

Accelerating the Circular Economy in Washington State



NextCycle Washington is a statewide circular accelerator program.

The program nurtures projects that incorporate waste prevention, repair, reuse, recycling, organic recovery, and use of recycled content. NextCycle Washington supports businesses and projects to reduce waste, keep materials in use longer, and regenerate natural systems while developing equitable local economies in Washington state.

Program Details

Selected applicants participate in a six-month program that provides individualized business and technical support to move projects toward investment-attractive and implementation-ready status. There is no fee to apply or participate and no equity share is required. Selected participants simply commit their time and effort!



Accelerator Academy

This 2-day business planning workshop immerses participants in group learning sessions to jump start project support with business modeling, market identification, supply chain needs, and networking.



Individualized Coaching

Over the course of six months, participants receive one-on-one coaching from business and industry experts to build business plans, marketing strategy, supply chain connections, pitch development, and funding identification.



Pitch Showcase

The program culminates with an event where participants pitch their projects to a live audience with the chance to attract investors, win monetary awards, and generate publicity.

Project Types

Upstream

Businesses and projects that prevent waste or improve and expand reuse and repair.

Examples include:

- Upcycling retired wildfire hoses into marketable products.
- App allowing users to share, co-own, and mobilize resources, tools, and gear.
- Network providing cafes with system to offer reusable to-go cups.

Downstream

Businesses and projects that improve, innovate, or expand material and organic recycling, recovery, and end uses.

Examples include:

- Creating technology and infrastructure to recover and reuse end-of-life textiles.
- Transforming food waste from local restaurants into nutritious fertilizer to grow culturally-appropriate food.
- Developing a hub for recycling source-separated glass containers from commercial markets.

NextCycle Washington strives to include organizations that are led by and serve historically excluded communities by lowering barriers, sharing power, utilizing accessible communication formats, and strengthening networks.

