

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

CCPH SR2020-1322

DATE: 10/20/2020

REQUESTED ACTION:

Clark County Councilors' approval to enter into an agreement as partners on an Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Coalitions Assessment Grant with City of Vancouver and Vancouver Housing Authority. Further request authority for County Manager to execute the resulting agreement and any amendments.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

The City of Vancouver was recently awarded an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant to bring together stakeholders to further local subarea revitalization, economic development, environmental protection and housing goals through the mitigation of brownfields. CCPH will actively partner with the City of Vancouver (CoV) and Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) to focus assessments along a five mile stretch of Fourth Plain Boulevard between the Interstate 5 and 205 freeways in central Vancouver. Other areas of secondary focus include the St Johns/St James and Fruit Valley areas of Vancouver, as well as other eligible sites throughout Clark County. Participating in this project will advance CCPH's Brownfield assessment and mitigation work by providing grant funds to land and businesses owners to cover expenses associated with assessments and clean-up. It will also set the stage for community development opportunities along Fourth Plain corridor which supports CCPH and the Fourth Plain Coalition's efforts to create an equitable, diverse and thriving Fourth Plain corridor.

In addition to identifying and recruiting brownfield assessment sites, CCPH will commit staff time and resources to assist in the procurement of an environmental consultant to conduct assessments and support the interpretation and evaluation of phase I and II assessment results.

CCPH staff and Fourth Plain Coalition partners will continue their robust community engagement efforts along the corridor to ensure residents are informing the redevelopment of sites. Further, the Fourth Plain Coalition Steering Committee will provide the primary structure for coordination between grant coalition partners to ensure this project builds on existing partnerships and efforts.

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

Both businesses and residents will be engaged in this project. Outreach will occur to landowners/businesses to inform them of grant funds to assist with environmental assessments and clean-up opportunities. Residents will provide input via community forums and through the Fourth Plain Coalition's Community Advisory Committee to shape redevelopment sites.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		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	
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	\$600,000
Account	
Company Name	City of Vancouver (grant lead)

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