



## 2017 Grant Guidelines

To support local efforts to protect water quality, control pollution, and build healthy communities, King County's Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is calling for applications to the WaterWorks Grant Program. In 2017, \$1,860,000 of grant funding is available for projects benefiting water quality in the WTD service area. Funding comes from WTD's operating budget.

Non-profits, educational institutions or schools, cities, counties, special purpose districts, and tribes are eligible to apply for these grants; and partnerships are encouraged. Other types of organizations (such as businesses) must partner with an eligible entity as fiscal sponsor. Applicants must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) to apply.

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

<b>Deadlines:</b>	<b>Letters of intent</b>	<b>June 7, 5 pm</b>
	<b>Full applications</b>	<b>September 13, 5 pm</b>

### Criteria

Proposals *must* meet the following qualification criteria: 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, outreach, or social marketing campaigns
- Best management practices for source control
- On-the-ground projects
- Research or demonstration projects
- Technology development
- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Habitat restoration in riparian areas
- Water quality assessments and monitoring

## 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 June 7, 2017. Finalists will be selected and invited to submit a full proposal. Application materials must be submitted on-line, see the [www.kingcounty.gov/waterworks-grants](http://www.kingcounty.gov/waterworks-grants) for details.

Free workshops will be held on WaterWorks Grants in May 2017—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 to the King County Council for final approval.

## Timeline

<b>May 2017</b>	Grant workshops
<b>June 7, 2017, 5 p.m.</b>	Deadline for letters of intent
<b>Summer 2017</b>	Review by Grant Ranking Committee
<b>August 2, 2017</b>	Applicants notified of status and finalists invited to submit full proposals
<b>September 13, 2017 5 pm</b>	Deadline, full proposals
<b>Fall 2017</b>	Review
<b>Winter 2018</b>	Authorization
<b>Summer 2018</b>	Project start

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