

TO: City Council
FROM: Grant Gilmore, Water Resources Specialist
DATE: June 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Pioneer Park Restoration Project Phase 2

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the grant agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Pioneer Park Restoration Project Phase 2.

This grant was recommended for approval via City Council consent calendar by the Public Works Committee at their May 22, 2025 meeting.

2) Background:

Pioneer Park Riparian Restoration project has evolved into two phases. Phase I focuses on enhancing drainage channels to increase flood storage while providing enhanced drainage, and riparian planting within the identified project boundary. These initial project elements will be ready for issuance of the RFP for construction services by October 2025. Phase 2 focuses on in-water design elements that promote streambank stability through flood plain inundation, placement of aquatic habitat elements like large woody structures, sloping back the eroding bank, and planting vegetation to reduce erosion advancement.

Preliminary design concepts for Phase 2 have been discussed with the stakeholder group. Stantec, the City's engineering consultant, will review and integrate the design concepts into the engineering design for Ecology's approval. This grant funds the design, permitting, and construction of Phase 2 elements, with an anticipated construction start date of February 2027.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority B – Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability

4) Alternatives:

☐ Reject the agreement and do not complete phase 2 elements.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This grant award is for \$500,000.00 to complete Phase 2 design, permitting, and construction of this project. The project is funded by the Stormwater Utility via the Capital Facility Plan, project SD-03 Deschutes Habitat Restoration Projects.

Grant funding for this project including both Phases 1 and 2 totals \$950,781.33, with \$838,086.00 funded by both this grant and the previous grant for Phase 1, and \$112,695.33 paid by the Stormwater Utility - a 25% match that was required for the Phase 1 grant. There is no City-required match for this Phase 2 grant.

6) Attachments:

A. Agreement No. WQC-2025-Tumwat-00054