



Supplemental Environmental Projects

What is a SEP?

A Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) is an environmentally beneficial project (or set of projects) that you can offer to fund as part of a settlement or enforcement action.

A project needs to:

- ☐ Provide benefits beyond what is legally required.
- ☐ Take place in the same location as where the problem happened.
- ☐ Have a connection to the same environmental media (air, water, land, waste, climate) as the problem.
- ☐ Have well-defined environmental or public health benefits, timeline, and budget.

If you can check these boxes, a SEP may be possible. Approval of these projects is solely within Ecology's discretion.

Cost of a project

If Ecology issued a penalty, generally, you can offset up to 80 percent of the amount to go toward a SEP.

Who can do a project

Projects can be completed by you, a contractor, or through a partnership with a Tribe, non-profit, or local or state government other than Ecology.

Types of projects

We consider approving a wide variety of projects. This includes projects that:

- Prevent or reduce pollution.
- Improve or protect the environment or public health.
- Help others follow laws.

- Plan and prepare for emergencies.

Ask us about project shared with us by the public to see if there are any that you would like to fund or to get ideas for projects to offer.

What is not allowed

You cannot profit from the project. This includes claiming tax credit for it.

A project cannot be something that is already funded or expected to be required. You can, however, add to a project that is already underway to provide more benefit to the environment and/or human health.

When to propose a project

You can offer to do a project:

- As part of appeal settlement negotiations.
- During discussions about how to resolve violations. If you choose this option, you may not have the opportunity to negotiate the penalty amount or appeal the decision.

How to propose a project

If this is something you are interested in:

1. Let us know. We will give you a proposal materials to fill out.
2. Find a project.
3. Submit your proposal.

We will review your proposal to determine if it meets criteria. If we accept it, you will sign a legal agreement to fund the project(s). Depending on the project, the agreement may include progress reporting requirements. When a SEP is finished, you will submit a final reporting showing the work is completed and funds were spent as agreed to.

Language services

Need help or have questions? We offer translation and interpretation services at no cost. To request these services, email angela.fritz@ecy.wa.gov or call 564-669-3849. If you call, ask for an interpreter to be connected with one.

中文

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한국어

도움이 필요하시거나 질문이 있으신가요? 저희는 무료로 번역 및 통역 서비스를 제공합니다. 이 서비스를 요청하려면, angela.fritz@ecy.wa.gov로 이메일을 보내시거나 564-669-3849번으로 전화해주세요. 전화하실 경우, 통역사 연결을 요청해주세요.

Español

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estos servicios, envíe un correo electrónico a angela.fritz@ecy.wa.gov o llame al 564-669-3849. Si llama, pida que le conecten con un intérprete.

Русский

Нужна помощь или есть вопросы? Мы предлагаем услуги письменного и устного перевода совершенно бесплатно. Если вам нужны такие услуги, напишите по электронной почте angela.fritz@ecy.wa.gov или позвоните 564-669-3849. Позвонив нам по телефону, попросите соединить вас с переводчиком.

Українською

Потрібна допомога чи є запитання? Ми безкоштовно пропонуємо послуги письмового та усного перекладу. Якщо вам потрібні ці послуги, напишіть електронною поштою angela.fritz@ecy.wa.gov або зателефонуйте 564-669-3849. Якщо ви зателефонуєте, попросіть усного перекладача і дочекайтеся, доки вас з'єднають із ним.

Tiếng Việt

Quý vị cần trợ giúp hoặc có thắc mắc? Chúng tôi cung cấp dịch vụ biên dịch và thông dịch miễn phí. Để yêu cầu các dịch vụ này, quý vị vui lòng gửi email đến angela.fritz@ecy.wa.gov hoặc gọi 564-669-3849. Nếu gọi điện, quý vị hãy yêu cầu kết nối với một thông dịch viên.



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