

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1138 HB	Title: Drought preparedness
-----------------------------	------------------------------------

Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of State Treasurer	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	0	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	0	0	0	0
Total \$	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	0	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of State Treasurer	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Ecology	2.3	0	0	2,500,000	2.3	0	0	2,500,000	2.3	0	0	2,500,000
Department of Ecology	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Total \$	2.3	0	0	2,500,000	2.3	0	0	2,500,000	2.3	0	0	2,500,000

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of State Treasurer	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Ecology	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

Prepared by: Lisa Borkowski, OFM	Phone: (360) 742-2239	Date Published: Final
---	---------------------------------	---------------------------------

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1138 HB	Title: Drought preparedness	Agency: 090-Office of State Treasurer
-----------------------------	------------------------------------	--

Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
General Fund-State 001-1	(2,500,000)		(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	
State Drought Preparedness and Response Account-State 05W-1	2,500,000		2,500,000	2,500,000	
Total \$					

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

Legislative Contact: Robert Hatfield	Phone: 360-786-7117	Date: 01/09/2023
Agency Preparation: Dan Mason	Phone: (360) 902-8990	Date: 01/10/2023
Agency Approval: Dan Mason	Phone: (360) 902-8990	Date: 01/10/2023
OFM Review: Amy Hatfield	Phone: (360) 000-0000	Date: 01/11/2023

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

HB 1138 modifies the name of the state drought preparedness and response account to the state drought preparedness account and directs the state treasurer to transfer into the account from the general fund \$2,500,000 at the beginning of each biennium.

In addition, this bill creates the emergency drought response account, coupled with the general fund as the recipient of the earnings from investments under RCW 43.84.092(4). Upon the issuance of an order of drought emergency, the state treasurer is directed to transfer to this account from the general fund such amounts as necessary to bring the balance of the account to \$3,000,000.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This fiscal note only reflects the two and one-half million dollar transfer at the beginning of each biennium.

Projected cash flows are currently unavailable; therefore, estimated earnings from investments are indeterminable.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1138 HB	Title: Drought preparedness	Agency: 105-Office of Financial Management
-----------------------------	------------------------------------	---

Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

Legislative Contact: Robert Hatfield	Phone: 360-786-7117	Date: 01/09/2023
Agency Preparation: Keith Thunstedt	Phone: 360-810-1271	Date: 01/12/2023
Agency Approval: Kathy Cody	Phone: (360) 480-7237	Date: 01/12/2023
OFM Review: Cheri Keller	Phone: (360) 584-2207	Date: 01/12/2023

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 3 requires OFM, upon issuance of an order of drought emergency, to determine and promptly notify the State Treasurer the amount needed to transfer from the General Fund into the Emergency Drought Response Account to bring the balance to \$3,000,000. The transfer can only be made once a year. The account may also receive legislative appropriation for drought response. The requirements of this section can be accomplished within current duties and resources, and therefore has no fiscal impact to OFM.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1138 HB	Title: Drought preparedness	Agency: 461-Department of Ecology
-----------------------------	------------------------------------	--

Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Account					
State Drought Preparedness and Response Account-State 05W-1	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total \$	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

Legislative Contact: Robert Hatfield	Phone: 360-786-7117	Date: 01/09/2023
Agency Preparation: Jim Skalski	Phone: 360-584-3805	Date: 01/12/2023
Agency Approval: Erik Fairchild	Phone: 360-407-7005	Date: 01/12/2023
OFM Review: Lisa Borkowski	Phone: (360) 742-2239	Date: 01/12/2023

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Background: The Department of Ecology monitors statewide water supply levels and has authority to declare a drought emergency when water supply projections fall below 75 percent of average and there is a risk of undue hardship to water users and uses. A formal drought declaration authorizes Ecology to take certain measures for the purpose of providing emergency drought relief, including expediting processing for emergency drought permits, processing temporary transfers of water rights, holding public education workshops, and providing funding assistance for public entities to the extent funding is available.

Under current law, chapter 43.83B RCW governs how a drought emergency is declared and authorizes when Ecology may respond to a drought emergency. RCW 43.83B.430 specifically states that expenditures from the Drought Preparedness and Response Account require appropriations be provided to the account prior to expenditure by Ecology.

Section 1 of this bill would amend RCW 43.83B.415 to declare that drought projects that reduce current or future hardship caused by water unavailability stemming from drought conditions that are implemented under this section do not have to be completed while a drought emergency order under RCW 43.83B.405(2) is in effect.

