

City of St. Helens
RESOLUTION NO. 1991

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE 2023-2025 DEPARTMENT
OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is accepting technical assistance grant applications for projects which align with their program priorities; and

WHEREAS, DLCD's program priorities include promoting economic development, which includes completion of an Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) to support the development of sound economic development policies and strategies for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens desires to participate in this grant program in order to update the City's outdated Economic Opportunities Analysis (Ordinance No. 3101) which was created in 2008 and adopted in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens Comprehensive Plan Economic Goals & Policies (SHMC 19.08.020(3)(j)) includes a policy which requires the City to allocate adequate land for economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated a residential buildable lands inventory for the purpose of developing a Housing Needs Analysis in 2019 which is the counterpart to an industrial/commercial buildable lands inventory and Economic Opportunities Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the baseline economic conditions and demographic forecasting in the 2009 EOA are outdated with the development of employment lands, re-zoning of employment lands, the adoption of multiple long-range planning documents which inform economic development related policies, and population growth; and

WHEREAS, an updated EOA would assist staff and policy makers to make informed economic policy-related decisions and develop strategies for implementation of the city's economic and community development goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens has available in-kind matching resources and capacity to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council authorizes application to the 2023-2025 Department of Land Conservation and Development Technical Assistance Grant Program for the development of an Economic Opportunities Analysis.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on September 6, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder