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CLIMATE- AND AIR POLLUTION-REDUCTION SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES

SEATTLE, WA – In an effort to cut air pollution by 20% in the next seven years, as well as halve greenhouse gas emissions, socioeconomic disparities in air pollution exposure, and cancer risk due to air toxics, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (the Agency) is pleased to offer grant application assistance to community-based organizations, Tribal Nations and organizations, local governments, and ports located in King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

With a long history of successfully delivering on its own grant-funded pollution reduction projects, the Agency is uniquely equipped to help local organizations navigate the complex grant application processes, providing essential support for success.

“Communities should never miss out on opportunities to reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, cancer risk, and other health disparities because of lack of capacity or systemic barriers to the grant application process,” said Chrissy Cooley, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. “Those who experience disproportionate health risks due to air pollution should be at the center of the solution and the Agency is honored to be able to serve in this way.”

Thanks to a 2023 legislative proviso, the Agency has been allocated funds from the Climate Commitment Act to assist local organizations in applying for grants that will significantly benefit communities with disproportionate exposure to air pollution. Priority will be given to projects that reduce fine particulate matter, diesel exhaust, and greenhouse gas emissions. Projects must be focused within the Agency’s defined [overburdened communities](#) so that those communities can reap the public health benefits from the Climate Commitment Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and other new funding opportunities.

Potential grant application support services by Agency staff could consist of:

- Identifying appropriate funding opportunities
- Technical analysis: mapping, emission-reduction calculations
- Narrative writing support
- Grant materials review, completion check
- Partner coordination. If multiple partners are interested in similar projects, the Agency can help coordinate partners with the goal of producing a stronger, more competitive grant application.
- Support successful grant recipients with understanding reporting requirements and establishing appropriate systems

Washington State Senator Marko Liias has been instrumental in securing this opportunity for communities facing higher risks of air pollution.

"We know that climate change is already having a disproportionate impact on so many of our overburdened communities across Washington," said Sen. Marko Liias (D - Edmonds). "By opening up more funding for communities facing the brunt of the crisis, we can work towards common solutions for public health and environmental concerns. I'm so glad to see these investments are starting to be implemented and look forward to the work ahead. Thank you to our community partners for making this a reality!"

Organizations interested in this opportunity are encouraged to visit www.pscleanair.gov/GrantSupport or contact the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at GrantSupport@pscleanair.gov.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is an air quality management agency serving King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Founded as a result of the 1967 Washington Clean Air Act, the Agency protects public health by adopting and enforcing air quality regulations, educating individuals and businesses about clean-air choices and sponsoring voluntary initiatives to improve air quality.

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