Section 2 would amend RCW 43.83B.430 to rename the State Drought Preparedness and Response Account to the State Drought Preparedness Account and change the uses of the account to include planning activities and exclude response activities. This section would also direct the Office of the State Treasurer to transfer at the beginning of each biennium the sum of \$2.5 million from the State General Fund to the account in this section.

Section 3 would add a new section to chapter 43.83B RCW that would direct the Office of the State Treasurer upon the issuance of an emergency drought order under RCW 43.83B.405(2), to transfer from the State General Fund to the Emergency Drought Response Account established in Section 4, such amounts as necessary to bring the account balance to \$3 million. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) would also determine the fund balance for the prior fiscal month of this account before the issuance of an order of drought emergency. OFM would be directed to notify the Office of the State Treasurer and Ecology of the account balance and the amount of a transfer to the account. This section would limit transfers under these circumstances to only once every fiscal year. This section would also require Ecology to provide the director of the OFM, legislative fiscal committees, and the joint legislative committee on water supply during drought, established under RCW 90.86.010, with a close-out cost summary following the expiration of the emergency drought order.

Section 4 would add a new section to chapter 43.83B RCW that would establish the Emergency Drought Response Account. Receipts from funds under section 3 of this act would be deposited into the account as well as any appropriated amounts from the legislature. The account may be spent only after appropriation, and may only be used to administer this chapter, including implementation of emergency drought response under RCW 43.83B.410 through 43.83B.420.

Section 5 would amend RCW 90.86.030 to authorize the joint legislative committee on water supply during drought to convene from time to time at the call of the chair when an advisory is in effect under RCW 43.83B.405(1) and not only during an emergency order under RCW 43.83B.405(2), or when the chair determines. This section would also add to the existing reporting requirement for Ecology when a drought emergency order has been issued, to include information regarding grants applied for or issued under RCW 43.83B.415.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The expenditure impact to Ecology under this bill is estimated to be greater than \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 and ongoing in the State Drought Preparedness Account to implement section 2. Expenditures are indeterminate for the Emergency Drought Response Account to implement section 4.

Note: The Governor's 2023-25 proposed operating budget includes funding to Ecology for this proposed legislation (QH – Drought Preparedness and Response) and associated transfers from the General Fund to the State Drought Preparedness Account (\$2.5 million) and Emergency Drought Response Account (\$3 million).

Section 2 Drought Preparedness

Ecology assumes the Office of the State Treasurer would transfer \$2.5 million each biennium beginning in 2023-25. Subject to appropriation, Ecology assumes expenditures of \$1.25 million each year for grants and staffing for drought planning and preparedness activities beginning in 2023-25.

Implementation of this funding would require the following:

- 1.0 FTE Environmental Planner 5 to provide year-round drought planning and preparedness activities to Ecology and all local, state, federal and tribal partners responsible for participating in drought response activities. This position would coordinate all drought activities within the Water Resources Program including coordination of stakeholder activities (Water Supply Advisory Committee, Emergency Water Executive Committee, State Climatologist, Federal partners, etc.), oversight of planning and preparedness grants, collection of local, state, federal or tribal impacts in relation to drought conditions, and coordination of communication activities.
- 1.0 FTE Environmental Planner 3 to provide project and grant management oversight of grants issued for preparedness activities within this section. Ecology estimates that on average, 10 to 15 grants per biennium would be issued and active for drought preparedness activity. This position would ensure projects are completed in a timely manner, deliver agreed upon preparedness outcomes and meet state financial policies, procedures and statutory requirements.
- Grants for drought planning and preparedness activities would be an estimated \$919,982 per fiscal year, and would be administered by the Environmental Planner 5 and Environmental Planner 3 identified above.

Section 4 Drought Response

Section 4 would create the Emergency Drought Response Account, with funding through Treasurer transfers from the State General Fund as specified under section 3. Transfers would be made following the issuance of a drought emergency and following OFM notification to the Office of the State Treasurer up to once each fiscal year to bring the balance of the account to \$3 million. The account would be subject to appropriation, and would not be spent until a drought is declared and uses by Ecology are approved through OFM. The amount and timing of expenditures from the Emergency Drought Response Account are indeterminate and would be determined based on future droughts. The fiscal impact is indeterminate, therefore costs to this account are not displayed in this fiscal note.

Section 5 Reporting

Ecology assumes submittal of grant activity under RCW 43.83B.415 for emergency drought response is work Ecology already performs and tracks during a drought emergency order. Therefore, this would not have a fiscal impact to Ecology.

