



2019 Grant Guidelines

King County's Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is calling for applications to the WaterWorks Grant Program that **support local efforts to protect water quality, control pollution, and build healthy communities**. In 2019, \$2 million of grant funding is available for projects benefiting water quality in the WTD service area.

Who can apply

- Non-profits
- Educational institutions or schools
- Cities, counties, special purpose districts
- Tribes
- Applicants must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) to apply.
- Other types of organizations (such as businesses) can partner with an eligible entity as the fiscal sponsor.

Partnerships are encouraged

Grant size

The minimum grant award is \$20,000 and the maximum grant award is \$250,000. A 10% match is required.

Deadlines:	Letters of intent	March 6, by 5 pm
	Full applications	June 5, by 5 pm

Criteria

Proposals must create a benefit to, or improvement of, water quality within WTD's service area and benefit its ratepayers.

In addition, proposals are evaluated on:

- Implementation strength and certainty of success
- Community involvement and support
- Equity and social justice

Eligible activities and types of projects

- Community engagement and stewardship
- Education and outreach
- Source control, pollution prevention
- Research, monitoring
- Green stormwater infrastructure

- Habitat restoration in riparian areas
- Gray stormwater infrastructure

Activities that are not eligible

- Land acquisitions or conservation easements
- Lobbying of elected officials
- Activities required for mitigation
- Design, construction, operation, or maintenance of local sewer facilities or connection to the County system

How to Apply

This grant cycle has a two stage application process. All applicants must submit a Letter Of Intent (LOI) by March 6, 2019. Finalists will be selected and invited to submit a full proposal. Application materials must be submitted on-line, visit www.kingcounty.gov/waterworks-grants for details.

Free workshops will be held on WaterWorks Grants in January & February 2019—for more information, sign up at our website for updates or contact WaterWorks staff.

Evaluation and Review Process

Complete applications are reviewed, scored, and ranked by the WaterWorks Grant Ranking Committee. Applications will be scored and evaluated on the criteria described above (60 percent water quality benefits, 20 percent implementation strength and certainty of success, 20 percent community involvement and support) and also considered as part of the entire portfolio of projects.

Funding recommendations by the WaterWorks Grant Ranking Committee are reviewed and authorized by the King County Executive and the King County Council for final approval.

Timeline

January 4, 2019	Application materials posted
March 6, 2019 - 5pm	Deadline for Letters of Intent (1 st stage of process)
Spring 2019	Letters of Intent reviewed
May 6, 2019	Applicants notified & finalists invited to submit full application
June 5, 2019 - 5pm	Deadline for full applications
Summer 2019	Applications reviewed
Late fall 2019	Applicants notified of funding recommendations
Winter-Spring 2020	Projects begin

For more information about WTD's WaterWorks Grants, contact water.grants@kingcounty.gov, Elizabeth Loudon 206-477-4297, Siena Ezekiel 206-477-9192, or TTY relay:711, or visit www.kingcounty.gov/waterworks-grants.