



Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Grant Program

Grant Overview

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) has funds available to help public water systems (PWS) serving small or disadvantaged communities experiencing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. Funding is supplied through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) grant program.

The EC-SDC grant provides eligible PWS with funds to address the challenges of PFAS and other emerging unregulated contaminants. Funds may be used to cover water quality sampling, short-term mitigation solutions, and funding for infrastructure improvements to reduce exposure to eligible emerging contaminants.

We take applications for the EC-SDC grant on a rolling timeline. We encourage PWS to reach out to dwsrf@doh.wa.gov as soon as possible if they have PFAS exceedances to be considered for funding.

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Grant Rules

Read the [EC-SDC Grant Guidelines 331-765 \(PDF\)](#) to understand the program's requirements.



PFAS Basics

Watch our [YouTube series](#) to learn more about PFAS.



PFAS Testing

Learn more about PFAS testing at [Drinking Water PFAS Testing Results Data | Washington State Department of Health](#)

PFAS, Health Effects, and Drinking Water

PFAS chemicals are a growing environmental and human health threat in Washington. PFAS can get into drinking water if they are made, used, disposed of, or spilled near your water source. PFAS have been found in many water systems and private wells across the state at levels that could be harmful to health. This is a problem, because PFAS do not break down easily in water, soil or air, and may remain in water supplies for many years. When we are exposed, PFAS can build up in our bodies. As a result, exposure to levels above recommended limits over time may lead to harmful health effects. However, when we lower our exposure, our bodies can slowly start to clear the chemicals from our system.

Watch our [PFAS Basics YouTube series](#) to learn more about PFAS and why they're a public health concern.

Who's eligible for EC-SDC?

EC-SDC funding is currently available to Group A PWS:

- [Community](#) (Comm) water systems.
- [Non-transient non-community](#) (NTNC) water systems.
- Some [transient non-community](#) (TNC) water systems that are in certain areas of concern.

EC-SDC eligible activities

This grant may provide funding for the below eligible projects:

- Initial and non-compliance water quality testing for eligible emerging contaminants.
 - Explore our [PFAS Testing Results Dashboard](#) to see if your PWS still needs to do testing.
- Short-term solutions to reduce the contamination exposure while waiting for resolution such as point of use (POU) filters for individual customers of the PWS.
- Improvements to water infrastructure to address eligible emerging contaminants, such as consolidation, new source development, and treatment.

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How to Apply

For PFAS monitoring assistance, please sign up for our free PFAS sampling program. Submit your water system information through our [online enrollment form](#).

We accept applications on a rolling timeline and review them on a quarterly basis: January, April, July, and October. If you have emerging contaminant exceedances, we encourage you to reach out to dwsrf@doh.wa.gov as soon as possible for more information.

WA DOH Contacts

If you are a representative of a water system and have questions regarding the EC-SDC program or eligibility, please reach out to your regional planner.

[Eastern Regional Office](#) (Serves Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima Counties)

[Northwest Regional Office](#) (Serves Island, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties)

[Southwest Regional Office](#) (Serves Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Counties)



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