WaterWorks Grant Program Update

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Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
September 20, 2017
Purpose of WaterWorks

- Provide funding for projects that **improve water quality** in the WTD service area
- Leverage or complement the mission of King County’s wastewater treatment system
- Promote **community involvement and environmental stewardship**
## Funding

1.5% of Wastewater Treatment Division operating budget

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## Two Tracks

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Main Changes in 2017/2018

- 1 grant cycle for 2 years
- 2-step application process
- Grant management database
Logon Page

Email Address*
elizabeth.loudon@kingcounty.gov

Password*

Forgot your Password?

Log On Create New Account

Welcome to the King County- Waterworks online grant portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password" link to the left to reset your password.

Note: If more than one person will be working on a single request (grant proposal), you'll need to share logon credentials to access it.

Contact WaterWorks staff for assistance, Elizabeth Loudon at 206-477-4297, Julia Yen at 206-477-9192, or water.grants@kingcounty.gov
Protect Your Pipes: Flush Only Toilet Paper

This project will expand upon a Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) 2015-2016 pilot education and social marketing campaign within SPU pump station basins with high impacts from flushed trash. Grant funding for this project will allow for expanded outreach to be conducted within the previously targeted neighborhoods, and the urban areas surrounding existing pump station basins. It will also allow for expanded outreach to be conducted within the previously targeted neighborhoods, and the urban areas surrounding existing pump station basins.
Projects *must*...

1. Create a benefit to or improvement of water quality within WTD’s service area and benefit its ratepayers

2. Demonstrate that water quality benefits are related to WTD’s regional water quality responsibilities
Mapping tools

Evaluation Criteria

1. Water quality benefits (60%)
2. Implementation strength and certainty of success (20%)
3. Community involvement and support (20%)
Equity and Social Justice

- How your organization addresses ESJ
  - Measure success?

- Community/target audience
  - History/relationships?
  - Technical assistance?
  - Planning/decision making?
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# Applications vs. #Projects Funded

- **WaterWorks 2015**
  - Applications received: 36
  - Projects funded: 10

- **WaterWorks 2016**
  - Applications received: 39
  - Projects funded: 13

- **WaterWorks 2017/18**
  - Applications received: 80
  - Projects funded: 20

Legend:
- Blue: Applications received
- Red: Projects funded
Types of Projects

- Community engagement & stewardship: 19%
- Education & outreach: 5%
- On-the-ground: 16%
- Research: 30%
- Source control: 19%
- Technology development: 11%
City of Kent, *Leber Homestead Arsenic Remediation*, $100,000
Cascadia College, Student Led Solutions to Stormwater Pollution, $18,500
Funded projects

Update

The 2017 grant cycle is in review process. We are not accepting new proposals at this time. Go to Application Process for details.

King County WaterWorks awarded 11 grants for the first cycle and 12 grants for the second cycle, each cycle totaling $850,000.

WaterWorks 2015 Grant Awards (1st Cycle)

WaterWorks 2016 Grant Awards (2nd Cycle)

In addition to the WaterWorks competitive grants, water quality project funding is available through King County Council allocated funding.
Blog: Clean Water Stories

Wastewater education and outreach programs prepare region for climate change, May 18, 2017

Helping Communities Celebrate the Rain, December 17, 2016

King County's WaterWorks Program Welcomes New Water Quality Champions, March 20, 2017
More to come! Questions?