

# Air Pollution Reduction Grants



Figure 1. Our grants fund many different projects around the state

Two-thirds of the Department of Ecology's budget passes through the agency and goes directly to improving Washington's environment through grants, loans, and partnerships. The Air Pollution Reduction Grants section, within the Air Quality Program, administers over \$200 million in grants to improve air quality. Learn more about our existing programs below.

Our grants fall into six main categories:



**Prevent Nonattainment Grants:** Fund innovative, locally led projects to resolve air pollution problems, reduce production of air pollutants, and ensure Washington meets federal air quality standards in Washington. [Learn more.](#)



**Wood Smoke Grants:** Fund the replacement of old polluting wood stoves with cleaner home heating options, incentives for recycling old devices, opportunities, and enforcement actions around efficient wood stove use. Learn more about [wood smoke reduction grants](#) and [wood stove education and enforcement grants](#).



**Landfill Methane Emissions Reduction Grants:** Funds to support municipal solid waste landfill owners and operators comply with the new methane emissions law. [Learn more.](#)



**Clean Diesel Grants (Diesel Reduction Unit):** Fund the transition from diesel to zero-emission school buses and the replacement of other diesel vehicles and equipment with zero-emission models. [Learn more.](#)



**Volkswagen Enforcement Action Grants (Diesel Reduction Unit):** Fund projects that reduce air pollution in communities disproportionately impacted by diesel exhaust. Projects include replacing or repowering eligible diesel vehicles, vessels, and equipment with zero-emission options and developing charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. [Learn more.](#)



**Air Quality in Overburdened Communities:** Fund locally led projects that improve air quality in Washington communities that are historically overburdened with health, social, and environmental inequities and are highly impacted by criteria air pollution, such as ozone and fine particles. [Learn more.](#)

## Environmental Justice

As the state's lead environmental agency, our mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance the environment for current and future generations. The Air Quality Program strives to eliminate environmental and health disparities with efforts to help ensure no community is overburdened by air pollution. Our environmental justice actions are guided by the state's first environmental justice law, the [Healthy Environment for All Act](#), and by Ecology's [Office of Equity and Environmental Justice](#). All our grant programs are working to incorporate and prioritize environmental justice into the planning, scoring and evaluation, and implementation processes to ensure just and equitable funding distribution.

## Program Successes 2023-2025

- Awarded grants to replace 201 polluting diesel school buses with zero emission school buses and supporting charging infrastructure.
- Awarded grants to nearly 300 Level 2 charging plugs for electric vehicles.
- Launched new grant program to reduce criteria air pollution and improve air quality in communities overburdened and highly impacted by air pollution.
- Launched new grant program to reduce methane emissions from landfills.
- Replaced nearly 400 unregulated woodstoves with new, cleaner home heating options, and incentivized recycling of over 700 additional unregulated woodstoves.
- Prevented burning 477 tons of green waste by incentivizing yard waste collection and chipping.

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