



Legislation Text

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MEMO TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor John Marchione

SUBJECT:

Approval of the 2019-2021 Municipal Stormwater Capacity-Building Grant in the Amount of \$50,000, from the Washington State Department of Ecology

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Mayor to approve the Interagency Agreement No. WQSWCAP-1921-RedmPW-00066 between the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Redmond in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2019-21 Biennial Stormwater Capacity (Capacity) Grant.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

The Washington State Department of Ecology has offered the City a Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to support implementation of the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (NPDES Permit). This is a non-competitive grant, offered to Western Washington communities every two years. There are no match requirements for the grant.

The City has previously received funds under this same grant program - most recently, \$50,000 for the 2017-2019 grant cycle. The 2017-2019 funds were used to help purchase a slope mower for stormwater pond maintenance; create a Low Impact Development Assessment Tool for use by developers; purchase outreach and educational materials for the pet waste outreach program; and fund spill investigation activities.

The 2019-2021 Stormwater Capacity Grant will be used to purchase additional equipment or safety gear to support stormwater system inspection and maintenance activities, replenish spill response supplies such as absorbent pads and booms, and purchase materials to support permit-related community outreach campaigns (e.g., pet waste stations or supplies).

IV. PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HELD

Council Actions/Communication

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Action / Committee Presentation
July 2, 2019	City notified by Department of Ecology that 2019-2021 Biennial Stormwater Capacity (Capacity) Grant money is available.
July 12, 2019	City staff submitted on-line “application” indicating interest in grant support.
September 17, 2019	City notified that Capacity Grant agreement is ready for signature.
September 23, 2019	3P briefed on Capacity Grant.
October 8, 2019	Committee of Whole meeting

V. IMPACT

A. Service/Delivery:

Acceptance of the Capacity Grant facilitates City efforts to fully meet stormwater permit obligations related to maintenance and operations, spill response, and public outreach and education.

B. Fiscal Note:

Maximum eligible expenditure under this grant is \$50,000. Grant monies are available now. Washington State Department of Ecology’s Water Quality Program provides 100 percent of the monies. No match is required.

VI. ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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 Permit.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Grant funds must be fully expended by March 31, 2021. Ecology has requested that the City sign and return the grant agreement by November 4, 2019, if possible.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: DOE Agreement No. WQSWCAP-1921-RedmPW-00066