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Waste-Free Communities Matching Grant

Seattle Public Utilities is now accepting applications for matching grants for community projects focused on waste prevention. Waste prevention means creating less waste by buying and using less, using reusable items, and sharing or donating items so others can use them. When we prevent waste, we help the environment, protect public health, build community, and save money.

Grant program objectives:

* Support community leadership and innovation around waste prevention
* Increase community access to waste prevention opportunities
* Reduce the amount of materials going to waste in Seattle

Funding:

* There is a total fund of $100,000 to award for the 2018-19 grant cycle.
* Grant requests may range from $5,000 to $20,000.

Schedule

Application deadline – March 22, 2019  
Notice of decisions – May 2019  
Contracts with City signed - July 2019  
Work begins – July-October 2019  
Work completed within 12 months of the project start date

Who should apply

* Nonprofits
* Community & neighborhood groups
* Businesses
* Schools, colleges & universities
* Institutions (such as health care or housing)
* Faith-based organizations
* Youth and children’s programs

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# What We Fund

Project must meet the following three criteria to apply:

1. Projects must take place within [Seattle City Limits](http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/nmaps/fullcity.htm) or have a direct impact on Seattle’s waste stream.
2. Projects must focus on waste prevention.
3. Projects must also do **one or more** of the following:
   * **Be innovative:** test or expand on new approaches or technologies, such as developing apps or bringing repair workshops to Seattle
   * **Engage one or more of the following communities:** communities of color, immigrants, refugees, low-income, people with disabilities, seniors, young adults, youth, children, and/or small businesses
   * **Help communities in need:** such as increasing affordability by providing free or low-cost resources or job training to homeless or low-income communities

## Other funding opportunities

* [City of Seattle Grants and Funding](http://www.seattle.gov/services-and-information/grants-and-funding)
* [King Conservation District Grant Program](http://www.kingcd.org/pro_gra.htm" \t "_blank)
* [King County Environmental Grants & Awards](http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/grants-and-awards.aspx)
* [Washington State Department of Ecology Grants & Loans](https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans)
* [Environmental Protection Agency Grants & Fellowship Information](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm" \t "_blank)
* [Trees for Neighborhoods](http://www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm)

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# How to Apply

**Step 1:** Read the [Guidelines](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/3_038073.pdf" \t "_blank) (pdf)

* Who should apply
* What we fund
* Match requirements
* Application steps
* Selection process
* **Guidelines**  
  [English](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/3_038073.pdf" \t "_blank) |

**Step 2:** Contact us

* Confirm your project is eligible
* Ask questions about the guidelines and application

Contact [wastefreegrants@seattle.gov](mailto:wastefreegrants@seattle.gov) or (206) 684-7868 for help in English or languages not listed below.

For help in the following languages, contact our partner, ECOSS at [info@ecoss.org](mailto:eugenia@ecoss.org) or (206) 767-0432 ext. 1009. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

* Amharic
* Cantonese
* Khmer
* Korean
* Mandarin
* Somali
* Spanish
* Tigrigna
* Vietnamese

**Step 3:** Submit your grant application in print or video format by March 22, 2019

* **Print Application Form**  
  [English](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/3_038075.docx" \t "_blank) |
* **Video Application Instructions**  
  [English](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/3_038076.docx" \t "_blank) |
* **Application Budget Form**  
  [English](http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/3_038077.xlsx" \t "_blank) |