

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Works / Clean Water Division / Outreach and Education

DATE: September 12, 2017

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize application for a no-match Washington State Department of Ecology grant to fund education and outreach for stormwater facility maintenance.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

The Clean Water Division is a member of Stormwater Partners of SW Washington, along with the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver and Washougal.

Stormwater Partners proposes to apply for a Grant of Regional or Statewide Significance from the Ecology Department to develop outreach and education materials to help property owners and homeowner associations understand their responsibilities and how to properly maintain private stormwater facilities and low impact development. These grants do not require any match and are awarded on a competitive basis.

Clark County has more than 1,200 private stormwater facilities. The public often does not fully understand who is responsible for maintaining private stormwater facilities and how to perform this required maintenance. This uncertainty can increase the amount of polluted storm runoff from facilities that have not been properly maintained, as well as create higher maintenance costs for property owners and homeowner associations unaware of their responsibilities.

This grant proposal seeks funding to create a series of educational materials to help raise awareness and change behavior for maintaining private stormwater facilities. Educational materials may include printed resources, videos, maintenance logs consistent across Southwest Washington agencies and stewardship recognition.

Expected results include raising awareness of stormwater facility functions and maintenance responsibilities and ultimately increasing the number of private stormwater facilities that function correctly and pass inspection.

If the request is not approved, potential funding will be greatly reduced to implement this program.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal will not impact or require changes of existing policy. A Stormwater Partners of SW Washington workgroup will manage the grant.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal will not impact or require changes in existing policy.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This proposal is, by nature, a community outreach campaign. Community outreach is planned for:

- Residents
- Homeowner associations
- Private businesses

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
	X	Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
	X	Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

BUDGET DETAILS

Local Fund Dollar Amount	N/A
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	\$170,000
Account	N/A
Company Name	N/A

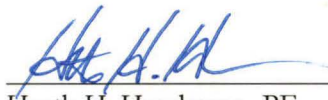
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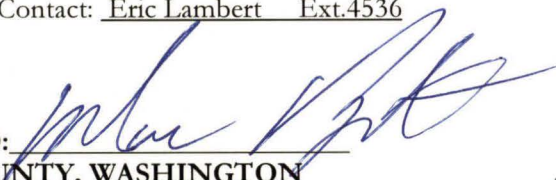


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APPROVED:
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: 9-12-17

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BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information

Authorize Public Works Clean Water Division to submit a grant application to Washington State Department of Ecology for \$170,000 to fund development of outreach and education materials to help property owners and homeowner associations understand their responsibilities and how to properly maintain private stormwater facilities and low impact development. The project supports the underlying goals of the County's Stormwater Management Program to protect surface water and groundwater resources from polluted stormwater.

Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
4420/Dept of Ecology Grant of Regional or Statewide Significance	\$0	\$113,333	\$0	\$56,667		
Total	\$0	\$113,333	\$0	\$56,667		

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

The Grant of Regional or Statewide Significance program is administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology for the period of January 2018 - June 2019. This grant program will provide financial assistance to Phase I and Phase II local governments for projects that benefit stormwater management programs statewide or across a region, and support implementation of NPDES municipal stormwater permit programs.

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

Fund #/Title	FTE's	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
4420/Clean Water Fund		\$0	\$113,333	\$0	\$56,667		
Total		\$0	\$113,333		\$56,667		

III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits	\$0	\$38,322	\$0	\$18,522		
Contractual	\$0	\$59,400	\$0	\$30,600		
Supplies	\$0	\$15,611	\$0	\$7,545		
Travel						
Other controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
Total	\$0	\$113,333	\$0	\$56,667		