

Contact Information



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Important Dates

October 4, 2016	Download your application at www.plia.wa.gov .
October 31 – November 30 2016	Visit us at one of our workshops. (See website or follow us on Twitter for more information).
March 1, 2017	Final day to submit your program application for the current award year.
March 1-17	Last day to submit additional documentation requested by PLIA during application screening.
June 2017	Acceptance or rejection letters will be mailed out for the award year.



State of Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Agency

Underground Storage Tank Revolving Loan and Grant Program

PLIA is offering low interest loans to owners and operators of underground storage tanks to:

- Replace or upgrade fuel storage systems.
- Clean up historical or ongoing fuel contamination.
- Install alternative fueling equipment.



Program Overview

During the 2016 Legislative Session, Washington State lawmakers unanimously authorized PLIA to provide up to \$10 million a year for the Revolving Loan and Grant Program.

The Program was created to address Washington's aging underground storage tank (UST) infrastructure and the potential liability USTs pose to owners and operators.

Owners and operators of petroleum USTs must apply for the program if they would like to be considered for funding.

How can I use a loan or grant?

The Program can consider improvements of up to \$2 million dollars or less per UST facility to:

1. Upgrade, replace, or remove petroleum UST systems to prevent future releases.
2. Remediate a release or threatened release from a petroleum UST system, including investigation and cleanup.
3. Upgrade, replace, install new infrastructure or retrofit existing infrastructure at a UST facility for dispensing renewable or alternative energy for motor vehicles, including electric vehicle charging stations.



Photos

Cover: Mount St Helens summit climb, Photographer: kcxid (flickr)

Inside: Christophe Allen, ACME Fuel

Loan Amount Criteria

Maximum Loan Amount: \$2 Million

Minimum Loan Amount:
\$50,000 per site (1-9 sites)
\$500,000 per applicant (10 sites or more)

Interest Rate Discounts:
1.0% for Electric Vehicle charging station
0.5% for UST upgrades

Loan Terms: 5, 10, or 30 years.
No prepayment penalty fee after 5 years.

How do I apply?

Applications will be available on PLIA's website at www.plia.wa.gov on October 4, 2016. If you would like a hardcopy, please contact us at 1-800-822-3905.

Application:

Owners and operators must submit all necessary application materials by March 1, 2017 to be considered for the current award year. PLIA will group applications into the following project types categories:

- Small to Mid-Size Businesses (1-9 sites)
- Portfolio (applicants submitting 10 or more sites)
- System Upgrade/Retrofit Only
- Abandoned Properties

Note: If your site is currently in the Department of Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) you may apply for the PLIA Revolving Loan and Grant Program, but if accepted you must terminate with the VCP. PLIA also cannot accept sites that are under formal action or negotiation with another state agency.

Site Prioritization

PLIA will prioritize sites within each project type using the following criteria to begin loan discussions:

- Age of tank(s)
- Threat to drinking water
- Historical contamination
- Insurance need
- Financial need
- Policy exceeded
- Environmental Justice
- Community need/benefit

How will PLIA assist me?

Through this program, PLIA provides financial assistance and technical oversight to owners and operators of petroleum USTs.

- Senior technical staff will review your site's compliance with the state's cleanup regulations utilizing the full Model Toxics Control Act toolset.
- Experienced staff will work with you and your contractor or consultant throughout the entire process.
- Senior fiscal staff will ensure a clear and transparent loan or grant experience.
- PLIA and the Department of Ecology have an interagency agreement to streamline the opinion letter process.