

Public Participation Grant 2010-2011 Supplemental Funding

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) expects the Public Participation Grant (PPG) program to receive \$50,000 in supplemental funding from the US Department of Energy for the 2009-2011 funding cycle. **PPG is seeking Contaminated Site Project Proposals directly related to the Hanford Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Study (TC/WM EIS).** If your organization currently has an active PPG agreement, Ecology will only consider you for additional funding if your project proposal is different from your current Scope of Work. There is no requirement for matching funds.

What are Public Participation Grants?

PPG agreements provide funding for not-for-profit public interest groups to involve and educate the public about environmental issues in Washington State. Projects are not eligible if they benefit a private party, or do not clearly benefit the public.

For this supplemental funding application period, potential applicants should consider:

- All work on the project must take place between March 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- The award process is competitive and the Scope of Work is negotiable.
- If you receive an award, PPG may accept all or part of your proposal and you may receive all or part of the funding you requested.

What are Ecology's Hanford TC/WM EIS -specific PPG priorities for 2010-2011?

Some specific priorities include, but are not limited to:

- Providing education and outreach to high school and college classrooms in Washington State.
- Improving public participation opportunities for traditionally underserved communities.

WHY IT MATTERS

Public Participation Grants help Washington residents:

- Identify the causes, sources, and effects of pollution.
- Become aware of how their activities affect the environment.
- Adopt responsible practices in their homes, schools, and businesses to prevent, reduce, or clean up pollution.
- Encourage the practical and responsible reuse of materials currently going to disposal sites as waste.
- Provide informed feedback during public comment periods on site cleanup plans.

Special accommodations:

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- Increasing public participation at Hanford-related forums and conferences.

Ecology continues to place a priority on projects that give diverse community groups a chance to learn about and help solve the state's environmental problems. These diverse groups include those who are economically disadvantaged or do not speak English as their first language.

What project costs can I pay with grant money?

The PPG Program reimburses for project-related administrative costs, learning tools, educational outreach, and public activities such as meetings and workshops. See the 2009-2011 PPG Guidelines for a list of eligible and ineligible costs:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0807023.html>

How can I apply for a Public Participation Grant?

Grants are available to federally registered 501(c) status not-for-profit public interest groups, public-interest organizations, and groups of three or more unrelated individuals. All projects must provide substantial and measurable public benefit and improve public participation through education and outreach. Projects must have well-defined activities that show positive behavior change related to the problem.

If your group has a project, you can download the revised grant guidelines and updated application from our website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html>. PPG will post the revised guidelines and application no later than February 12, 2010. **Apply only with the PPG 2010-11 Supplemental Funding Application. Ecology will not consider funding any applications submitted on the 2009-11 Grant Application Form.**

When are applications due?

The application period for the 2010-2011 US Department of Energy sponsored supplemental funding cycle runs from Friday, **February 12, 2010**, through Wednesday, **February 24, 2010**. People on the Public Participation Grants mailing list receive notice by mail when the application period opens. Applications are due at the Department of Ecology Headquarters building by **5 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2010**. The Headquarters building is at 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98503. The mailing address is PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600. Call 360-407-6095 for directions to the building. **Postmarks do not qualify.** If you want to discuss your project, request a copy of the PPG Guidelines, get on the PPG mailing list, or have any questions about the program, please call 360-407-6044 or 360-407-6061.