

City of McCleary  
**STAFF REPORT**



<b>To:</b>	Mayor Miller and City Councilmembers
<b>From:</b>	Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works
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<b>Department:</b>	Public Works Administration

**Updates:**

Aquifer Study

Staff is continuing to pursue grant opportunities for on-going ground and surface water monitoring with the state Department of Ecology grants program. This would be a second phase to the aquifer study for continued monitoring as recommended in the studies capital projects recommendations. Grant opportunities are currently open and an application is being drafted to solicit funding to continue the monitoring work and refinement of the ground water model.

Comprehensive Plan Update

City staff is currently reviewing the final chapter of the comprehensive plan before releasing it to the public for review. Progress on the plan slowed due to our consultant having some staffing turnover, but we are working hard to get back on track. Here is our anticipated schedule going forward toward adoption:

- February 28 – Inform Council of the availability of the plan and the review schedule. We are also required to have the state Department of Commerce review the plan and will start their review beginning in the same time period. They have up to 60-days to review.
- March 13 – Council briefing and Questions and Answers
- March 27 – Public hearing on Comprehensive Plan
- April 10 – Anticipated Council Adoption

Grant Pursuits

Below is a list of current grants that have either been submitted or are being pursued this year by City staff. This list will be updated monthly to keep the community and Council informed of progress. It is not to be considered comprehensive as additional opportunities may materialize and will be added to the list:

<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
Private	Elison Foundation	Food Bank Expansion	Submitted
State	Department of Natural Resources	Acquisition of Fire Dept. command vehicle and additional equipment needs	Submitted
Private	Quadra Tech	ROW beautification	In Progress
Private	T-Mobile	Dog Park creation	In Progress
Private	AARP	Improvements to Pickleball courts	Submitted
Private	City Foundation, Community progress makers	Food Bank new construction and downtown infrastructure	Pending
Private	Blue Diamond	New food bank to allow for expansion of existing community commercial grade kitchen	Pending
State	Dept of Ecology	On-going aquifer monitoring	Pending
State	Department of Commerce CDBG Grant program	TBD pending income survey to determine qualifications	Pending
State	Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO), Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities	1.Potential partnership with school district to upgrade running track. 2. Upgrades to Beerbower park athletic facilities	In Progress
State	Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO), Youth Athletic Facilities	1.Potential partnership with school district to upgrade running track. 2. Upgrades to Beerbower park athletic facilities	Pending
State	WCIA risk grant	Address sidewalk tripping hazard's throughout the City or improve where barriers to access exist.	In Progress

#### West Maple Street Sidewalk Project

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released in late January to select an engineering firm to complete the project design and permitting. The RFQ closes on February 14<sup>th</sup>, after which City Staff will review proposals from firms and select one for the project. It is anticipated that design will start near the beginning of March 2024 after City Council approves a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to begin work.