



Memorandum

Date: 12/5/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-176
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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TITLE:

Acceptance of the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capacity Grant

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Washington Department of Ecology has offered the City a non-competitive grant in the amount of \$130,000 to support Municipal Stormwater Permit implementation. This grant, offered every two years and provided through a legislative appropriation to Department of Ecology, requires no match by the City.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Community Strategic Plan
Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
Utilities Strategic Plan
- **Required:** Council approval is required for grant acceptance.
- **Council Request:**
n/a
- **Other Key Facts:**
The City has previously received grants from this funding source on multiple occasions, most recently in July 2019 and July 2021. These previous grant awards were used for the purchase of stormwater maintenance related equipment, spill cleanup materials, preparation of outreach materials and campaigns, to pay for staff training, and to pay for NPDES Permit related software subscriptions.

FY2021-23 grant monies supported the following:

- Sediment and erosion control training for five staff across two departments
- Purchase of spill kit materials, including for approximately 50 Public Works vehicles
- Annual subscription fees for Adopt-a-Drain regional stewardship program
- Implementation of NPDESPro database software -source control, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and private drainage inspection modules, only.

These grant funds are essential to support and advance NPDES municipal stormwater permit implementation.

OUTCOMES:

Capacity grant funding will be used to support direct municipal stormwater permit implementation. Anticipated uses include: purchase of spill cleanup/response materials and equipment; staff training; and to pay for the City's subscription to web-based services in support of Continuous Monitoring Active Control orifice controls on stormwater ponds.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

100% of grant monies are provided by Washington Department of Ecology. No match is required.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

0000002

Budget Priority:

Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If yes, explain:

\$50,000 of Stormwater Capacity Grant revenue was included in the 2023-2024 budget. Because the City will be receiving \$130,000, the additional \$80,000 will need to be added to the 2023-2024 budget through a Council approved budget adjustment.

Funding source(s):

100% funded via a Stormwater Capacity Grant offered by Washington Department of Ecology.

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Grants monies must be fully expended by March 31, 2025. Funding can only be used to directly support NPDES municipal stormwater permit implementation.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

| Date | Meeting | Requested Action |
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| 9/5/2023 | Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works | Receive Information |

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

| Date | Meeting | Requested Action |
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| N/A | None Proposed at this Time | N/A |

Time Constraints:

Grant monies must be fully expended by March 31, 2025. Timely signing of grant agreement by the City helps assure expedited grant agreement processing by Department of Ecology.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Not accepting the grant would forfeit the available funds from the Department of Ecology and impair the City's ability to effectively implement our NPDES municipal stormwater permit.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2023-2025 Stormwater Capacity Grant