
Local Records Grant Program: About the Local Records Grant Program

Purpose: Provide guidance to local governments on Washington State Archives' Local Records Grant Program ([RCW 40.14.026](#)).

What is the purpose of the grants?

To help local governments' use of technology to improve their records retention, management and disclosure of public records.

How is the program funded?

Three grant cycles will be funded through June 30, 2020 by the proceeds of an additional \$1 surcharge when documents are recorded with county auditors.

Funding beyond June 2020 will depend on a review and assessment of the program by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC).

Who can apply?

Any local government agency/entity such as counties, cities, towns, fire districts, school districts, hospital districts, port districts, public utility districts, transit authorities, other special purpose districts, etc..

Different departments and business units within counties and cities can apply separately in the same grant cycle. However, Washington State Archives encourages agencies to consider if a better solution could be found by working more cooperatively across the entire agency.

Preference for grant awards will be given to smaller local government agencies, but will also be based upon the applicant agency's need, and to information technology designed to improve public records retention, records management and public disclosure.

Who decides which projects will be funded?

The Secretary of State will award grants based on recommendations from the Archives Oversight Committee, a committee of county auditors, county clerks and representatives from other sectors of local government.

For more information:

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/RecordsManagement/Local-Records-Grant-Program.aspx>

**Additional advice regarding the management of public records is available from
Washington State Archives:**

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