



# Stormwater Funding Program Stakeholders Work Group

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Ecology Headquarters Room ROA-36  
September 30, 2013

## Introductions/ Welcome

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- Goals for Today's Meeting
  - Provide Stakeholders with Background on the Stormwater Funding Program Legislation and Progress to Date
  - Discuss the Stakeholder Process and Participant Roles
  - Develop Future Agenda Items

## Program Background

- Legislation was Successfully Passed Through Partnerships
  - Carl- Role of Association of WA Cities and what the cities hope to achieve with this legislation.
  - Darcy- Role of Washington Environmental Council and what the WEC hopes to achieve with this legislation
  - Laura- Role of Washington State Association of Counties and what counties hope to achieve.
- Current funding source
  - Brief description of MTCA/ELSA accounts.
- Legislative Language Overview – What are the sideboards?
  - \$18 M dedicated to projects within specific communities.
  - \$15 M for Project-Specific Planning and design activities
    - Currently being distributed through the n-competitive Capacity Grants
      - \$120k \$120K offered to each Permittee
      - Planning dollars will help Cities and Counties prepare projects to Compete for funding in September 2014
        - Target dates of October 1, January 31, and August 1 to ensure project will be ready to compete.
      - Minimum of one Low Impact Development (LID) Project
    - \$66 M for Planning, Design and Construction of Stormwater Retrofits

- Must have high water quality or ecologic benefit
  - Must address pollution from existing development
  - LID Projects must rank higher than an otherwise equal non-LID project
  - Funds must be distributed via a competitive grant Program
- Provides \$150k \$150K to develop ongoing, Statewide Stormwater Financial Assistance Program
  - Ecology must collaborate with stakeholders
  - Stormwater Financial Assistance Program must be included into the be integrated into the ongoing WQ Financial Assistance Program Integrated Water Quality Funding Program
    - Integrated Funding Program
      - Matches funding sources and projects
      - Provides predictable funding cycle
      - Reduces administrative burden
  - Stormwater Financial Assistance Program may include a wide range of projects in the future

#### Stakeholder Roles, Organization,

- Working Group
  - Working Group participants have been chosen from a variety of agencies, organizations, and communities from all regions of Washington
  - Working group members are asked to not only consider the interests of their own jurisdiction/agency but also represent the perspectives of similar agencies/jurisdictions.
  - Ecology is looking to the workgroup members to provide constructive project-level insight, advice and guidance.
  - Working group members will be asked to provide comments on administrative draft documents
- Steering Group
  - Membership
  - Helps Ecology set Agendas with input from the Working Group
  - Helps prepare background presentations
  - Helps Ecology draft specific language with input from the Working Group
  - Public Input Meeting materials and agendas will be published on Ecology Website
  - Draft Documents may be made available for public comment
- Ecology
  - Facilitates Workgroups
  - Solicits Comments
  - Prepares Final Documents and Implements Program
- Workgroup Process and Schedule
  - Frequency of Meetings
  - Timeline

- Project Timeline
  - \$15 M in planning funds distributed Fall 2013
  - September 2013 – Stakeholder Working Group begins meeting.
  - *Tentative -March 2014 - Administrative Draft Guidelines go out to Stakeholder Workgroup*
  - *Tentative – May 2014 Draft Guidelines go out for Public Comment*
  - July 1, 2014 Competitive Grant Program must be developed and ready for implementation.
  - July 1, 2015 Financial Assistance Program must be Implemented

#### Brainstorm Issues/Future Agenda Items

- November 4 Meeting- Eligibility for Funding Program
  - Applicant Eligibility
  - Project Eligibility
    - Definitions
- Other suggested anticipated agenda items:
  - Funding guidelines
  - Award limits
  - Match Requirements
  - Maximum number of applications per jurisdiction
  - Geographic Distribution of Funds
  - Scoring Criteria
  - Public/Private Partnerships
  - Other?