
Public Participation Grants

Funding for Public Involvement in Hazardous Site Cleanups and Waste Management

The Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Public Participation Grant (PPG) program is a competitive grant program that provides up to \$60,000 per year to qualified individuals and nonprofit organizations. The purpose of these grants is to facilitate public participation in the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites and to facilitate implementation of the state's solid and hazardous waste management priorities.

Eligibility Requirements

The PPG program will award funding to either of the following groups:

- Individuals who may be adversely affected by a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, or
- Nonprofit organizations based in the State of Washington.

Program Priorities

Priority consideration for PPG will be given to applicants who meet either of the following criteria:

- Facilitate public participation with people who have been affected by environmental hazards or face barriers to participating in environmental decision-making, such as financial obstacles or limited English fluency.
- Have not received PPG funding since July 1, 2017.

Project Categories

PPG will fund two basic types of projects:

- Contaminated site projects - These projects encourage public involvement in the investigation and cleanup of sites that have been contaminated by hazardous, toxic, and nuclear waste.
- Waste management projects - These projects facilitate implementation of the state's solid and hazardous waste priorities.

Application Evaluation

All eligible applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Whether the applicant meets one or more of the priority considerations.
- The extent to which the individual applicant, or the community served by the nonprofit organization, is impacted by the hazardous substance release or the waste management issue addressed by the project.
- The extent to which the applicant has demonstrated the ability to manage grant funds.
- Past performance under a public participation grant.
- The extent to which the applicant has demonstrated the ability to measure the project's outcomes.
- The degree to which the public participation activity will promote or implement the state solid and hazardous waste management priorities.

Questions and How to Apply for Funding

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