



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB22-104
September 12, 2022
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB22-104: Conservation Futures Interlocal Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION:	Conservation Futures Interlocal Agreement between King County and the City of Snoqualmie for Riverfront Reach acquisitions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution

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DEPARTMENT:	Community Development		
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COMMITTEE:	Community Development	COMMITTEE DATE: September 6, 2022	
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EXHIBITS:	1. Interlocal Agreement (ILA) 2. Resolution 1624		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with Conservation Futures program (CFT) of King County provides the funding approval process with King County and allocates \$550,000 funds for residential acquisitions along the Snoqualmie River. The \$550,000 in Conservation Futures Tax Levy (CFT) grant has a 50% match requirement, met by other City funds/grants.

BACKGROUND

This action will approve another phase of Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) Levy grant funds for property acquisitions along the riverfront. The City has received this funding annually, or bi-annually, since 2012. Funding is awarded through new ILA with King County for each grant.

The City may only spend this money on land that is permanently protected as open space. These monies are used for a variety of acquisitions along a length of the Snoqualmie River (or reach); providing flexibility to use

funds towards various acquisitions, rather than being tied to a particular property (which would require the City to re-apply for different, specific parcel.

While CFT funds are for acquisition only, restoration and trail development as attributes that positively affected the King County Council funding award decision (public trails are considered an open space facility). The funding reach covers the length of residential properties along the Snoqualmie River in City limits.

ANALYSIS

The City was awarded \$550,000 CFT funds, with a 50% match requirement that can be met with existent grants awards. CFT funds are used towards both acquisitions and supporting services, including King County Acquisitions Unit services. The City has a standing agreement with King County to provide these services approved under AB12-170, resulting in direct and final ownership by the City. Acquisitions in the Snoqualmie Riverfront Reach are beneficial for reducing flood impacts and providing open space benefits; the acquisition reach overlaps with the multiphase Snoqualmie Riverwalk area.

BUDGET IMPACTS

Finance recommends approving the ILA to receive a \$550,000 Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) grant award from King County to acquire residential riverfront property. To receive this grant, the City must provide a 50% match. Past acquisition expenditures, City grant awards, and funding agreements to date provide a match of the 50% needed to secure this grant. The City currently has a CIP and budget allocation for this project including City funding of \$320,000.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to seek opportunities to acquire parcels/properties along the Snoqualmie River. Any future acquisition will be brought before Council for final decision.

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to approve AB22-104, ILA between King County and the City of Snoqualmie for acquisitions of riverfront reach using CFT funds.