WAC 173-95A-100  Grant and loan eligible. Certain projects or project elements, including but not limited to the following may be eligible for centennial loan or grant assistance:

(1) Aquatic plant control when the water quality degradation is due to the presence of aquatic plants, and the source(s) of pollution can be addressed sufficiently to ensure that the pollution is eliminated;

(2) BMP implementation on private property:
   (a) Best management practices that consist of new, innovative or alternative technology not yet demonstrated in the department's region in which it is proposed;
   (b) Best management practices in the riparian buffer or zone, such as revegetation or fence construction and where a conservation easement or landowner agreement is granted by the landowner; and
   (c) Other water quality best management practices that are evaluated and approved by the department on a case-by-case basis, and where a conservation easement or landowner agreement is granted by the landowner;

(3) BMP implementation on public property;

(4) Computer equipment and software specific to the funded project and preapproved by the department;

(5) Diagnostic studies to assess current water quality;

(6) Education and outreach efforts for the public;

(7) Environmental checklists, assessments, and impact statements necessary to satisfy requirements for the SEPA, the NEPA, and the SERP;

(8) Equipment and tools as identified in a grant or loan agreement;

(9) Groundwater protection activities such as wellhead protection and critical aquifer recharge area protection;

(10) Hardship assistance for wastewater facilities construction, on-site sewage system repair and replacement, and construction elements of an alternative public works contracting project;

(11) Implementation of eligible projects identified in water quality plans;

(12) Indirect costs as defined in the most recently updated edition of Administrative Requirements for Ecology Grants and Loans (publication #91-18);

(13) Lake implementation and planning activities on lakes with public access;

(14) Land acquisition:
   (a) For wetland habitat preservation and protection;
   (b) For riparian area and watershed preservation and protection; or
   (c) For drinking water source protection;

(15) Landscaping for erosion control directly related to a project, or site-specific landscaping to mitigate site conditions and comply with requirements in the State Environmental Policy Act or the National Environmental Policy Act;

(16) Light refreshments for meetings when specified in the loan or grant agreement;

(17) Monitoring BMP effectiveness;

(18) Monitoring equipment used for water quality assessment;

(19) Monitoring water quality;

(20) On-site sewage systems:
(a) Development and administration of a local loan fund for on-site sewage system repair and replacement for residential and small commercial systems; and

(b) On-site sewage system surveys;

(21) Model ordinances development and dissemination of model ordinances to prevent or reduce pollution from nonpoint sources;

(22) Planning, including comprehensive basin plans, watershed plans, and area-wide water quality plans;

(23) Planning and design for hardship wastewater facilities;

(24) Riparian and wetlands habitat restoration and enhancement, including revegetation;

(25) Sales tax;

(26) Stream restoration that meets recognized water quality standards;

(27) Stormwater activities that are certain nonpermit-related planning activities, such as education and outreach, establishing a stormwater utility, identifying and mapping of pollution sources, and department-approved erosion control;

(28) Total maximum daily load study development and implementation;

(29) Training to develop specific skills that are necessary to directly satisfy the scope of work. Training, conference registration, or annual meeting fees must be preapproved by the department;

(30) Wastewater or stormwater utility development;

(31) Wastewater or stormwater utility rate or development impact fee studies;

(32) Water quality education and stewardship programs; and

(33) Wellhead protection.

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