

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	September 6, 2022	
Name of Agenda Item:	Contract to engage Federal Lobbyist services	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Administration	
Council Committee Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Legal Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:	Contract for CFM Advocates and Company Background	
Summary Statement:	<p>Based on the 2021 flooding event and the unprecedented infrastructure bill passed at the federal level, there was interest from the small cities group to consider engaging a federal lobbying firm. A presentation was made to the group by CFM and later an on-site follow up to tour the potential projects.</p> <p>Based on the information and review of projects presented by the City, CFM felt Lynden was a good candidate to apply for federal grant programs and potentially receive funding. Specifically for the Pepin Creek project(s) and Bradley Road.</p> <p>There may be a coalition of several small cities and the County forming a group for flooding mitigation, however, that effort will be led by the County and most likely not occurring until a later date in 2023.</p> <p>The Mayor has discussed the possibility of joining with a federal lobbyist at the Finance and Public Works committee meetings.</p>	
Recommended Action:	Staff recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with CFM Advocates for federal lobbying services.	