

Risk Reduction Grant Program

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Thank you to all the members who submitted grant applications for 2022! 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 \$865,000 in requests (\$175,000 available for mitigation grants).

The Committee met virtually on two occasions to make their decisions. Thank you to the 2022 Committee members for their hard work! The 2022 Committee members are: Farah Derosier, LOTT Clean Water Alliance (Committee chairperson); Shelley Acero, Burlington (Executive Committee liaison); Brian Loos, Long Beach; Rob Karlinsey, Kenmore; Emily Schuh, Anacortes; Dan Brewer, Des Moines; and Lee Aalund, Lake Forest Park.

The applications were of a high quality, and we appreciate member's 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:

- Anacortes Sidewalk Improvement Project
- Brier Sidewalk Offset Cutting Project
- Burien Park Path Repairs
- Coupeville Solar Crosswalk Beacons
- Des Moines Sidewalk Repair Project
- Ellensburg Sidewalk Grinder
- Lakewood APEX Virtual Reality Based Police Officer Training Simulator
- Oak Harbor Sidewalk Repair Project
- Pasco Purchase and Installation of Backup Cameras on Fire Fleet
- Walla Walla Pedestrian and Street Improvement Project
- Zillah & Toppenish Equipment to share for Sidewalk Repair within both communities

Staff Development Grants:

PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) National Conference:

- Burlington
- Ridgefield

PRIMA Institute:

- Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma
- Pasco

AGRiP (Association of Governmental Risk Pools) National Conference:

- Lake Stevens Sewer District

Congratulations to the recipients!