016 July 2016 July 2016 August 14, 2015 May 2016 May 2016 May 2016 July 2015
Contact:	Outdoor Grants Manager, 360-902-3000 - http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/contact_rec_mgr.shtml Grant Program Information - http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/	

Transportation Improvement Board

What's New

Grant Programs	A call for projects will be issued in June, 2015.
New Program	TIB is developing a new program to modernize to LED street lights in small and medium-sized cities
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Local Option Capital Asset Lending

Eligible Applicants:	<p>Any municipality authorized to issue general obligation debt, to include: cities, counties, school districts, fire districts and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issuance of revenue obligation debt is not eligible• \$10,000 minimum for equipment, but various items can be combined to meet the minimum
Eligible Projects:	<p>Equipment or real estate, including but not limited to: School buses, ambulances, construction projects, fire trucks, HVAC systems, computers, office furniture, copiers, vacant land, portable classrooms, city hall, and energy projects</p>
Loan/Grant:	<p>Loan (state funds)</p>
Timeline:	<p>Submit Notice of Intent and Credit Form by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For March funding: December 1st for real estate and equipment• For August funding: June 1st for real estate and equipment• Loan funds available late March; mid/late August
Contact:	<p>Wendy Kancianich, 360-902-9022; wendy.kancianich@tre.wa.gov http://www.tre.wa.gov/LOCAL/index.shtml</p>

National Rural Water Association

Eligible Applicants:	Municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes, nonprofit corporations (including cooperatives, with up to 10,000 people and rural areas with no population limits)
Eligible Projects:	Pre-development costs associated with proposed water and wastewater projects. Short-term costs of replacing equipment, small-scale extension of services or other small capital projects that are not part of regular operations and maintenance
Loan/Grant:	Loan (Federal funds) may not exceed \$100,000 or 75% of total project cost, whichever is less 3% interest rate Emergency loans available – 90 day no interest with immediate turn-around on applications
Timeline:	Open year-round
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Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Feasibility and Pre-Development Loans

Eligible Applicants:	Non-profit organizations, public agencies, tribes, and low-income rural communities with 50,000 population or less, or 10,000 or less if proposed permanent financing is through USDA Rural Development
Eligible Projects:	Water and/or wastewater planning, environmental work, and other work to assist in developing an application for infrastructure improvements
Loan/Grant:	Loan (Federal funds) Maximum \$50,000 for feasibility loan Maximum \$350,000 for pre-development loan One –two year term 5.5% interest rate
Timeline:	Open year-round
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