

**CLARK COUNTY  
STAFF REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Environmental Services / Resources Policy and Planning / Clean Water Program

**DATE:** October 29, 2013

**REQUEST:** Authorize the Environmental Services Director to sign a grant agreement between the Washington Department of Ecology and Clark County for \$170,000 for stormwater management activities and to sign future amendments to the agreement scope as necessary.

**CHECK ONE:**  Consent  Hearing  Chief Administrative Officer

**BACKGROUND:** The 2013 State Legislature appropriated pass-through funds in the Washington Department of Ecology's 2013-15 Biennial Operating Budget. Ecology awarded Phase I/II Municipal Stormwater Capacity grants of \$50,000 to permittees statewide to assist for implementation and management of NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permits. Additionally Phase I/II NPDES Municipal Stormwater permit holders were awarded \$120,000 from an appropriation in Ecology's 2013-15 Capital Budget to plan and design project-specific stormwater flow control and/or treatment facilities. These grant funds will allow the county to implement ongoing actions in its Stormwater Management Plan, including planning for stormwater capital improvements, and updating stormwater codes and design manuals as required by it's 2013-18 NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit.

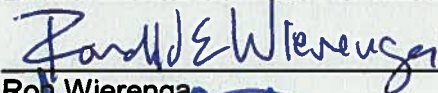
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** The grant funding will be used to support ongoing implementation of the county's Stormwater Management Plan. The plan is reviewed and updated annually, and public comment is solicited and considered prior to implementation. The plan was presented to the Clean Water Commission and the Board of County Commissioners in the spring of 2013.

**BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** The grant funds will increase the amount of revenue to the Clean Water Fund by \$170,000 in the current biennium, offsetting already budgeted salary/benefit costs and professional services costs for code/manual updates. There is existing capacity in the budget authority for Clean Water to expend the grant funds. The funds will be used to implement ongoing policies and actions in the county's Stormwater Management Plan.


**FISCAL IMPACTS:**  Yes (see Fiscal Impacts Attachment)  No

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Authorize the Environmental Services Director to sign a grant agreement between the Washington Department of Ecology and Clark County for \$170,000 for stormwater management activities and to sign future amendments to the agreement scope as necessary.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Please return one original copy of the signed agreement and the approved staff report to Environmental Services Administration.

  
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Ron Wierenga  
Division Manager

  
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Don Benton  
Environmental Services Director

APPROVED:   
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CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 29, 2013

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# FISCAL 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.

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## Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
4420/ Clean Water Fund		\$170,000.00				
<b>Total:</b>	\$0.00	\$170,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

The 2013 State Legislature appropriated pass-through funds in the Washington Department of Ecology's 2013-15 Biennial Operating Budget. Ecology awarded Phase I/II Municipal Stormwater Capacity grants of \$50,000 to permittees statewide to assist for implementation and management of NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permits. Additionally Phase I/II NPDES Municipal Stormwater permit holders were awarded \$120,000 from an appropriation in Ecology's 2013-15 Capital Budget to plan and design project-specific stormwater flow control and/or treatment facilities.

## 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			\$170,000.00				
<b>Total:</b>		\$0.00	\$170,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

III.B = Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits		\$120,000.00				
Contractual		\$50,000.00				
Supplies						
Travel						
Other controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
<b>Total:</b>	\$0.00	\$170,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



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July 19, 2013

Bill Barron, Administrator  
Clark County  
PO Box 9810  
Vancouver, WA 98666-8810

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Dear Mr. Barron:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to inform you that the 2013 State Legislature appropriated pass-through funds in Ecology's 2013-15 Biennial Operating Budget. Ecology will be awarding another round of Phase I/II Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grants. Your community will be awarded \$50,000 to assist with the implementation and management of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit.

Additionally, Phase I and Phase II NPDES Municipal Stormwater permit holders are eligible to request funds, up to \$120,000, from an appropriation in Ecology's 2013-15 Capital Budget designated for NPDES Municipal Stormwater permitted communities to plan and design project-specific stormwater flow control and/or treatment facilities.

Ecology will provide detailed information and guidance on these two funding opportunities to your staff by the first week in August. If your community intends to accept funding for project-specific stormwater preconstruction planning and design work, the pass-through FY2013 Capacity Grant agreement will include a specific Scope of Work task with deliverables and deadlines for the stormwater preconstruction activities.

Please pay special attention to the critical timeframe on the preconstruction deliverables. In order to prepare for Ecology's competitive stormwater grant program scheduled for September 2014, the preconstruction task will include a deadline of August 2014.

The following are important dates to remember and to notify your staff in preparation for the upcoming funding opportunities and associated deadlines.

**FY2013 NPDES Phase I/II Capacity Grant**

- July 31, 2013: Grant Acceptance Intent Notices (GAINs) sent to permit holders for filling in requested information and providing signature of the community's intent to accept the grant award.
- August, 2013: Funding agreements will develop using the GAIN and will be routed to recipient for signature.



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- January 31, 2015: Project completion date.

**FY2013 NPDES Phase I/II Capacity Grant - Preconstruction Task**

- July 26, 2013: GAINs sent to permit holders for the acceptance of Capacity Grant funds will include an option for the community to relay its intent to accept project specific planning and design funds.
- August, 2013: Funding agreements will develop using the GAIN and will be routed to recipient for signature.
- August 1, 2014: Task deliverables for project-specific stormwater facility planning and design due date

Ecology looks forward to working with you and your staff on addressing stormwater permit requirements and the planning and development of important stormwater infrastructure projects. If you have any questions regarding these stormwater funding opportunities, please contact Patricia Brommer, at 360-407-6566.

Sincerely,



Kelly Susewind, P.E., P.G.  
Water Quality Program Manager

cc: Ron Wierenga, Clark County