SUMMARY: The expenditure impact to Ecology under this bill is:

Section 2: \$1.25 million total in FY 2024 and each year thereafter from the State Drought Preparedness Account. This includes \$330,018 of staff costs for 2.3 FTEs and \$919,982 per year for grants.

Section 4: Expenditures are indeterminate for future drought costs from the Emergency Drought Response Account.

Notes on costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 36% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$5,224 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$1,563 per direct program FTE.

Equipment is the agency average of \$1,031 per direct program FTE.

Grants for section 2 are estimated at \$919,982 in FY 2024 and each year thereafter.

Agency Administrative Overhead is calculated at the federally approved agency indirect rate of 28.75% of direct program salaries and benefits, and is shown as object 9. Agency Administrative Overhead FTEs are included at 0.15 FTE per direct program FTE, and are identified as Fiscal Analyst 2 and IT App Development - Journey.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
05W-1	State Drought Preparedness and Response Account	State	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total \$			1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
A-Salaries and Wages	179,544	179,544	359,088	359,088	359,088
B-Employee Benefits	64,636	64,636	129,272	129,272	129,272
E-Goods and Other Services	10,448	10,448	20,896	20,896	20,896
G-Travel	3,126	3,126	6,252	6,252	6,252
J-Capital Outlays	2,062	2,062	4,124	4,124	4,124
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	919,982	919,982	1,839,964	1,839,964	1,839,964
9-Agency Administrative Overhead	70,202	70,202	140,404	140,404	140,404
Total \$	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER 3	80,952	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER 5	98,592	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
FISCAL ANALYST 2		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
IT APP DEV-JOURNEY		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Revised

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 1138 HB

Title: Drought preparedness

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities: potential revenue for eligible cities
- Counties: potential revenue for eligible counties
- Special Districts: potential revenue for eligible special districts
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option: eligible local governments must opt to apply for grant funds
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: the impact of altering eligible expenses from preparedness and response to preparedness and planning, the proportion of funding that will be provided to tribal governments and state agencies (non-local entities)

Estimated revenue impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

Fiscal Note Analyst: Angie Hong	Phone: 360-725-5041	Date: 01/16/2023
Leg. Committee Contact: Robert Hatfield	Phone: 360-786-7117	Date: 01/09/2023
Agency Approval: Allan Johnson	Phone: 360-725-5033	Date: 01/16/2023
OFM Review: Lisa Borkowski	Phone: (360) 742-2239	Date: 01/16/2023

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

Section 1 amends RCW 43.83B.415 [Grants to public entities (from Dept. of Ecology)] to allow projects to be incomplete while a drought emergency order under RCW 43.83B.405(2) is in effect, as it pertains to drought emergency grants for eligible local governments and tribal governments. This change will expand grant eligibility for eligible grant applicants, according to the Dept. of Ecology.

Section 2 amends RCW 43.83B.430 [State drought preparedness and response account] to ensure the transfer of \$2,500,000 from the general fund to the state drought preparedness account at the beginning of each biennium and to rename the account to the “state drought preparedness account.” It also amends what expenditures from the account may be used for: allowing drought planning activities and removing drought response activities.

Section 3 adds a section to RCW 43.83B that describes state agency procedures for ensuring funds are available in the state drought response account.

Section 4 adds a section to RCW 43.83B that specifies moneys in the drought account may be spent only after appropriation and on specific uses that provide relief for the immediate hardship caused by water unavailability while a drought emergency order is in effect.

Section 5 amends RCW 90.86.030 [Meetings – Requests for Information-Reports from Dept. of Ecology – Recommendations to the legislature] to add an instance when the joint legislative committee on water supply shall convene: “when an advisory is in effect under RCW 43.83B.405(1),” and alters an instance when the committee shall convene from “when a drought conditions order is in effect” to “when a drought emergency order is in effect.” It also adds a reporting requirement for the Dept. of Ecology: to include grants applied for and issued under RCW 43.83B.415.

NOTE

According to the Dept. of Ecology program website, state agencies are also eligible to apply for drought grants.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This bill will not impact local government expenditures.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This bill provides funds for the state drought preparedness account by ensuring the transfer of \$2,500,000 from the general fund to the state drought preparedness account at the beginning of each biennium.

Although local governments with drought preparedness and response needs may be eligible to apply for a portion of these funds it is unknown what proportion of these funds (approximately \$1.25 million per fiscal year) will be granted to local governments. These funds may also be granted to tribal governments and state agencies, according to the Dept. of Ecology program website.

SOURCES

Dept. of Ecology