

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager
DATE: January 7, 2025
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tenino for the 2025 “Energize Thurston” Heat Pump Group Purchase Campaign

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, and City of Tenino to support implementation of the 2025 “Energize Thurston” Heat Pump Group Purchase Campaign.

2) Background:

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) was accepted by the City Council via Resolution R2021-001 on January 19, 2021. On March 5, 2024, City Council approved and authorized the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, City of Tumwater, and City of Tenino to carry out the 2024 Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Regional Initiatives, one of which was to develop and plan the Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign. The Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign has now been renamed Energize Thurston. This new ILA seeks to implement the Energize Thurston and utilize grant funding to support this initiative.

3) Policy Support:

Engage the community on benefits of environmentally sustainable practices. Promote community involvement in environmental programs, including highlighting local career pathways for students. Sufficiently resource programs identified in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and Urban Forestry Management Plans and prioritize implementation.

Develop innovative partnerships and strategies with community human and social services organizations to improve service delivery to people in need, including senior citizens, low-income residents, and others.

4) Alternatives:

Recommend revisions to the Interlocal Agreement or decline to participate.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The Energize Thurston program is funded by \$477,540 in grant funds provided by the WA Department of Commerce’s Home Electric Appliance Rebate (HEAR) program.

The HEAR program is supported with funding from the Washington Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov.

6) Attachments:

A. Interlocal Agreement