

Risk Reduction Grant Program

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Thank you to all the members who submitted grant applications for 2024! WCIA once again received a large number of requests for risk mitigation and staff development grants, making the Risk Reduction Grant Committee's decision making challenging. WCIA received 36 Risk Mitigation applications totaling nearly \$660,000 in requests (\$175,000 available for mitigation grants) and 6 requests for Staff Development Grants (\$15,000 in available funds). The Committee was able to award 12 Risk Mitigation Grants and 6 Staff Development Grants.

The Committee met virtually on two occasions to make their decisions. Thank you to the 2024 Committee members for their hard work! The 2024 Committee members are: Emily Schuh, Anacortes (Committee Chairperson); Debbie Sullivan, Olympia (Executive Committee Liaison); Bonnie Wilkins, Des Moines; Rob Karlinsey, Kenmore; Trisha Summers, Milton; Angela Pashon, Pasco; and Justin Tucker, Richland.

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:

- Benton City
- Fife
- Hoquiam
- Issaquah
- Leavenworth
- Mukilteo
- Olympic View Water and Sewer District
- Poulsbo
- Sequim
- Shoreline
- Wenatchee
- West Richland
- Boat Launch Park Lighting
- Bollard Retrofit
- Roadway Safety Enhancement Project
- Jail Cameras (2)
- Sidewalk Grinder
- Pathway Repair Project
- Security Upgrades
- Walkway and Railing Safety Improvements
- Sidewalk Grinder and Repair Project
- Traffic Control Safety Upgrades
- Park Safety Backstop
- Sidewalk Grinder

Staff Development Grants:

PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) National Conference:

- Lake Stevens
- Milton
- Tumwater
- Spokane Regional Emergency Communications

PRIMA Institute:

- Edmonds
- Lynnwood

Congratulations to the recipients!