

# Risk Reduction Grant Program

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Thank you to all the members who submitted grant applications for 2023! WCIA received a large number of requests this year for risk mitigation and staff development grants making the Risk Reduction Grant Committee's decision making particularly difficult. WCIA received 50 applications totaling nearly \$770,000 in requests (\$175,000 available for mitigation grants).

The Committee met virtually on two occasions to make their decisions. Thank you to the 2023 Committee members for their hard work! The 2023 Committee members are: Farah Derosier, LOTT Clean Water Alliance (Committee chairperson); Shelley Acero, Burlington (Executive Committee liaison); Emily Schuh, Anacortes; Rob Karlinsey, Kenmore; Debbie Sullivan, Olympia; Bonnie Wilkins, Des Moines; and Justin Tucker, Richland. Special thanks to Melinda Merrell, Kenmore, for filling in for a committee member.

The applications were of a high quality, and we appreciate the members' hard work in putting their submissions together and to those members able to provide some level of matching funds so the funds could be stretched to more members. The Committee was pleased to be able to award many of the grants this year to first time recipients.

## Risk Mitigation Grant Recipients:

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| • Bremerton                   | Ballfield Safety Netting              |
| • Brewster                    | Sewer Jetter Camera                   |
| • Burlington                  | Sidewalk Repair Project               |
| • Centralia                   | Sidewalk Repair Project               |
| • Kennewick                   | CPR Mannequins for lifeguard training |
| • Lake Stevens Sewer District | Security System Upgrade               |
| • Mountlake Terrace           | Pathway Restoration Project           |
| • Ocean Shores                | Traffic Calming Signage               |
| • Olympia                     | Sidewalk Grinder                      |
| • Orting                      | Sidewalk Repair Project               |
| • Selah                       | Sidewalk Repair Project               |
| • Stevenson                   | Sidewalk Repair Project               |
| • Whitcom 911                 | Street Lighting Project               |

**Staff Development Grants:**

PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) National Conference:

- Ferndale
- Kirkland
- Sammamish

PRIMA Institute:

- Auburn
- Bonney Lake
- McCleary

**Congratulations to the recipients!**