

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENTS: Public Health and Public Works Clean Water Division

DATE: October 6, 2020

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize Public Health and Public Works to partner with the Clark County Conservation District to submit a Water Quality Improvement grant application to the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

Clark County Public Health and Public Works are proposing a partnership with the Clark County Conservation District (CCCD) on a Water Quality Improvement grant offered by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The grant will focus on monitoring, identifying and remediating sources of fecal coliform bacteria in the East Fork Lewis River. Key elements of the proposed project include: (1) investigation of potential fecal coliform sources to the East Fork Lewis River; (2) outreach and education to property owners who are suspected sources of pollution; and (3) correcting onsite sewage system deficiencies that are sources of pollution. By serving as a partner, Public Health and Public Works can provide important technical and operational support that does not exist at CCCD.

Under the grant proposal, the Public Works Clean Water Program will receive \$5,000.00 to support staff time for field water quality sampling over the three-year grant period. Public Works will also provide staff time and cover laboratory testing costs to meet the local funding match requirements for the grant application.

Public Health will not receive funding as a partner on this grant and will provide in-kind match staff time for supporting outreach and education efforts and implementation of compliance actions to remedy onsite sewage systems with deficiencies. These efforts are in line with ongoing onsite sewage system compliance work performed by Public Health's Operations and Maintenance Program.

The outreach work performed by CCCD, combined with Public Works' water sampling and monitoring work, will enable Public Health to focus our compliance efforts on those onsite sewage systems that are likely sources of fecal coliform contamination. The departments will work together to identify water sampling locations, share data and provide support to the other partners.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This action does not propose any change in policy, a refinement of existing policy, confirmation or renewal of existing policy, new policy. This action does not require a change to county code, levy a tax, change a budget, establish compensation, involve a comprehensive or development plan, set collective bargaining parameters, or involve a committee appointment.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This action does not propose change in policy, a refinement of existing policy, confirmation or renewal of existing policy, new policy.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

None.

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

The Clark County Conservation District will be submitting the grant proposal to the Department of Ecology, with Public Health and Public Works Clean Water providing support through staff time and laboratory costs. The estimated project amount is \$838,000 (Grant = \$494,000; Local Match = \$344,000). Of this amount, Public Works Clean Water is contributing approximately \$25,000 for laboratory analysis costs and will be reimbursed \$5,000 for staff time collecting samples. Public Health will contribute approximately \$70,000 in staff time.

Local Fund Dollar Amount	Public Works Clean Water -- \$25,000 (laboratory analysis costs) Public Health -- \$70,000 (staff time)
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	\$5,000.00 to reimburse Clean Water staff
Account	General fund 0001; Clean Water Fund 4420
Company Name	N/A

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DATE: *Oct 6, 2020*

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Water Quality Improvement Grant Partnership with Clark County Conservation District

Clark County Public Health and Public Works



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- Public Works Clean Water is contributing approximately \$25,000 for laboratory analysis costs and will be reimbursed \$5,000 for staff time collecting samples.
- Public Health will contribute approximately \$70,000 in staff time supporting outreach and education efforts and working to remedy onsite sewage system deficiencies.

