

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3081. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

10 Storm Water Improvements (92000076)

11 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
12 conditions and limitations:

13 (1) \$81,081,000 of the appropriation in this section is provided  
14 solely for grants to cities and counties to perform project-specific  
15 planning, design, and construction of projects that reduce storm water  
16 impacts from existing infrastructure and development. The grants are  
17 intended to build on and expand a city's or county's storm water  
18 program.

19 (a) In consultation with storm water stakeholders, the department  
20 shall develop and implement a competitive grant program by July 1,  
21 2014, that is designed to fund storm water projects and activities that  
22 have been proven effective at reducing environmental degradation from  
23 storm water.

24 (b) In order to receive funding, projects must have a high water  
25 quality or ecological benefit and address pollution from existing  
26 development.

27 (c) A project that relies on low-impact development retrofit  
28 techniques to reduce storm water impacts that is otherwise rated  
29 equally to a project that does not rely on low-impact development  
30 retrofit techniques must be given priority for grant funding.

31 (d) Projects required by court or administrative order or for  
32 mitigation purposes are not eligible for funding.

33 (e) Up to \$15,000,000 of the appropriation provided in this  
34 subsection may be allocated to cities or counties covered by a phase I  
35 or II national pollutant discharge elimination system permit for  
36 project-specific planning and design activities that prepare projects

1 for application to the competitive grant program to be implemented  
2 under subsection (1)(a) of this section. As a condition for funding,  
3 cities or counties shall prepare low-impact development retrofit  
4 projects for the competitive grant program. Cities or counties may  
5 also use project-specific planning and design funds for other projects  
6 that have high water quality and ecological benefits that address  
7 pollution from existing development. The department must provide  
8 notice to all cities and counties that are eligible for planning and  
9 design grants. The notice of eligibility must also include information  
10 on grant requirements so that those who elect to participate understand  
11 the requirements for funding.

12 (2)(a) \$150,000 of the appropriation in this section is provided  
13 solely to the department to develop an ongoing comprehensive, statewide  
14 storm water financial assistance program to be implemented beginning no  
15 later than July 1, 2015. The program will provide grants to local  
16 governments for the protection and improvement of statewide water  
17 quality and to improve watershed functionality by reducing the  
18 transport of toxics and other pollutants through storm water runoff,  
19 and by reducing uncontrolled runoff flows.

20 (b) The department must collaborate with storm water stakeholders  
21 to develop the funding criteria for the storm water financial  
22 assistance program, and include the new statewide storm water financial  
23 assistance program into the department's integrated water quality  
24 funding cycle process.

25 (c) The storm water financial assistance program may include, but  
26 not be limited to: Funding for retrofit capital improvement projects;  
27 low-impact development; research and development components and  
28 investments in learning; pass-through funding for local government  
29 storm water permit implementation, education, and outreach; prioritized  
30 watershed basin retrofit strategies; purchase of pooled equipment for  
31 local government use; and preconstruction awards solely for the  
32 planning and design of either new storm water facilities or a retrofit  
33 of existing storm water facilities.

34 (3) \$18,769,000 of the appropriation in this section is provided  
35 solely for the following list of projects.

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2	<b>Storm Water Improvements</b>	
3	Bellingham Shipping Terminal Storm Water Project	\$1,500,000
4	Camas Storm Water Projects	\$2,000,000
5	Centralia Station Storm Water Project	\$750,000
6	Clark County Storm Water Projects	\$1,531,000
7	Kennewick Storm Water Projects	\$1,780,000
8	Tacoma Regional Stormwater Facility	\$3,000,000
9	Port of Bellingham Marine Trades Storm Water Project	\$1,000,000
10	15th Street Water Quality Infrastructure Project	\$2,184,000
11	Richland Storm Water Projects	\$900,000
12	Spanaway Lake Management Plan	\$400,000
13	Spokane Storm Water Projects	\$2,000,000
14	Sunnyside Storm Water Project	\$455,000
15	Union Gap Storm Water Project	\$495,000
16	West Richland Yakima River Outfall Elimination	\$124,000
17	Zillah Storm Water Project	\$650,000
18	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,769,000</b>

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20	<b>Appropriation:</b>	
21	Environmental Legacy Stewardship Account--State . . .	\$100,000,000
22	Prior Biennia (Expenditures) . . . . .	\$0
23	Future Biennia (Projected Costs) . . . . .	\$0
24	<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>