

TO: City Council
FROM: Dan Smith, Water Resources and Sustainability Director
DATE: January 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program

1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program Grant Agreement. This Grant Agreement was approved by the Public Works Committee at their December 8, 2022 meeting.

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