

Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP) 2023-2025 Grant Application Workshop

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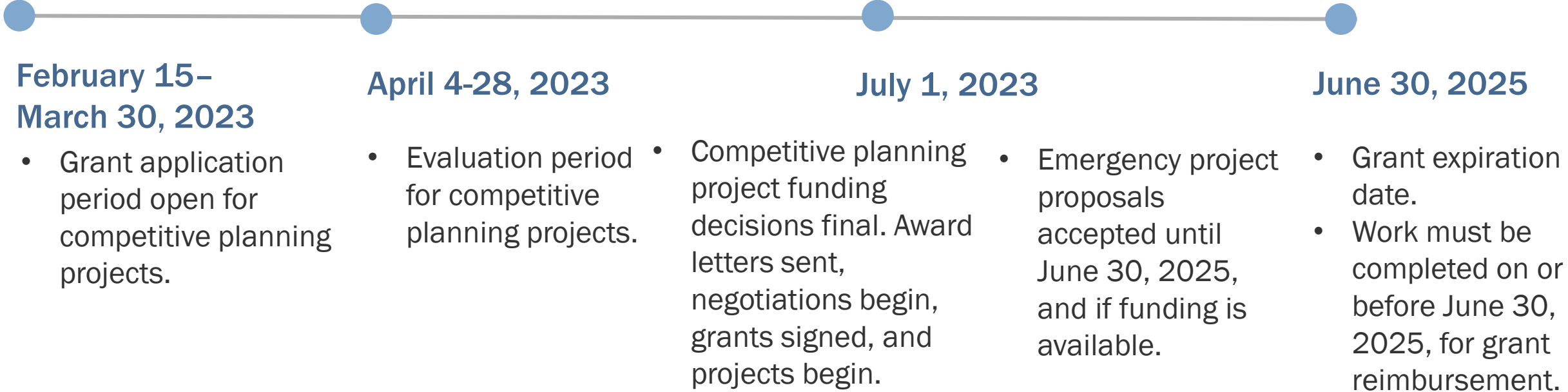
FCAAP Background

- *RCW 86.26 – State Participation in Flood Control Maintenance*
- *Chapter 173-145 WAC – Administration of the Flood Control Assistance Account Program*
- Established in 1984.
- Managed by Ecology’s Shorelands and Environmental Assistance (SEA) Program.
- Supports local jurisdictions in developing integrated flood hazard management plans that identify and prioritize strategies to reduce flood hazard risks and achieve other benefits, such as reducing flood damages.

2023-2025 Biennium

- Up to \$2,300,000 available for floodplain planning projects.
- Likely \$150,000 available for emergency flood response projects.
- Funding available between July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.
Grant funding cannot be extended past June 30, 2025.

2023-2025 Funding Cycle and Project Schedule



Eligible Applicants

- Cities
- Towns
- Counties
- Federally-recognized Tribes (only eligible for competitive planning projects)
- Conservation districts
- Special purpose districts, such as flood control zone districts

Ineligible Applicants

- Nonprofits
- State agencies
- Federal agencies
- Ports
- Private entities
- Local health jurisdictions

Eligible Planning Projects

- Developing or updating Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plans (CFHMPs) consistent with [WAC 173-145](#).
- Activities that lead to updating CFHMPs, such as feasibility studies; community outreach and stakeholder engagement efforts; and mapping and modeling projects, including Channel Migration Zone delineations.
- Match for federal projects that lead to CFHMPs, such as federal General Investigations or Environmental Restoration studies by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA RiskMAP studies.

CFHMPs

- Planning nexus to good project development
- Realistic scope and project timelines
- Costs involved in creating/updating a plan
- Ecology's CFHMP guidance
 - Comprehensive Planning for Flood Hazard Management: A Guidebook ([Publication no. 21-06-019](#))

CFHMPs

- What the process looks like
 - Starting a stakeholder group
 - Inventorying physical conditions
 - Setting goals & objectives
 - Identifying and evaluating strategies & measures
 - Gaining public feedback
 - Developing strategy & implementation approaches
 - Ecology approval & local jurisdiction adoption

CFHMPs

1. Focus on non-structural alternatives and ecological restoration
2. Respect for rivers' natural processes
3. Focus on the cause of flood damage
4. Integrated floodplain management
5. Consideration of the entire watershed, not just local conditions
6. Public participation and diversity, equity, and inclusion
7. Coordination among public works, planning and building departments and other department activities

CFHMPs

1. Interagency and stakeholder coordination
2. Planning process-oriented examination of issues
3. Consideration of future conditions
4. Consideration of Tribal rights
5. Consideration of Environmental Justice
6. Integration with other flood hazard management programs and grants
7. Incorporation of comprehensive planning solutions

Eligible Emergency Flood Response Projects

- Emergency grants for flood response and recovery work, such as purchasing pumps, barricades, and emergency notification signage; and widening drainage ditches.
- Note that the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) also provides emergency flood response that is essentially free. Funds are limited. Contact your regional Ecology staff if WCC response is needed. WCC actions can include pre-flood mitigation like sandbagging, road closures, etc.

