



Wastewater Program

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The Wastewater Program is responsible for the safe treatment and dispersion of domestic, non-industrial wastewater in areas of Washington not served by municipal sewage treatment works. The program consists of the following distinct areas:

- **Individual On-site Sewage System (OSS) (septic systems)**—Individual and small (up to 3,500 gallons/day) on-site sewage systems are permitted and regulated by local health jurisdictions.
- **Large On-Site Sewage System (LOSS)**—We review and approve plans for on-site sewage systems designed to handle wastewater flows greater than 3,500 but less than 100,000 gallons per day.
- **Reclaimed Water**—We work with the Department of Ecology to review and approve proposals for new reclaimed water facilities and regulate existing ones.

Services

- Provide consultative and technical support to local health jurisdictions.
- Develop and maintain guidance documents for various technologies.
- Review proprietary wastewater system products to verify they meet testing protocol requirements and maintain a list of products that meet requirements for use throughout the state.
- Review and approve plans for on-site sewage systems designed to handle wastewater flows greater than 3,500 but less than 100,000 gallons per day.
- Review and approve all septic tanks, pump chambers, and other tanks used as part of small and large systems in Washington State.

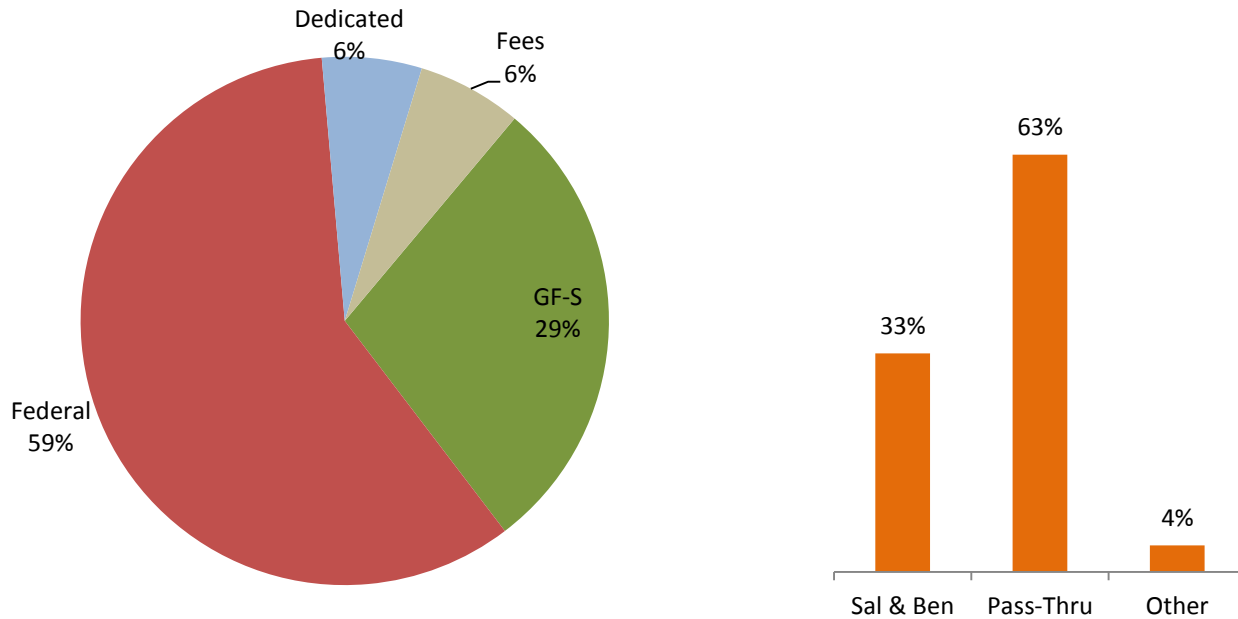
The Department of Health serves as one of the state agencies on the Ecosystem Coordination board to assist the Puget Sound Partnership in assessing, developing, and implementing the action agenda. Portions of the Wastewater program funding are dedicated toward these purposes such as the Individual and Large On-site Sewage Programs that develop and implement on-site sewage system management plans in each Puget Sound county.

Stakeholders

- Local health jurisdictions
- On-site sewage system owners
- Manufacturers of proprietary wastewater system products
- Department of Ecology
- Reclaimed and reuse water system owners

Wastewater Program Fiscal Information

2015-17 biennium



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Investments	Other
Total	2,696,005	5,574,372	577,403	604,434	9,452,214	3,104,219	6,001,610	346,385

Recent Funding History

2009-11 biennium: The program's GF-S funding for local health jurisdictions was reduced by \$200,000 as competitive funding.

2011-13 biennium: An additional \$504,000 of GF-S for local health jurisdictions general funding was eliminated this biennium.

2011-13 biennium: Elimination of \$405,000 in wastewater support GF-S funding.

2011-13 biennium: The Wastewater Program was awarded and received appropriation authority to manage a six year Puget Sound pathogen reduction grant in partnership with the Department of Ecology's Toxics and Nutrients program. The grant focuses on preventing, reducing, and controlling pathogen pollution from human and animal wastes.