TO: City Council

FROM: Austin Ramirez, Economic Development Program Manager

DATE: November 28, 2023

SUBJECT: EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant and Ecology Integrated Planning Grant Updates

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1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item.

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2) Background:

The City has been awarded two grants to help catalyze redevelopment in the Brewery District and Capitol Blvd Corridor.

Environmental Protection Agency Community-Wide Assessment Grant | $500,000

These federal assessment grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and conduct community engagement related to brownfield sites. The City will focus this funding on two target areas, the Capitol Boulevard Corridor and the Brewery District. The priority sites identified are the Brewery Knoll, Brewery Warehouse Valley, and the former WSDOT Regional headquarters.

Department of Ecology Integrated Planning Grant | $200,000

Integrated Planning Grants (IPGs) provide funding to local governments to assess contaminated sites, and are intended to help local governments make informed decisions when considering whether to purchase or redevelop a property. IPG funds will be used to complete critical due diligence activities (analysis of environmental conditions, cleanup/remediation planning, and reuse/redevelopment planning). The City will focus this funding on the former WSDOT Regional Headquarters campus on Capitol Boulevard.

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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Goal and Priorities:
- Facilitate Capitol Boulevard Corridor and Brewery Redevelopment
- Pursue Targeted Community Development Opportunities
- Work with partner organizations and jurisdictions to implement our goals to be a more inclusive community

Economic Development Plan Goal #8:
- Encourage economic development that strengthens the Tumwater community

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4) Alternatives:

❑ None

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5)   <u>Fiscal Notes</u>:

There is no match requirement for these grants. All proposed activities within the grants will be covered by the awards.

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6)   <u>Attachments</u>:

None