



King County

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King County Flood District announces flood reduction grant program **Deadline for applications is May 27**

The King County Flood Control District announced today the availability of \$3.3 million in grant funding for projects that reduce the impact of flooding.

This grant fund program will target flood reduction projects throughout King County. The deadline for this 2016 grant opportunity is May 27.

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, but are not limited to:

- Addressing surface water overflows and flooding from creeks and lakes due to outflow blockage or undersized/failing culverts or pipes.
- Clearance of 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.
- Assessment of existing conditions as part of the creation of a lake management district.

"I'd encourage anyone who needs funding for a local flooding issue to work with your local homeowner association, city, or other qualified group to apply for a grant," said Reagan Dunn, Chair of the King County Flood Control District "Since the creation of the program, the Flood District disbursed over \$5 million in flood reduction grants. I hope those in need can take advantage of this program so more King County residents can live and work without the fear of flooding."

There is no cap on the individual award amount. Grants awarded in the past have ranged from \$11,000 to \$400,000. Matching funds are encouraged but not required and the expenditure of 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 www.kingcountyfloodcontrol.org. Interested parties should contact Kim Harper at 206-477-6079 or kim.harper@kingcounty.gov and include "Flood Reduction Grant Application" in subject line.

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The King County Flood Control District is a special purpose government created to provide funding and policy oversight for flood protection projects and programs in King County. The Flood Control District's Board is composed of the members of the King County Council. The Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks develops and implements the approved flood protection projects and programs. Information is available at www.kingcountyfloodcontrol.org.