

Risk Reduction Grant Program

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Thank you to all the members who submitted grant applications for 2025! WCIA once again received a large number of requests for risk mitigation and staff development grants, making the Risk Reduction Grant Committee's decision challenging. WCIA received 28 Risk Mitigation applications totaling nearly \$600,000 in requests (\$175,000 available for mitigation grants) and 10 requests for Staff Development Grants to attend PRIMA Institute (\$6,000 in available funds). The Committee was able to award 13 Risk Mitigation Grants and 2 Staff Development Grants.

The Committee met virtually on two occasions to make their decisions. Thank you to the 2025 Committee members for their hard work! The 2025 Committee members are: Emily Schuh, Anacortes (Committee Chair); Debbie Sullivan, Olympia (Executive Committee Liaison); Bonnie Wilkins, Des Moines; Richard Sawyer, Kenmore; Trisha Summers, Milton; Angela Pashon, Pasco; and Dan Lemieux, 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 several of the grants this year to first-time recipients.

Risk Mitigation Grant Recipients:

- Anacortes Scarifier Purchase to Address Sidewalk Defects
- Battle Ground Park Path Repairs
- Cashmere* Sidewalk Repair Project
- Centralia Sidewalk Repair Project
- Chehalis Sidewalk Grinding Project; Tripping Hazard Reduction
- Covington Sidewalk Panel Replacement
- Federal Way* Palisades Park Pathway Restoration
- Ferndale Truck-Mounted Variable Message Board
- Lake Stevens Street Sign Maintenance
- Lynnwood* Inmate Health Monitoring Equipment for Jail (PROJECT VITAL)
- Mountlake Terrace Evergreen Playfield Complex Path Repair
- North Bonneville Sidewalk Repair
- Pullman* Security Doors for Preschool (City of Pullman Parks & Recreation Center)

**First time recipient or over 10 years since last grant*

Staff Development Grants:

PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) Institute:

- Shelton
- Walla Walla

Congratulations to the recipients!

