

TO: City Council
FROM: Dave Kangiser, Water Resources Specialist
DATE: February 3, 2026
SUBJECT: 2025-2027 Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement with the Washington Department of Ecology (ECY) via City Council consent calendar.

This grant agreement was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at their January 22, 2026 meeting.

2) Background:

Every biennium, ECY provides a non-competitive Stormwater Capacity Grant to support the implementation of new requirements of the municipal National Pollution Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit. In the past, Tumwater has used these funds to cover the cost of staff time, tools to evaluate stormwater treatment facilities, filters for city-owned treatment vaults, water quality monitoring equipment, and other similar program enhancements. This biennium we anticipate purchasing a hydraulic model for outreach and education and additional filters for the treatment systems that are scheduled for replacement in the next two years. We also plan to expand our internal spill response training to include hands-on training that will require additional spill response tools, such as pads, booms, drain covers. Any remaining funds will be used to expand our water quality and quantity instrumentation and lastly for budgeted supplies and training.

3) Policy Support:

- Supports the implementation of stern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit - Washington State Department of Ecology.
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4) Alternatives:

Do not accept the \$120,000 grant and use existing stormwater funds to purchase new equipment to improve departmental capacity for stormwater pollution response actions and ensure permit compliance.

5) Fiscal Notes:

Acceptance of this grant provides an additional \$120,000 to assist WRS in meeting ongoing and new permit requirements, building capacity within the stormwater program to meet emergent needs. All expenditures are incurred by the Storm Fund; there is no financial match required.

6) Attachments:

A. 2025-2027 Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology