



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB22-117
September 26, 2022
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB22-117: Washington Department of Commerce grant contract for Riverwalk Phase 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
PROPOSED ACTION:	Approve Grant Agreement No. CD16-96503-033 between Washington Department of Commerce and the City of Snoqualmie for the Snoqualmie Riverfront aka "Snoqualmie Riverwalk Phase 1" Project and authorize the Mayor to sign.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director/Peer	Mike Chambless	9/15/2022
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	City Administrator	Mike Sauerwein	9/15/2022

DEPARTMENT:	Parks & Public Works		
STAFF:	Dylan Gamble, Associate Planner		
COMMITTEE:	Parks & Public Works	COMMITTEE DATE: September 20, 2022	
MEMBERS:	Bryan Holloway	Ethan Benson	Jo Johnson
EXHIBITS:	1. Draft Grant Agreement No. CD16-96503-033		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE \$ N/A

AMOUNT BUDGETED \$ N/A

APPROPRIATION REQUESTED \$ N/A

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The City of Snoqualmie received direct appropriation funding from the Washington State Legislature for the design and construction of the Snoqualmie Riverfront aka "Snoqualmie Riverwalk Phase 1" Project ("the Project"). Funding for the Project was originally appropriated by the State Legislature in 2015 and reappropriated in early 2022. This agenda bill provides for City Council acceptance of the Legislature's funding by approval of a grant agreement with the Washington Department of Commerce.

BACKGROUND

The Snoqualmie Riverwalk is a multi-phase project to remove flood-prone properties from the riverfront and develop a 3-mile loop trail while restoring riparian habitat. Phase I will develop one mile of trail on the East side of Railroad Ave/Hwy 202 from Kimball Creek to Riverview Park including restoration of the shoreline, and preparation for connection to future phases. Construction of Sandy Cove bank stabilization and/or other

Sandy Cove Park improvements are not included for construction as part of the Riverwalk Phase I Project, though a percentage of the boardwalk *design* adjacent to Sandy Cove Park is anticipated to be included in Riverwalk Phase I work. Additional riverfront property acquisitions (beyond those already completed) are not included within the Riverwalk Phase 1. Both Sandy Cove Park and the riverfront property acquisition program have separate funding and grant sources, both of which are independent of Riverwalk Phase 1.

ANALYSIS

The City was awarded \$1.5 million in direct appropriations in 2015 to fund the design, cultural resource reporting, construction and other related permitting of the Project. (The state legislative appropriation mistakenly referred to the Project as the “Snoqualmie Riverfront Project,” rather than the “Snoqualmie Riverwalk”). Although the funding was directly appropriated by the Legislature, its distribution to the City will be managed by a grant agreement with the Washington Department of Commerce (COM). This agreement is consistent with the typical COM “template” agreement, with the addition of certain additional special terms and conditions. These extra provisions describe a process for ongoing communication and consultation with the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, including specifically prior to the finalization of project design and commencement of construction, as well as a process for providing documentation of archaeological resources to the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (“DAHP”), and concurrence by DAHP.

The City has worked with COM, DAHP and the Snoqualmie Tribe on the wording of the grant agreement and the special terms and conditions. All communication requirements have been met for the City to proceed with contracting with the COM. Following Council approval of the COM agreement, Staff will proceed with project design and documentation, subject to the communication / consultation requirements outlined in the agreement. Staff will also seek reimbursement through the grant agreement of preliminary design and consultant costs previously incurred for the Project.

BUDGET IMPACTS

The Department of Commerce grant is contemplated by the funding sources identified for the Riverwalk Phase 1 project in the City’s 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan. In addition, the Administration has included this grant as part of the proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Budget. According to the ‘Riverwalk Project – NW of Sandy Cove Park’ CIP worksheet (formerly Snoqualmie Riverwalk Phase 1), the City intends to complete the Project during the 2023-24 biennium. The City anticipated \$1.479 million of grant funding within the CIP. This agenda bill does not itself authorize expenditure of grant funds.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, Staff will seek a new consultant contract to update the existing Project design to bring it within the modified Project scope of work, as well as to address the Agreement’s historical / cultural resource requirements. In addition, the Project design will need to be modified to coordinate with nearby projects (e.g., Town Center Phase 3) that were not known at the time of the original, 2015 Legislative appropriation.

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to approve the Grant Agreement No. CD16-96503-033 between the Washington Department of Commerce and the City of Snoqualmie for the Snoqualmie Riverfront aka “Snoqualmie Riverwalk Phase 1” Project, and authorize the Mayor to sign.