Financial Assistance Workshops

Financial Assistance Workshops for State Fiscal Year 2023 Water Quality Combined Funding Program

The Washington State Department of Ecology is holding its annual applicant training workshops. The workshops will include information about the Water Quality Combined Funding Program[1] (WQC) and the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23) application process. There is no cost to attend the workshops. Workshop agendas, registration links, and instructions are below.

Funding Sources

The WQC provides grants and low-interest loans for water quality projects across the state through the following funding sources:

- Centennial Clean Water Program (Centennial) grants.
- Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program (Section 319) grants.
- Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) loans.
- Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) grants.

CWSRF and Section 319 include federal funds. See the SFY23 Funding Guidelines[2] (note: link will work in early August) for specific information on federal funding subrecipient eligibility requirements, activities to be performed, award amounts, program duration, and applicable laws and regulations.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for WQC include:

- Conservation districts.
- Counties.
- Cities/towns.
- Federally recognized tribes.
- Institutions of higher education if the project is not included in the institution's statutory responsibilities.
- Irrigation districts.
- Local health jurisdictions.
- Not-for-profits recognized as tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service (Section 319 only).
- Port districts.
- Sewer districts.

Eligible Projects

WQC provides grants and loans for projects that improve and/or protect Washington's water quality under the following major categories:

- Nonpoint source pollution control activities.
- Onsite sewage systems.
- Stormwater activities.
- Stormwater facilities.
- Wastewater facilities.

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[1] https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-Combined-Funding-Program

[2] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2110028.pdf

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Funding Cycle Schedule

The SFY23 funding application opens at 8:00am on August 10, 2021. All applications must be submitted before 5:00pm on October 12, 2021. See the WQC Funding Cycles webpage[3] for additional information.

Applicant Workshops Agendas and Registration

Ecology is offering three workshops over three days. Each workshop is for a specific eligible project category. You will need to register separately for each workshop you will attend. Contact Daniel Thompson (daniel.thompson@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-6510) if you have problems registering.

Stormwater Projects: August 24, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm

Agenda

- WQC Funding Programs Overview
  - Funding Sources
  - Eligible Applicants and Projects
  - Funding Available
- EAGL Overview
  - Registering and Applying Through EAGL
  - Managing Roles
  - Mapping Information Form
- Stormwater Projects
  - Summary of Possible Funding Sources, Eligible Applicants and Projects, and Funding Available
  - How to use the Funding Guidelines
  - Writing a Successful Application, With Question by Question Guidance

Registration for the Stormwater Projects Workshop

Follow these steps to register for the stormwater projects workshop.

- CLICK HERE.
- Click the **Register** button.
- Enter **FMS** for the registration password (be sure to use all caps).
- Click the **Submit** button.
- Enter your name, email, and organization.
- Click the **Submit** button.
- You'll receive an email confirmation, but it may take a few days.

Nonpoint/Onsite Sewage Systems Projects: August 25, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm

Agenda

- WQC Funding Programs Overview
  - Funding Sources
  - Eligible Applicants and Projects
  - Funding Available
- EAGL Overview
  - Registering and Applying Through EAGL

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Registration for the Nonpoint/Onsite Sewage Systems Projects Workshop

Follow these steps to register for the nonpoint/onsite sewage systems projects workshop.

- CLICK HERE.
- Click the **Register** button.
- Enter **FMS** for the registration password (be sure to use all caps).
- Click the **Submit** button.
- Enter your name, email, and organization.
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Wastewater Projects: August 26, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm

Agenda
- WQC Funding Programs Overview
  - o Funding Sources
  - o Eligible Applicants and Projects
  - o Funding Available
- EAGL Overview
  - o Registering and Applying Through EAGL
  - o Managing Roles
  - o Mapping Information Form
- Wastewater Projects
  - o Summary of Possible Funding Sources, Eligible Applicants and Projects, and Funding Available
  - o How to use the Funding Guidelines
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Registration for the Wastewater Projects Workshop

Follow these steps to register for the wastewater projects workshop.

- CLICK HERE.
- Click the **Register** button.
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