

# Risk Reduction Grant Program

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Thank you to all the members who submitted grant applications for 2021! WCIA received a record 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 close to 70 applications totaling nearly \$1 million in requests (\$150,000 available for mitigation grants).

The Committee met virtually on two occasions to make their decisions. Thank you to the 2021 Committee members for their hard work! The 2021 Committee members are: Farah Derosier, LOTT (committee chairperson); Shelley Acero, City of Burlington (Executive Committee liaison); Brian Loos, City of Longview; Rob Karlinsey, City of Kenmore; Emily Schuh, City of Anacortes; Kay Kammer, City of Battle Ground; and Lee Aalund, City of Lake Forest Park.

The applications were of a high quality and we appreciate member's hard work in putting their submissions together. The Committee was pleased to be able to award many of the grants this year to first time recipients.

## **Risk Mitigation Grant Recipients:**

- Chehalis: Playground protection barriers to include bollards
- Everson: Court security
- Issaquah: Replacement of outdated early warning fire alarm system at Senior Center
- Kenmore: Stormwater repair re running onto bike and pedestrian access points
- Lacey: Security cameras
- Millwood: Sidewalk trip hazard reduction project
- Northshore Utility District: Server room fire suppression system
- Port Townsend: Skatepark barrier fence repair
- Puyallup: Sidewalk trip hazard reduction project
- Richland: Signage for eight shoreline parks
- Sequim: Crosswalk signage with led outline lighting
- Snoqualmie: Sidewalk trip reduction project-purchase of grinder
- Sumas: AED units for police vehicles
- Sunnyside: Sidewalk tree stump grinder
- WHITCOM 911: Security cameras

## **Staff Development Grants:**

### PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) National Conference (virtual):

- Cowlitz 911
- Kirkland
- Lake Stevens
- Maple Valley
- Milton

### PRIMA Institute (virtual or in-person):

- College Place
- Lakewood
- Moses Lake
- North Bonneville

### NPELRA (National Public Employer Labor Relations Association Conference):

- Edmonds (50% matching funds)

### HR Investigator training:

- Washougal

**Congratulations to the recipients!**