



FOCUS *on Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Grants*

Grants for the cleanup of hazardous substances from methamphetamine labs

Chapter 70.105D.070 RCW creates a fund source to provide monies to state and local government to cleanup hazardous substances. Ecology is establishing methamphetamine lab grant program. Chapter 70.105D.070 provides a list of grant eligible activities. One grant eligible activity is to assist local government in the assessment and cleanup of sites of methamphetamine activities, but not to be used for the initial containment of such sites.

What is the definition of illegal drug manufacturing or storage site?

Any property where a person illegally manufactures or stores a controlled substance or a law enforcement agency or the property owner believes a person illegally manufactured or stored a controlled substance.

What is the definition of a Methamphetamine Lab?

An illegal operation located at a site (houses, apartments, vehicles, vacant property, etc.) used to create methamphetamine. Methamphetamine is an amine $C_6H_5CH_2CH(CH_3)NHCH_3$ used in the form of its crystalline hydrochloride as a stimulant for the central nervous system. (Source: Webster's Third New International Dictionary)

What is the definition of initial site containment?

The definition for initial site containment, for the purposes of this grant program is "the first location where hazardous substances are confined by a container, vessel, barrier, or structure, whether natural or constructed, with a defined boundary and that prevents or minimizes its release into the environment."

Who can apply for these grants?

The grant applicant must be a local health department or district.

How much money is available?

The Toxics Cleanup Program determines the amount of funds available prior to the beginning of each biennium.

When will Ecology accept applications?

Ecology will be accepting applications beginning July 1, 2003 under the Remedial Action Grant program. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis.

What are the eligibility requirements?

Eligibility requirements include a demonstration that methamphetamine lab cleanup activities are occurring in your local jurisdiction.

What project costs are eligible? 100%

Project costs that are 100% grant eligible are those activities that assess the level of contamination.

- Property inspection
- Determination of contamination activities (sampling and analysis costs)
- Contractor fees (public sites only)
- Legal fees (specific circumstances with prior approval)
- Assessor fees (specific circumstances with prior approval)
- Site specific public education activities
- Equipment
- Training
- Site posting
- Notification to property owners
- Administrative expenses consistent with “Yellow Book”

Local match required

Project costs that require a local match are those activities that are cleanup actions. The local match is 50% with 75% for economically disadvantaged jurisdictions.

What costs are not eligible?

- Initial site containment activities
- Retroactive costs
- Legal fees (general)
- Educational activities not site specific
- Destruction or landfilling materials
- Costs associated with assessing fines or penalties
- Administrative proceedings
- Any other activity not consistent with MTCA, rules or guidelines

How to apply

The local health department/district may submit applications for Methamphetamine Lab grants at any time. Address all grant related inquiries to:

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