

# Freshwater Algae Control Program Grant Cycle

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has approximately \$250,000 available for Freshwater Algae Control Program (FACP) grants beginning fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011). The application period for these grants is October 1, 2010 through November 1, 2010. Ecology must receive all grant applications at its headquarters office in Lacey no later than 5:00 p.m., November 1, 2010.

Ecology will not hold workshops on the FACP grants this year. However, please contact Ecology if you have any questions. Ask questions and obtain a grant application and guidelines from Melanie Tyler at [melanie.tyler@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:melanie.tyler@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-407-7489. Applications are also available online at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/algae/grants/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/algae/grants/index.html)

The law establishing funding for the FACP will sunset June 30, 2012, unless it is extended by the Legislature in either 2011 or 2012.

## FACP grants

The FACP provides financial and technical assistance to help manage algae problems in Washington lakes, rivers, and streams. The FACP provides small grants to counties, cities, state agencies, tribes, and special purpose districts to manage the excessive growth of freshwater algae. Through this program, Ecology funds education and outreach, algae control, monitoring, research, nutrient reduction activities, and pilot projects.

## Grant application requirements

Beginning this grant cycle, Ecology will require grant applicants to provide a budget for their projects that identifies costs by state fiscal year. Ecology will make grant awards based on the funds available by fiscal year—an approach that will make optimal use of the funds in the FACP.

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Applications accepted  
October 1 through 5:00 pm  
November 1, 2010

### Contact information

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### Special accommodations

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Ecology requires grant applicants to provide up to 25 percent of the eligible project costs as a match to state funds. Applicants can use the funds for freshwater lakes, rivers, or streams in Washington State. Grants are limited to \$50,000 (state share). Each applicant is limited to \$50,000 per annual grant cycle. Ecology will give funding priority to projects involving the treatment of lakes that have had harmful algal blooms within the past three years. In addition, Ecology will give higher funding priority to projects dealing with potentially toxic blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) rather than projects dealing with other algae, such as filamentous green algae.

### **Algal identification and toxicity testing service**

The FACP provides a mail-in algae identification service as part of the program. Lake residents, local health districts, conservation districts, and other entities can collect a sample from an algae bloom and coordinate with Ecology for algae identification and toxicity analysis, if applicable. All information about the sample will be posted to Ecology's on-line database at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/algae/monitoring/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/algae/monitoring/index.html).