

The Washington Department of Ecology is the leading state agency for floodplain management in Washington State. Ecology provides grants to local communities to reduce losses to life and property and protect the environmental functions of floodplains. Ecology is also the state coordinating agency providing technical assistance to local governments in implementing the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) (NFIP) which is part of the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA).

Floodplains by Design grant program

Request for projects for the 2019-21 state budget

We are accepting new pre-applications for the Floodplains by Design grant program. Local project sponsors can complete the pre-application form and submit it as directed no later than February 16, 2018. All pre-applications will be reviewed by the Floodplains by Design team, and those best meeting the goals of the program will be invited to submit full applications in the spring of 2018.

- [Pre-application and instructions](#)
- [Funding guidelines](#)

Floodplains by Design (FbD) is a partnership of local, state, federal and private organizations focused on coordinating investment in and strengthening the integrated management of floodplain areas through Washington State. Floodplains are vital to the ecological health of the state. They are critical to the economic vitality, cultural heritage and quality of life provided by our region - from salmon to farmland and commercial development, and recreational opportunities. More information at [Floodplains By Design](#).

More information on the 2017-19 grant applications on our [planning and grants page](#).