



## Grant Guidelines Update

### Source Water Protection Program

More than 6.2 million people living in Washington State rely on drinking water supplies, which public water systems (PWS) source from groundwater, surface water, and springs. Protecting these source waters is the first step in providing safe and reliable public drinking water to customers.

The Source Water Protection Program focuses on PWS wellheads and watersheds. Source water protection is the primary way to reduce the risk of contamination or decline in water availability. By protecting critical sources, PWS can proactively keep water supplies clean, safe, and reliable rather than waiting for source water pollution to occur or for a well to run dry.

The Source Water Protection Local Assistance Grant provides funding for these projects.

- ◆ We are updating our grant guidelines and seeking feedback on program priorities to ensure resources are directed to projects that serve tribes and communities most impacted by water quality and quantity concerns.
- ◆ Access the current guidelines here: [Local Assistance Grant Program Guidelines](#).

### What is Source Water Protection?



Proactively planning for and protecting sources of drinking water.

### Who does this impact?



Public water systems, local governments, tribes, conservation groups, and people concerned about their drinking water.

### How to engage?



Fill out a survey or attend a listening session to share your thoughts about the grant guidelines.

## Survey

Your input will help us set program priorities and update our Source Water Protection Local Assistance Grant guidelines. We are looking for feedback from public water systems, local governments, conservation groups, educational groups, tribal partners, and people who get their water from public utilities.

### [Participate in the survey.](#)

For Spanish, select from the drop down menu in the upper left corner of the survey screen. **The survey closes September 30.**

## Listening Sessions

We are holding two listening sessions to provide an overview of the funding program and hear suggestions about how to improve our grant guidelines. **Register by September 1** to request translation services or accessibility accommodations.

**Listening session 1: September 10, 2025 9:30-11am (PST).**

[Register in advance.](#)

**Listening session 2: September 17, 2025 6-7:30pm (PST).**

[Register in advance.](#)

If you are unable to attend a listening session but would like to provide feedback or set up a virtual meeting, please email us at [sourcewaterprotection@doh.wa.gov](mailto:sourcewaterprotection@doh.wa.gov).

## Updates

[Sign up for our email list](#) to get directly connected.

Stay up to date with the [environmental justice assessments](#).

[Learn more about the Source Water Protection Grant Program.](#)

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## Timeline

- ◆ **May-September:** Community Survey open.
- ◆ **September 10:** Listening session 1.
- ◆ **September 17:** Listening session 2.
- ◆ **September 30:** Community Survey closes.
- ◆ **October:** Draft grant guidelines published.
- ◆ **October-November:** Comment period open on draft guidelines (accepted via email).
- ◆ **November 30:** Comment period closed.
- ◆ **December 30:** Final grant guidelines and Environmental Justice Assessment published.

## Resources

- ◆ About our program  
[Source Water Protection](#)
- ◆ About the Source Water Protection Grant  
[Source Water Protection Local Assistance Grant Program](#)
- ◆ Current grant guidelines being updated  
[Local Assistance Grant Program Guidelines](#)



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