WAC 173-95A-310  The department's responsibilities.  (1) A general funding cycle schedule is provided in Figure 1.

![Figure 1: Fiscal Year Annual Water Quality Funding Cycle Process Steps](image)

(2) In general, the department will provide the following services, although annual modifications may be made to accommodate legislative schedules and requirements:
   (a) Make available the application and applicable guidelines before the associated funding cycle begins;
   (b) Conduct at least one application workshop in each of ecology's four regions;
   (c) Conduct preapplication workshops to discuss regional level priorities if applicable;
   (d) After the application deadline, complete an initial review of project proposals for funding eligibility;
   (e) Request other agencies to provide evaluation assistance as needed;
   (f) Rate and rank the applications using a consistent scoring system;
   (g) Develop a combined Draft Offer and Applicant List;
   (h) Facilitate a public review and comment period for the combined Draft Offer and Applicant List;
   (i) Sponsor at least one public meeting to explain the combined Draft Offer and Applicant List;
   (j) Develop a combined Final Offer and Applicant List. Public comments collected during the public review period will be incorporated;
   (k) Issue funding decision letters to all applicants; and
   (l) Negotiate, develop, and finalize loan or grant agreements.

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