



Reduce Reuse Reimagine Grant Program: 2026

Grant Cycle Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

Are new construction and remodeling projects eligible?

Yes. Both new construction and remodeling projects are eligible if they reduce exposure to toxic chemicals in building materials. This includes affordable housing projects, multi-family housing, and small-scale commercial buildings.

Are single-family homes eligible?

Yes, single-family homes are eligible regardless of ownership type (rental or for-sale). However, projects must demonstrate a community benefit. For example, an organization building affordable homes with healthier materials or repairing existing homes for underserved community members would qualify. Individual personal home remodels would not be funded.

Are multi-family homes eligible?

Yes, multi-family homes are eligible.

Eligible projects and costs

Are projects involving functional chemicals like flame retardants eligible?

Yes. This program supports projects that avoid the use and exposure to toxics in building materials, especially those with significant health effects. Many products that once served a function (such as asbestos and lead) have been phased out or banned due to health hazards. The goal is to either avoid these chemicals or use alternatives with no known significant adverse health effects.

How are projects scored if they address multiple classes of chemicals?

Projects addressing multiple classes of chemicals do not receive additional weight in scoring. We will share our scoring guidance and criteria when our application opens. Projects may demonstrate significant reduction by addressing a larger number of materials or by focusing on eliminating specific chemicals across multiple projects.

Can you help identify specific low-toxin products?

DEQ can provide general guidance but cannot recommend specific products or guarantee what will be successful for an application.

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Ineligible projects and costs

Can you help identify specific low-toxin products, such as playground structures?

DEQ can provide general guidance but cannot recommend specific products or guarantee what will be successful for an application. Playground equipment by itself is not eligible for this grant. However, proposals that actively remove exposure to chemicals and toxins in public play areas will be considered.

Application process

Do all building materials need to be environmentally friendly if my project is accepted?

Not necessarily. Each project has different needs. Applicants should align their proposals with the scoring criteria, which includes potential reduction of toxic exposure. You may demonstrate significant reduction through various approaches, such as testing the elimination of all six classes of chemicals or focusing on eliminating specific chemicals across multiple projects.

Contact

If you have any questions, you can reach out to the [Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine Grants team](#).

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