

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: March 21, 2023
SUBJECT: Contract Award for Phase 3 Grant with WDFW for Bush Prairie HCP and HCP Update

1) Recommended Action:

Approve the contract for the Phase 3 Grant with WDFW for Bush Prairie HCP and HCP Update for the Mayor's signature.

2) Background:

Working together with the Port of Olympia and large group of stakeholders, the City is in Phase 2 of the process of preparing the Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) with consultant assistance to identify appropriate mitigation for take of the Mazama Pocket Gopher, the Streak-Horned Lark, the Oregon Spotted Frog, and the Oregon Vesper Sparrow.

The goal of the HCP is to allow responsible growth to occur in the City, while providing superior species protection over what an ad-hoc, case by case permitting approach is providing currently. It is the intent of the HCP to cover all actions by private and public landowners that require City development approvals.

The HCP will allow operations and maintenance, recurring activities, and development to occur in some areas frequented by endangered species, offsetting any habitat loss with other, contiguous mitigation sites.

In 2016 for Phase 1, the City and Port were awarded an \$117,338.86 federal grant with a \$95,423.74 match (\$47,711.87 City/\$47,711.87 Port) of cash and staff time. The grant included \$16,000 for WDFW to manage the grant.

In 2018 for Phase 2, the City and Port were awarded an \$846,000.00 federal grant with a \$300,000 match (\$150,000 City/\$150,000 Port) of cash and staff time. The grant included \$54,000 for WDFW to manage the grant.

Now in 2023 for Phase 3 the City and Port were awarded a \$225,000.00 federal grant with a \$79,000 match (\$39,500 City/\$39,500 Port) of cash and staff time. The grant includes \$56,250 for WDFW to manage grant provided technical assistance and a WDFW \$14,750 match.

Because of the Phase 3 Grant amount, the Mayor will need to sign the contract after the City Council gives its approval. The General Government Committee was briefed on the grant at their March 8, 2023 meeting and recommended that it go to City Council consent.

3) Policy Support:

Comprehensive Plan Conservation Element Goal C-1: Recognize the significant role played by natural features and systems in determining the overall environmental quality and livability of Tumwater.

Comprehensive Plan Conservation Element Policy C-2.16: Protect and preserve habitats for species, which have been identified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive by the state or federal government, giving “special consideration: to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Take off consent, modify and approve the Phase 3 Grant with WDFW for Bush Prairie HCP and HCP Update for signature by the Mayor
 - ☐ Take off consent and reject the Phase 3 Grant with WDFW for Bush Prairie HCP and HCP Update
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This is a federal grant administered by WDFW and an internally funded work program task.

6) Attachments:

- A. Contract Award for Phase 3 Grant with WDFW for Bush Prairie HCP