

TO: City Council
FROM: Austin Ramirez, Economic Development Program Manager
DATE: March 5, 2024
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2024-005, Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency for Brownfield Assessment Grant

1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. R2024-005, approving the terms and conditions of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cooperative Agreement and accepting a \$500,000 Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant.

Staff last updated the Council on this grant award at the November 28, 2023 Work Session.

2) Background:

The City has been awarded a Community-Wide Assessment Grant from the EPA to help catalyze redevelopment in the Capitol Boulevard Corridor and Brewery District.

These nationally competitive grants provide funding 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.

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

5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no match requirement for this grant.

6) Attachments:

A. Resolution No. R2024-005