2020 WCIA Grant Program Awards!

By Robin Aronson

Thank you to everyone who worked hard putting together submittals for the 2020 WCIA Grant Program. There were so many great projects proposed!

Thank you to the Risk Reduction Grant Committee members who worked hard reviewing the applications, meeting virtually over the course of three sessions to accomplish their work. The committee members are: Farah Derosier, Chairperson, LOTT Clean Water Alliance; Lyman Howard, Executive Liaison, Clyde Hill; Lee Aalund, Lake Forest Park; Shelley Acero, Burlington; Kay Kammer, Battle Ground; Rob Karlinsey, Kenmore; and Emily Schuh, Anacortes.

WCIA Risk Mitigation Grants

WCIA received 37 applications for Risk Mitigation Grants totaling $685,000 in requests. The committee thoughtfully pared the requests down to the allotted $150,000. The list of member recipients are as follows:

- Bonney Lake $15,000 Repair of senior center ramp
- Burien $12,064.80 Sidewalk repair and replacement
- Des Moines Pool MPD $3,910.20 Gate for parking lot
- Elma $24,000 Sidewalk repair and replacement
- Ferndale $13,500 Security for courthouse
- Grandview $10,000 Sidewalk Sucker equipment
- Lakewood $12,000 Sidewalk repair and replacement
- Lake Stevens $24,000 Fencing for police department
- McCleary $13,000 Sidewalk repair and tree removal
- Newcastle $21,725 Handrail project for trail
- Poulsbo $800 Fish Park boardwalk surface repair

TOTAL AWARDED: $150,000

WCIA Staff Development Grants

The committee got to work early on these requests hoping to give members the opportunity to secure early bird rates for the National PRIMA conference in June. Unfortunately, the conference was cancelled due to the coronavirus, leaving the grant recipients disappointed. A couple of members received grants for the PRIMA Institute in November; they remain hopeful the conference goes forward.