

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Dan Smith, Water Resources and Sustainability Director
DATE: December 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Septic to Sewer Conversion Program Grant Agreement

1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests Public Works Committee recommend the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program Grant Agreement.

2) Background:

The City of Tumwater received a grant from the Washington Department of Ecology to create a more effective septic to sewer conversion program, specifically for high-density septic systems in mobile home communities. This project will consist of a social marketing style campaign with a pilot program at a local mobile home park. As a result of this project, 39 septic systems in the Velkommen Mobile Home Park will be converted to City sewer and will serve as a blueprint for effective septic to sewer conversion projects done in the future on a broader regional scale.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority F – Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability, specifically

- Work with regional partners to protect groundwater by connecting higher risk septic tanks to LOTT
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Request changes to the proposed grant agreement.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Tumwater received a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding Program. The Sanitary Sewer fund will contribute the required 25% match (\$166,667) via Project SS-08 - Sewer Extension Program, funded in the 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan.

6) Attachments:

- A. Septic to Sewer Conversion Program Grant Agreement
- B. SS-08 Project Sheet