

Focus on Area-wide Groundwater Investigation Grants and Safe Drinking Water Action Grants: Choosing the Appropriate Grant

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Safe drinking water action grants:

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Background

Two types of Remedial Action Grants help local governments address contamination affecting groundwater or drinking water sources. This focus sheet describes the difference between each grant type. It also describes some examples of eligible activities.

Area-wide Groundwater Investigation Grants

The purpose of the Area-wide Groundwater Investigation Grants is to provide funding to investigate area-wide groundwater issues within an area of known or suspected area-wide contamination. ¹

1. Funding Limit.

Area-wide Groundwater Investigation Grants may be awarded up to one hundred (100%) of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$500,000.²

2. Examples of Eligible Activities.

- Identifying the sources of the area-wide groundwater contamination;
- Determining the nature and extent of the area-wide groundwater contamination;
- Identifying the preferential groundwater contaminant migration pathways;
- Identifying area-wide geologic and hydrogeologic conditions; or
- Establishing area-wide natural groundwater quality, including aquifer classification under WAC 173-340-720.

Safe Drinking Water Action Grants

The purpose of Safe-Drinking Water Action Grants is to provide safe drinking water to persons served by private wells or public water systems that have been impacted by contamination from a contaminated site.

1. Funding Limit.

Safe Drinking Water Action Grants may be awarded up to ninety percent (90%) of eligible costs with no limitation on the amount of the grant.²

2. Examples of Eligible Activities.

- Water supply source development and replacement, including well replacement, pumping and storage facilities, source meters and reasonable appurtenances;
- Transmission lines between major systems components, including interties with other water systems;
- Treatment equipment and facilities, including air stripping towers, package treatment plants, point-of-use treatment systems, and similar approaches;
- Distribution lines from major system components to system customers or service connections;
- Bottled water as an interim action;
- Fire hydrants;
- Service meters;
- Project inspection, engineering and administration;
- Individual service connections including any connection fees and charges;
- Drinking water well decommissioning under WAC 173-160-381; or
- Other costs identified by the Department of Health as necessary to provide a system that operates in compliance with federal and state standards.

Additional Languages

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¹ WAC 173-322-020 defines area-wide groundwater contamination as “multiple adjacent properties with different ownerships consisting of hazardous substances from multiple sources that have resulted in commingled plumes of contaminated ground water that are not practicable to address separately.”

² Ecology may make grant offers below the maximum eligible state share and choose to fund all or part of grant-eligible activities depending on availability of funding and other factors.