

Safer Product Certification Subsidy Pilot Application

Instructions

This application is for Ecology's Safer Product Certification Subsidy Pilot (Certification Subsidy). We review completed applications every quarter funding is available, and give vouchers to companies that are accepted into the program and manufacture products sold in Washington. The voucher is only valid for qualifying costs incurred after your application is approved. Funding is not guaranteed until you receive a voucher.

If your application is approved, we will reimburse selected businesses:

- Small businesses are reimbursed 75 percent of cost for the first \$10,000 spent, 50 percent of the cost from \$10,000 to \$50,000 spent, and reformulation costs up to \$2,500, if needed. The maximum total potential reimbursement for small businesses is up to \$30,000.
- Larger businesses are reimbursed 50 percent of cost for the first \$10,000 spent, and 25 percent of the costs from \$10,000 to \$50,000 spent. The maximum total potential reimbursement for larger businesses is up to \$15,000.

The Small Business Administration defines small business for each industry sector in the [Table of Small Business Size Standards](#).¹

Along with your application you must include a copy of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and one example of advertising or marketing material for each product you are applying to certify. If your product does not have an SDS, include a product ingredient list. Send your completed application to the Safer Chemistry Team:

Email: Safer.Chem@ecy.wa.gov

Mailing address: Washington Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Phone: 360-407-6700

Section 1: Business Information

Business name:

Address:

Business contact name:

Phone number:

City:

Email:

ZIP:

Business website:

NAICS Code:

Is this a woman or minority owned business?

How many employees do you have?

Yes

Average annual receipts (gross income):

No

Where are the products you want certified sold?

Grocery stores

Specialty stores

Department stores

Online

Warehouses

Other:

¹ <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-table-size-standards>

Section 2: Product Type

The products you're applying to certify are (select any that apply):

Cleaning products, including floor maintenance products, parts washer formulations, and spot cleaners.

Thermal receipts.

Durable Water Repellents.

Formulated products in the building sector.

Aftermarket stain and water-resistant treatments.

Personal care and beauty products.

If your product has an SDS, look at sections 2 and 3 of the SDS. Do any ingredients or partial formulations in your product have any of the following carcinogenic, mutagenic or reproductive hazard warning statements?

- Hazard statements - H340 May cause genetic defects.
- Hazard statements - H350 May cause cancer.
- Hazard statements - H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.
- EU – Annex VI CMRs - Carcinogen Category 1A – Known human Carcinogen based on human evidence
- EU – Annex VI CMRs - Carcinogen Category 1B – Presumed Carcinogen based on animal evidence
- EU – Annex VI CMRs – Mutagen – Category 1A
- EU – Annex VI CMRs - Mutagen – Category 1B

Yes

No

Product has no SDS

If a product contains any of the hazard warning statements listed previously it does not qualify for this subsidy.

During the assessment process, you enter a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with your hired assessor, declaring all intentionally added ingredients and contaminants above 0.01% (or 100 ppm). For proprietary or trade name ingredients, the assessor contacts suppliers directly to get the needed information. Your product might not meet the criteria of the certification you are applying for.

Section 3: Certification of Interest

Which certification are you applying to? You can work with Ecology to discuss certification options relevant for your product, and recommendations on what products to assess.

EPA Safer Choice

EPA Design for the Environment

GreenScreen Certified

Cradle to Cradle Certified

Material Health Certified

Section 4: Additional Information

How did you hear about this program?

Mailed flyer

Social media

Ingredient manufacturer

Retailer or distributor

Assessor

Certification body

Third party profiler

Certification body

Public

Other:

Business Representative Name

Signature

Date

I also certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on and accompanying this form is true and accurate.

To qualify for reimbursement, your business must:

- Be a business that:
 - Manufactures formulated cleaning products, personal care and beauty products, formulated products in the building sector, aftermarket stain and water-resistant treatments, thermal receipts, and durable water repellents. Cleaning products include, but are not limited to, floor maintenance products, HVAC cleaners, parts washer formulations and spot cleaners.
 - Sells in Washington state.
 - Has a valid business license.
 - Is not the subject of any current administrative or criminal enforcement actions in Washington.
- Fill out and submit this voucher to Ecology with applicable receipt(s).
- Register as a state payee through the Office of Financial Management. Fill out the [Statewide Payee Registration Form](#).²
 - This form is two pages and includes IRS form W9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number.

Terms, Conditions, and Limitations

- Ecology assumes no liability of any nature arising from the products or assessments or reformulation funded through this incentive/voucher program.
- The voucher is only valid for qualifying costs incurred after your application is approved and before the end date listed on your voucher..
- Ecology will only reimburse costs of the product assessments and reformulations that were agreed to by the business and Ecology.
- Ecology and the certification Subsidy Pilot manager are not responsible for the quality of product or service the business receives from any third party profilers or contractors, nor are they responsible for any expenditure made by the business.
- Reimbursement is subject to verification of the costs incurred by the business. Copies of invoices, receipts, or other supporting documents must be submitted with a copy of the signed and completed voucher in order to receive reimbursement. Ecology may decline to reimburse all or part of the costs incurred if they are unverifiable, erroneous, or if they are inconsistent with the requirements agreed to and authorized by Ecology.
- Ecology will not reimburse for costs that are already being reimbursed by another program.
- The business agrees that it shall to the extent allowed by law protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Ecology, its officers, employees and agents from any and all costs, fees claims (including attorney fees), actions, lawsuits, judgments, awards of damages or liability of any kind arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities undertaken for eligibility

for reimbursement in connection with this voucher, including but not limited to the installation, removal or use of equipment and materials.

Your Business's Agreement and Responsibility

It is the business's responsibility to pay the full amount owed to the Vendor in full accordance with the terms of the business's agreement with assessors or contractors. The Washington State Department of Ecology will reimburse the business as soon as possible and consistent with Ecology procedures, but will not be responsible for service late charges or failure to pay by the business.

By participating in this pilot program and after submitting this voucher for reimbursement, you agree to:

- Conduct all activities in connection with this agreement in compliance with applicable laws and regulations for protection of human health and the environment.
- Accept sole responsibility for arranging and entering into contracts with third party assessors.

² <https://ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/accounting-systems/statewide-vendorpayee-services>