Priority Funding

- Flood planning projects that support the development of integrated flood hazard management plans in underserved communities.

Underserved communities or overburdened communities are defined as “communities that experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks due to exposures, greater vulnerability to environmental hazards, or cumulative impacts from multiple stressors.” ([Washington State Environmental Justice Task Force Report, 2020](#))

- See the [Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map](#) as an additional resource.

Budget and Match Requirements

- Competitive planning projects have a maximum award amount of \$500,000 per county in each biennium ([WAC 173-145](#)).
- Emergency projects are awarded if funds are available, and on a first come, first served basis.
- Match is required and cannot be waived per WAC 173-145. Recipients must provide 25% match for competitive planning projects and 20% match for emergency projects.
- Three types of match: 1) cash, 2) in-kind other, and 3) in-kind interlocal.
- For more information, see the [FCAAP 23-25 Funding Guidelines](#).

Scoring Criteria – Competitive Planning Projects

Project Description and Outcomes	20 points
Underserved Communities	20 points
Regulations and Requirements	5 points
Schedule and Readiness to Proceed	10 points
<u>Budget</u>	<u>10 points</u>
Total	65 points

What Evaluators Look For

- Realistic scope of work, timeline, and budget
- Integrated floodplain management approaches
- Justify why your project will support an underserved community.
- Readiness to proceed
- Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs): If collecting or analyzing environmental data, adjust the project timeline and budget.
- Upload and double-check all supporting documents are in EAGL

Screening Criteria – Emergency Flood Response Projects

- Emergency grants are approved on a first come, first served basis for eligible entities and eligible actions.
- Email Amelia Petersen at amelia.petersen@ecy.wa.gov or contact your regional Ecology Project Manager.
- Applicants must receive approval first, then Ecology initiates a new grant application in EAGL.



Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL)

- Applications must be submitted through EAGL.
- Applicants must have both a [Secure Access Washington \(SAW\)](#) and [EAGL](#) account. EAGL is accessed through SAW.
- Applications, funded grant agreements, scope of work deliverables, and Payment Requests/Progress Reports are managed in EAGL.
- For more information, see the [FCAAP 23-25 Funding Guidelines](#) and the [EAGL External Users' Manual](#).

Application Instructions and EAGL Prep Tool

Application Instructions

- Step-by-step guidance to complete and submit an application.

Application Prep Tool – Competitive planning projects

- Word template of application questions.
- Draft and copy your final answers into EAGL.

Available on the [FCAAP website](#) and in EAGL after you initiate an FCAAP application.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Does a Flood Control Zone District or County need to be the primary applicant for a CFHMP update? **No, any eligible entity can be the primary applicant.**
- What types of studies are eligible? **Any study that supports a new or updated CFHMP is potentially eligible. Contact Ecology if unsure.**
- My current CFHMP is from 2001. Is it expired? **There is no mechanism for a CFHMP to expire, although they should keep up with changes in the community.**

Frequently Asked Questions

- I am updating my Hazard Mitigation Plan. Can I streamline efforts and combine the CFHMP and HMP into one document? Can I use FCAAP funding to assist with the process? **FCAAP funds can be used to develop the CFHMP, not any other element of the HMP. Contact Ecology and/or WA EMD for more advice.**
- Can the match requirement be waived for economically distressed communities? **No. The regulations governing the FCAAP do not provide relief from match requirements.**
- Do Tribes have to be members of the NFIP to be eligible? **No, Federally-recognized Tribes don't have to be members of the NFIP to be eligible to apply for planning grants.**

Additional Resources

- [FCAAP 23-25 Funding Guidelines](#)
- [FCAAP 23-25 Application Instructions](#)
- [Comprehensive Planning for Flood Hazard Management Guidebook](#)
- [FCAAP Website](#)
- [RCW 86.26 – State Participation in Flood Control Maintenance](#)
- [Chapter 173-145 WAC – Administration of the Flood Control Assistance Account Program](#)
- [Senate Bill 5141 - Healthy Environment for All \(HEAL\) Act](#)
- [Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans \(Yellow Book 2017\)](#)



Questions?



Thank you

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