King County Flood District now accepting applications for flood reduction grant program

The King County Flood Control District announced on Monday the availability of $3.35 million in grant funding for projects that reduce the impact of flooding.

The program targets flood reduction projects throughout King County and the deadline to apply for a 2020 grant is June 16.

“This program is a great opportunity to provide funding to tribes, non-profits, and local governments for medium to small-sized flood risk reduction projects,” said Dave Upthegrove, King County Flood Control District Board chair. “There are needs, throughout the County, to address areas susceptible to flooding, including many areas that experienced recent damage in the history-setting flooding we experienced this past February. I encourage you to use this this opportunity to increase safety and decrease the likelihood of flooding in your community.”

To qualify for funding, projects must provide a flood reduction benefit so that it directly addresses existing or potential flooding. Projects that achieve multiple benefits are encouraged. Typical projects might include:

- Addressing surface water overflows and flooding from creeks and lakes due to outflow blockage or undersized/failing culverts or pipes.
- Clearing clogged agricultural drainage systems.
- Improving inadequate or failing stormwater systems that are causing flooding or slope instability.
- Addressing flooding of roads due to increased stormwater runoff.
- Assessing existing conditions as part of the creation of a lake management district.

The Flood Control District is specifically interested in reaching homeowner associations, non-profit organizations, schools, special purpose districts, tribes, cities, towns, and agencies in King County.

There is no cap on the individual award amount. Past grants have ranged from $11,000 to $400,000. Matching funds are encouraged but not required.

Expenditure of the funds must be completed no later than 36 months after signing the grant agreement. More information about criteria, eligibility and application assistance can be found at kingcountyfloodcontrol.org.

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