











## Sustainability and Environmental Awards (SEA)

Department of Corrections has established a set of awards to recognize and reward exemplary efforts to advance outstanding work in sustainability and environmental performance. There will be one winner selected for each category.

### Award Categories and Criteria

Category	Criteria
<p>Ecological Restoration</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in programs or projects that, with collaboration of broader ecological conservation community, support ecological restoration, protection and habitat enhancement.</p>
<p>Environmental and Science Education</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in offering high quality science, environmental, and sustainability education to the incarcerated population and department staff who attend offerings at their own initiative. Consideration will be given to number of individuals reached, as well as the frequency and quality of engagement, recognition of student's progress and achievements, and connectivity to other programs and opportunities.</p>
<p>Environmentally Responsible Purchasing</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in purchasing practice and reforms that reduce the facility's consumption of non-recyclable, disposable plastic or toxic materials. This success could be achieved through training, awareness campaigns, purchasing restrictions, or other innovative strategy.</p>
<p>Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of the facility and the activities, business practices and behaviors that contribute to GHG emissions. Actions may include efforts to reduce energy consumption, fuel consumption and the transition to renewable energy use. The candidate may have implemented purchasing and/or business practice and operational changes that advance GHG emissions reductions.</p>

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<p>Legacy Program</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in recognition of enduring and sustained environmental or sustainability programs in the department.</p>
<p>Partnerships</p> 	<p>Presented to a team or facility who demonstrates leadership and notable progress in developing, cultivating, and expanding partnerships with non-department individuals (e.g. topic experts), organizations, and agencies that is mutually beneficial, answers a need, and promotes community wellbeing.</p>
<p>Sustainable Agriculture</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in cultivating, harvesting, delivering and serving to the incarcerated population produce grown at the facility. Contributions to food pantries and other partnerships will also be considered.</p>
<p>Sustainable innovations</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in developing, cultivating, and expanding grassroots projects or programs of any size that broke new ground to support and promote sustainability or environmental awareness and responsibility.</p>
<p>Waste Management</p> 	<p>Presented to the program that demonstrates leadership and notable progress in reducing the amount of waste generated and/sent to the land fill.</p> <p>The candidate would have implemented programs that reduced the amount of waste generated at the facility through operational changes or implemented programs that successfully diverted the amount of waste going to the land fill.</p>
<p>Water conservation</p> 	<p>Presented to the program who demonstrates leadership and notable progress in reducing the facilities use of potable water. This could be achieved through best maintenance practices, plumbing retro-fits or behavioral and operational changes. May also include rain water capture or reclaim water infrastructure.</p>

## Application Process

The nomination form will be published in February 2020. While nominations must be submitted by a state corrections employee, the application can be collaboratively written with participating community partners prior to the formal submission. Applications are due by February 28, 2020. With the submission, describe the qualifying activities for calendar year 2019. The inception of the effort can go back to any time but the qualifying activities will have occurred during the given calendar year. The project or program can be of any varying size (small, large, or any size in between). Nominations can be made by a Department of Corrections (DOC) staff person. If a program partner wishes to nominate a program, they can do so through a DOC staff sponsor.

- Nominations should be as detailed as possible so the review committee has the most complete information and imagery to understand the program or project and its effects on the department and involved individuals.

Components of the application should represent who, what, when, where, why and how. Some details you may want to include when applicable are:

- Genesis of program
- Individuals involved (staff, incarcerated, supervised, community)
- Funding source, including state funding, nonprofit funding, grant funding
- Partnering organization(s), if any
- Size of measurable impacts (examples: number of graduates, dollar value of produce for prison kitchen, percent decrease in resource use compared to previous year(s))
- Photos of the project/program and the people involved (include names and DOC numbers of incarcerated individuals for screening purposes)

## Nomination Review & Scoring

The nomination will be reviewed by a seven-person committee representing the department, the office of State Efficiency and Environmental Performance (SEEP), Evergreen State College, sustainability partners and experts. Each committee member will vote independently and assign points for each of the following criteria when applicable:

- Size of measurable impacts (examples: number of graduates, dollar value of produce for prison kitchen, percent decrease in resource use compared to previous year(s))
- Number of incarcerated or supervised individuals involved
- Number of partners involved (individuals and organizations)
- Benefits to incarcerated individuals and partners
- Benefits to departmental staff (increasing staff wellness, recognition, etc.)
- Proving a new concept/approach/model
- Overcoming lack of resources
- Represents creativity and tenacity
- Alignment with the department's mission and vision
- Program's long-term capacity for prosperity and development
- Adherence to policy