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INFRASTRUCTURE IS FUNDAMENTAL

2026 AWWA Conference

Water & Wastewater Funding in Washington State

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Welcome and Introductions

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Washington State Public Works Board

Infrastructure is Fundamental

The Public Works Board awards state funds to support critical community infrastructure through low-interest loans and grants to cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts such as water/sewer districts and public utility districts.

The program was established in 1985 and has invested more than $3.6 billion statewide, including nearly $1 billion since 2018.

IACC

INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated since 1986 to helping Washington communities identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve, and maintain infrastructure.

IACC consists of staff from state, federal, and tribal agencies, local government associations, and nonprofit technical assistance organizations.

IACC Resources

IACC provides many useful resources to Washington communities:

- Annual conference in Wenatchee, WA | October 20-22, 2026
- **Tech Teams**
- Resource library | https://infrafunding.wa.gov/resources
- **Water & Wastewater Funding Summary**

IACC Tech Teams – In person

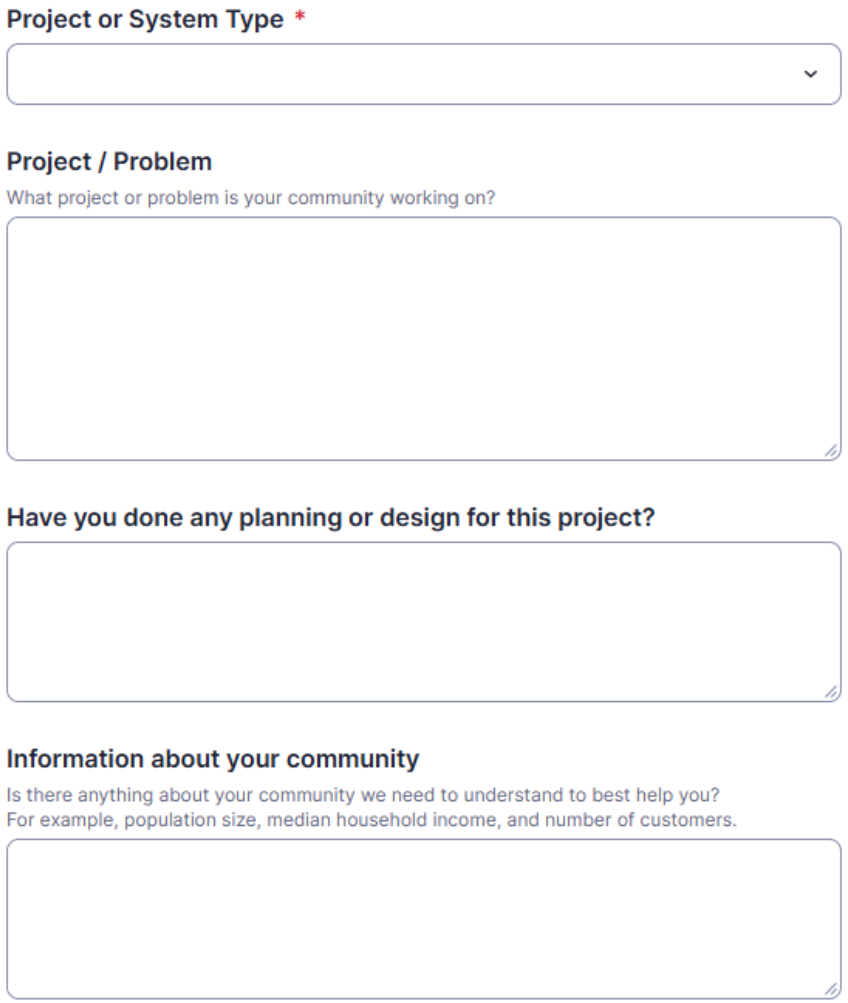
Since 1999, IACC has offered pre-registered technical team ('tech team') meetings at the annual conference to communities to provide input on local priority infrastructure projects.

Attendees typically include:

- Regulatory agencies
- Infrastructure funders
- Technical assistance program staff

In-person tech teams may be requested after conference registration opens in August.

