

TO: City Council  
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator  
DATE: March 5, 2024  
SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the WA Dept of Commerce for the Tumwater Library Solar plus Storage Feasibility and Design Project

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1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreement with the WA Dept of Commerce for the Tumwater Library Solar plus Storage Feasibility and Design Project.

This grant agreement was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at their February 22, 2024 meeting.

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2) Background:

On March 21, 2023, staff submitted a grant proposal to the Washington Department of Commerce for their solar plus storage funding opportunity. This proposal was to conduct solar plus storage feasibility assessments and preliminary design at the Tumwater Timberland Library. On August 8, 2023, the Department of Commerce informed the City that the grant proposal was selected for award.

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) was accepted by the City Council via Resolution R2021-001 on January 19, 2021. The project funded by the Department of Commerce solar plus storage 2 funding will help advance Strategy B5 of the TCMP, "increase the production of local renewable energy."

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3) Policy Support:

- Be a leader in Environmental Sustainability
    - Continue to update and advance the Climate Action Plan
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4) Alternatives:

☐ No alternatives suggested

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5) Fiscal Notes:

The Department of Commerce awarded funding to the City in the amount of \$14,900. There is no required match from the City.

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6) Attachments:

A. Solar plus Storage Grant Agreement - Library