



2026 Grant Cycle Update: Funding Priority Area and Application Timeline Announced

Thank you for your interest in DEQ's Materials Management: Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine Grant Program! In this update we are sharing information about the 2026 funding area, a few project examples, eligibility requirements and application timeline. Visit our website to [learn more!](#)

Funding area

In 2024, DEQ introduced a funding area. To be eligible for an RRR grant, all project proposals must fit within the grant cycle's funding area. The 2026 grant cycle will have up to \$2 million available to disburse across eligible projects. The 2026 funding area is:

Built for well-being: reducing exposure to toxic substances in building materials

Many building materials — such as carpet, paint, furniture, insulation, and contract textiles — contain toxic chemicals that are harmful to people and to the environment. The 2026 RRR Grant cycle will fund projects that help reduce exposure to these toxic chemicals. A helpful framework for identifying chemicals of concern is the Six Classes approach (more info below). Projects can focus on other chemicals and methods of reducing exposure to toxics in building materials with compelling rationale.

The six chemical classes we're focused on

1. PFAS
2. Antimicrobials
3. Flame Retardants
4. Bisphenols & Phthalates
5. Solvents
6. Heavy Metals

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Don't worry if you're not familiar with these! We'll host free webinars before the application period opens to help you learn more. Visit [DEQ's website](#) to learn more about the Six Chemical Classes.

Potential project examples

- Buying safer building materials that don't include harmful chemicals such as furniture without flame retardants, low-VOC emitting paints, etc.
- Creating guides to help homeowners and contractors choose safer materials
- Starting programs to carefully take apart old buildings and avoid spreading lead or asbestos
- Testing a new, safer building product (like hemp insulation instead of toxic foam)

These are just a few examples. We are open to other creative ideas that reduce toxic exposures in building materials.

Who can apply

The following entities are eligible to apply for the Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine Grants:

- Local Government
- Nonprofit (501(c)3 and 501(c)4), including fiscally sponsored organizations
- Organizations created through intergovernmental agreements
- Public School, Public University or Community College
- Small Business (50 employees or less)
- Tribal Nation, Government, and Entities

Set-aside grant fund for federally recognized Tribes

To support the leadership and environmental stewardship of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribal Nations, DEQ is setting aside up to **\$500,000** of the total \$2 million grant fund specifically for Tribal governments, Tribal enterprises, and businesses owned by Tribal governments. These set-aside funds help create a more inclusive funding opportunity while ensuring all applicants have access to funding that supports statewide efforts to reduce the environmental and human health impacts of materials at all stages of their life cycle.

Application timeline

The application period will open in Spring 2026, and applications will be accepted through the WebGrants online platform. We will share more details on exact dates soon.

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What's next

We will continue to share updates through this email list and our website as more information becomes available. Look for more information about webinars, applicant handbook, and more in the coming months.

Contact

If you have any questions, please reach out to our grants team over email at: RRRGrants@deq.oregon.gov.

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