



Local Drought Planning and Preparedness Applicant Workshop

2024 Pilot Competitive Grant Round

January 2024 Applicant Workshop







Purpose of Workshop Ecology is here to help you feel like you understand the guidance document and what you can expect from us.

We want you to have the tools you need to submit a timely, competitive grant application.

Drought Preparedness Background

Early in 2023 the state legislature authorized \$2.2 million for drought planning and preparedness.

Ecology is offering \$1.8 million in the form of competitive grants with the remaining money being used for staffing and administration.





Local Drought Preparedness Planning





Introduction

- Planning Process and Collaborators
- Community Profile
- Risk Assessment
- Current and Potential Projects

What is in a Local Drought Preparedness Plan? PILOT COMPETITIVE DROUGHT PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS GRANTS, 2024

GUIDANCE FOR PROJECT APPLICANTS

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2024 Competitive Grants Guidance Overview

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Competitive Grant Round Timeline

Jan. 2024

Jan. – Feb 1, 2024

Jan. 16 – March 14, 2024

Mid March 2024

Summer 2024

Applicant Workshops

Pre-Application Meetings

Application Period Deadline: March 14th, 2024 **5pm**

Competitive Grant Application Evaluations Begin

Offer Letters



Eligible Applicants Established in Statute (Page 6 of Guidance)



- Conservation districts,
- Counties, cities, or towns,
- Federally recognized Tribes,
- Irrigation districts,
- Port districts,
- Public utility districts,
- Water and sewer districts,
- Watershed management partnerships,
 - Please note that any Watershed Management Partnership applying for this competitive grant offering must have as a member at least one entity that is otherwise eligible under <u>RCW 43.83B.415</u>. Final eligibility decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.



Collaborating With Other Entities

- What if I am not eligible?
- What if my drought concerns overlap with other entities?



Four separate criteria, found in Chapter Three of the LDPP Guidance Document:

- Description of the community and planning area.
 - Projects that benefit drought preparedness and resiliency for vulnerable and overburdened communities will score higher.
- Capacity to complete an LDPP that can be implemented
- Proposed Scope of Work, budget and schedule
- Additional Considerations

Developing

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Pre-Application Meetings (Page 8 in Guidance)

 Opportunity for applicants to discuss the details of their context with Ecology staff before application submission.

• To request a pre-application meeting, email <u>droughtpreparedness@ecy.wa.gov</u>



Identifying Your Overburdened Communities Highly Impacted by Drought





Options for Identifying Overburdened Communities



- <u>Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map</u> (EHD)
- <u>EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool</u> (EJ Screen)
 - EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool User Guide

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Example Project Types for your LDPP (Guidance Appendix)

- Irrigation efficiency programs.
- Increase water storage capacity.
- Altered water management or infrastructure.
- Wetland restoration projects to impact peak flow and annual mean runoff.
- Environmental monitoring.
- Promoting voluntary conservation, efficient indoor and outdoor water usage.



Important Considerations

- Ecology is here to help answer questions and learn from you and your communities.
- Funds are limited. There are no guarantees.
- Stay consistent between scope of work, budget, and schedule.
- Applications must be complete or they will not be reviewed.
- The final submission deadline is March 14th, 2024.
 - Please start your applications as early as possible to ensure your application can be completed and the status is changed to submitted.



After your Application is Submitted

- Once you submit your application, the Authorized Official(s) associated with the application will receive an automated email from the EAGL system noting the successful submittal.
- After the competitive cycle closes March 14, 2024 all applications submitted by the deadline will be reviewed by Ecology.
- After funding decisions are made (anticipated Summer 2024) you will receive a letter from Ecology noting if your application was funded or not funded.
 - If an application was determined to be ineligible during application evaluation, a letter will be sent to the applicants noting the ineligibility.



Scoping Your Plan with Ecology

- Post Competitive Grant Award
- Collaborate with Ecology Staff
 - \circ Scope of Work
 - o Budget
 - Timeline for Completion



Question Time



Timeline and Next Steps

This pilot competitive grant funding opportunity opens on January 16, 2024, and closes on March 14, 2024.

Ecology strongly encourages all applicants to schedule a pre-application meeting prior to February 1, 2024, by emailing your request and three preferred meeting dates and times.

Ecology staff will begin evaluating all applications for eligibility in Mid March 2024.

Applicants who are extended an offer letter after the evaluation period will be contacted for next steps, including discussions with Ecology on the scope of the competitive grant.



Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL)





What is EAGL?

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Tips for Working in EAGL

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- Use Chrome, Edge, Mozilla, or Safari (but not Internet Explorer).
- Start early.
- Submit early.
- Pay attention to character limits.
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Applying for the Drought Planning and Preparedness Funding Opportunity

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• Amount of funding available: \$1.8 million



Resources

- LDPP Guidance Document: <u>Pilot Competitive</u> <u>Drought Planning and Preparedness Grants,</u> <u>2024 (wa.gov)</u>
- LDPP Webpage: <u>https://ecology.wa.gov/DPP-grants</u>
- EAGL Support Shanyese Trujillo





Questions? Please email us at: droughtpreparedness@ecy.wa.gov

Thank you!