

Project name: Innovation & Modernization Program

Apply for \$532K in IM Program grants before Oct. 16

The IM fund has \$532,000 dollars remaining for Fiscal Year 2025 project grants. Agencies can submit project proposals using the updated pitch deck template until Oct. 16. More information on how to apply is available on [the IM Program](#) website. Be sure to check out the new tips to assist agencies with preparing their proposal for submission:

- [Tips for a successful project.](#)
- [Tips for preparing a project proposal.](#)

Project proposals selected by the IT Investment Board for funding will be presented at the Dec. 10 Technology Services Board meeting for approval. Projects approved by the TSB will have six months to implement their solution. Projects must implement before June 30, 2025, and grant dollars must be utilized in FY25.

From Legacy to Leading Edge - In September, WaTech published a [report](#) to the Washington state Legislature on the first year of the IM Program. This report, pursuant to the enacted 2023-2025 operating budget, provides a detailed look at the estimated and actual costs, project timelines, and business results of the approved projects. It also shares lessons learned and provides recommendations for future project proposals, emphasizing the importance of early planning, strategic vendor relationships, and active program oversight.