IACC Tech Teams - Virtual



In addition to in-person offerings at the annual conference, IACC offers technical assistance anytime through the "TA Portal" on their website: https://infrafunding.wa.gov/technical-assistance/

Water and Wastewater Funding Summary

Funding Programs for Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects

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PRECONSTRUCTION ONLY Programs	Eligible Projects	Eligible Applicants	Funding Available	How To Apply
Ecology: Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Centennial Clean Water Fund Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnership Program (CBP3) Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant Program (PSNR) Department of Ecology	Design projects that are associated with publicly owned wastewater and stormwater facilities. The integrated program also funds planning and implementation of onsite sewage systems and nonpoint source pollution control activities.	Counties, cities, towns, federally recognized Tribes, sewer districts, port districts, conservation districts, and other special-purpose districts. Eligible applicants vary between fund sources. See the funding guidelines for more information.	**CWSRF loan:** $5,000,000 reserved for planning and preconstruction statewide Interest rates (SFY27): 1.2-2.5% depending on loan term Hardship for preconstruction loans 50% forgivable principal loan or Centennial grant, and 50% standard loan **SFAP grant** requires a 15% cash match, 5% match for hardship **PSNR grants** a maximum $350,000 per eligible wastewater facility	**Contact:** Karen Izumoto 360-628-1976 Karen.Izumoto@ecy.wa.gov More information available at Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding Program application page. Announcements on application periods, training, and funding offer lists are sent via GovDelivery.
Public Works Board PWB PRE-CON Pre-construction Program	Pre-construction activities to bring projects to a higher degree of readiness that prepare a specific project for construction. Roads, streets, and bridges, domestic water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, and solid waste/recycling/organics facilities.	Counties, cities, special purpose districts, and quasi-municipal organizations that meet certain requirements. Ineligible applicants: school districts, port districts, and tribes.	Pre-construction awarded quarterly until funds are exhausted. Up to $1,000,000 per project. FY26 interest rate: 1.06%. 5-year loan term. Maximum award per jurisdiction per biennium across all PWB funding programs: $10 million Awards are typically 100% loans, but partial grant funding may be awarded to communities meeting Distressed or Severely Distressed criteria.	**Contact:** Sheila Richardson 564-999-1927 Sheila.richardson@commerce.wa.gov Check the Public Works Board website at http://www.pwb.wa.gov periodically for the latest program details or to contact Public Works Board staff.

Summary of Government Grant and Loan Programs for Water and Wastewater Projects

PWB Traditional Program Overview

Funding Basics

- Awards are 100% low-interest loan unless the project area qualifies for financial hardship assistance
- Max. $10M award for Construction
- Max. $1M award for Pre-construction and Planning
- Max. $1M award for Emergency (except for catastrophic emergencies)
- Max. $10M total combined awards per jurisdiction per biennium



PWB Traditional Programs: Eligibility

Applicants

- Cities and Towns
- Counties
- Water/Sewer Districts
- Public Utility Districts
- Other Special Purpose Districts – *Irrigation, diking and drainage, flood control, etc.*

Systems

- Roads, streets
- Bridges
- **Wastewater**
- **Drinking water**
- Stormwater
- Solid waste, recycling, and organics

Construction Program

- **Purpose**: The Construction Funding Program focuses on the activities that repair, replace, or create a facility. A construction project may comprise any combination of pre-construction and construction elements.

- **Eligible activities**: Engineering, environmental review, design activities, acquisition of right of way or property, construction, construction inspection, etc.



Pre-construction Program

- **Purpose**: Improve project readiness and capital facilities planning.
- **Eligible activities**: Design, engineering, bid-document preparation, environmental studies, right-of-way acquisition, value planning, permits, cultural and historic resources, public notification, and more.
- Applications are accepted on an **ongoing basis** and will be reviewed **quarterly** for funding awards.



Traditional Emergency Program

What is an emergency? A project made necessary by a natural disaster or an immediate and emergent threat to public health and safety due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances.

What are eligible activities? Activities that repair, replace, and/or reconstruct a facility that will restore essential services.

When are applications accepted? Continuously until funds expended.



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Upcoming Funding Available

Program	FY26 Awarded (# of Projects)	FY26 Awarded ($)	FY27 Upcoming (estimated but TBD)
Construction	33	$140,005,452	$100m-215m
Pre-construction	16 (to date)	$8,447,060	$7,500,000 (or more)
Emergency	3	$1,515,000	$7,500,000
Flood Response Grants	n/a	n/a	$10,000,000

Upcoming Board Meeting

May 15, 2026 | 1:00pm

Agenda and Zoom meeting link will be available at www.pwb.wa.gov 1 week prior

Thank you! Questions?

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