



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	January 22, 2026
Originating Department	Community Development
Contact Person	Chris Korwel, Stormwater Program Coordinator
Title	Resolution 26-2054/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Washington State Department of Ecology 2025-2027 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement

Legislative History

- First Presentation – City Council Regular Meeting 01/08/2026
 - Second Presentation – City Council Regular Meeting 01/22/2026
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-2054/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Washington State Department of Ecology 2025-2027 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement
 2. Agreement No. WQSWCAP-2527-LaFoED-00182 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement Between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and City of Lake Forest Park
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Executive Summary

The City of Lake Forest Park (City) has been awarded a \$120,000 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant (Grant) by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the 2025-2027 biennial cycle. The Grant supports projects and programs to remain in compliance with federally and state mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit) regulations. The City operates a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and must comply with Permit terms. The Grant will allow the City to continue to fund necessary projects and programs that keep the City in Permit compliance.

Background

The City has received this biennial grant every cycle since 2010. The most recent Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant award was \$130,000. The current Grant award is \$120,000. This award is

retroactive for use in the 2025-2027 cycle. The Community Development Department has reserved approximately \$5,000 of this Grant to support Permit administration. The remaining \$115,000 of the Grant has yet to be allocated to specific Permit-driven work, and will be used for program support, stormwater system maintenance, and public education and outreach efforts, as needed. For example, the perennial task of inspecting the City's MS4 cost nearly \$50,000 in 2025.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The Grant is a pass-through grant and does not require a local matching contribution. Permit-driven expenditures that go above the allocated funding or are not eligible for this Grant and will continue to be supported by the Surface Water Management Fund budget.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve	The City will utilize the Grant to support new and/or existing Permit compliance, projects, and programs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not approve	The City would need to secure additional funding to support ongoing Permit-driven expenses and would forego the opportunity to defray existing Permit-driven costs using the Grant or support new, unfunded Permit-driven work.

Staff Recommendation

The City Council waived the three-touch rule on January 8, 2026. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 26-2054.