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WSDA is committed to focusing on key decision points where the agency has discretion to direct or influence expenditures that may reduce or eliminate environmental harms and improve the quality of life for overburdened communities and vulnerable populations. The following list represents the types of decision processes for budget development, making expenditures, and granting or withholding environmental benefits for which we will take the actions in subsection (2) of RCW 70A.02.080. These decision processes represent the most impactful opportunities for initial implementation and the agency will continue to refine this list as more information becomes available:

1) Discretionary programming and prioritization of environmental justice principles in budget and funding decision making in the following agency programs that address environmental benefits and harms.

Agency programs that address or may cause environmental harms or provide environmental benefits will, to the extent practicable, incorporate environmental justice principles into their decision processes for budget development, making expenditures, and granting or withholding environmental benefits.

Although the following programs at WSDA have been determined to address environmental harms and/or provide environmental benefits, we are continually assessing how the agency provides environmental benefits and addresses environmental harms:

- Animal Feed Program
- Animal Health Program
- Animal Compliance Program
- Chemical and Hop Laboratory

- Dairy Nutrient Management Program
- Emergency Management Program
- Food Assistance Program
- Food Safety Program
- Food Safety & Consumer Services Laboratory
- Fruit & Vegetable Inspection Program
- Natural Resources Assessment Section
- Pesticide Management Certification & Training Program
- Pesticide Management Compliance Program
- Pesticide Management Registration Services Program
- Pest Program
- Pesticide Technical Services and Education Program
- Plant Services Program
- Produce Safety Program
- Rapid Response Program
- Regional Markets Program

2) The submission of agency request legislation to the office of the governor or the office of financial management for approval.

The submission of any agency requested legislation to the Office of Financial Management or the Governor's Office will undergo a thorough assessment to determine how best to incorporate environmental justice principles into its respective budget and funding decision making.

3) Agency grant programs & grant opportunities

Existing grant programs and opportunities, as well as the development and adoption of any new grant or loan program we are explicitly authorized or required by statute to carry out, will, to the extent feasible, determine how best to incorporate environmental justice principles into its budget and decision making to ensure consideration of and equitable distribution of environmental benefits to overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.

The following are current grant programs and grant opportunities at WSDA that will apply the environmental justice lens to opportunities moving forward:

- Food Assistance Program

- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
- Compost Grants (housed within the Pest Program)
- Fairs Grants (housed within the Administrative Regulations Program)
- Meat & Poultry Grants (housed within the Regional Markets Program)
- Farm to School Grants (housed within the Regional Markets Program)
- Dairy Nutrient Management Program Grants
- Nursery Research Grants (housed within the Plant Services Program)
- We Feed WA Initiative (housed within the Director's Office)
- Infrastructure Grants (housed within the Regional Markets Program)
- Shellfish Grants (housed within the Director's Office)
- Wolf Grants (housed within the Director's Office)

More information about these programs and grant opportunities can be found on our website at [this link](#).

4) Updating policies and procedures for WSDA activities that align with the intent of the HEAL Act Budgeting and Funding section.

Any revisions to existing, or the development of new policies and procedures, will assess how best to align with the intent of the budget and funding requirements for environmental justice implementation.