

# Developing a New Rule for Grants and Loans

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# Welcome and Introductions

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# What we're doing and why

- Ecology is developing a rule for grants & loans we issue that:
  - Are funded by the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA funded).
  - Aren't already covered by a specific grant or loan program rule.
- RCW 70.105D.070(8) directs Ecology to adopt rules “for grant or loan issuance and performance” which applies to all MTCA funded grants or loans.



# Our goal

Put existing best practices into rule to meet legal obligations for MTCA funded grant and loan programs.



# The draft new rule:

- Allows us to administer funds clearly and consistently.
- Reflects how grants and loans are currently managed.
- Provides clarity on requirements related to issuance and performance.
- All new agreements, signed after the effective date of the rule (31 days after adoption), must be managed in Ecology's electronic system.



# The draft rule applies to:

Type of Grant or Loan	
Air Quality Clean Diesel	Competitive
Air Quality Local Partner Wood Smoke Reduction	Competitive
Shoreline Master Program Grants	Formula
Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Equipment Grants	Competitive
Water Quality Stormwater Capacity	Formula
Water Quality Stormwater Grants of Regional or Statewide Significance	Competitive
Water Quality Stormwater Financial Assistance Grant Program	Competitive
Programmatic grants or loans	Programmatic

# The rule does not apply to:

Type of Grant or Loan	Rule
Coordinated Prevention Grants	WAC 173-312
Local Solid Waste Enforcement Grants	WAC 173-313
Public Participation Grants	WAC 173-321
Remedial Action Grants	WAC 173-322A
Air Quality Local Partner Core Operations (CORE) Grants (state match)	WAC 173-450
Centennial Clean Water Program (grants and loans)	WAC 173-95A
Uses and Limitations of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund	WAC 173-98

# How can you help?

- Review the informal draft.
- Under the language in the draft:
  - Would you need to change how you meet grant and loan requirements?
    - If yes, how?
    - If yes, are there costs related to this change? Are there benefits?
- Provide suggestions, edits, concerns, or support of the draft language.





# Schedule

Date	Action
Now – August 14	Informal feedback on draft rule language
October 2017	Rule Proposal Filed – Start of the formal comment period
October	Formal Public Hearing
November	Comment Period End
December	Anticipated Adoption
January	Rule is effective

# Provide feedback by August 14, 2017

Submit your feedback:

– Online:

<http://wt.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=kRg5Y>

OR

– Mail them to:

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# Questions?

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