

You may be eligible for a RiverHealth Stewardship Program GRANT!

The RiverHealth Stewardship Program (RHSP) grants support community groups, businesses, and property owners who want to improve the health of watersheds within the surface water areas served by Water Environment Services (WES). RHSP grants can provide up to \$30,000 per applicant for projects that protect and enhance these watersheds.

The objective of the program is to improve watershed health by:

- Enhancing streamside vegetation by replacing invasive species with natives and/or increasing stream buffer width
- Reducing pollutants and volume of runoff from hard surfaces
- Using Low Impact Development Approaches (LIDA) to manage stormwater runoff
- Educating those who live and work in the WES service area on what they can do to improve water quality

Eligible Project Examples

- Install a LIDA feature not otherwise required by a permit, such as a rain garden, swale, porous pavement, or cistern for rainwater harvesting
- Replace pavement and landscaping area with stormwater features including planting trees
- Manage invasive vegetation in a riparian corridor and replace invasives with native plants
- Add large trees over a paved area to reduce runoff
- Hold a watershed education or stewardship event

Who is eligible?

 Citizen groups, businesses, schools, nonprofits, student groups, faith organizations, neighborhood or business associations, and service groups conducting projects in the WES service area

Who is not eligible?

- Projects conducted to meet permit obligations, required mitigation or penalty payments
- Projects located outside of the WES service area watersheds
- Private contractors are not eligible to apply on their own, but they may be paid for services by an applicant

Where are projects funded?

 Work must be performed within the surface water areas served by WES. Projects visible to the general public and showing a clear community benefit are preferred.

Design of Improvements

The applicant is responsible for retaining consultants as necessary to complete the final design and construction documents.

- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from the regulating agencies and paying all associated fees.
- Applicants who seek reimbursement for design and permit-related fees through this program must have WES approval before beginning work.

Applications Due April 27, 2016

All funds (\$30,000 maximum) per applicant must be spent between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

For more details and an application form, please see clackamas.us/wes

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