

TO: City Council  
FROM: Austin Ramirez, Economic Development Program Manager  
DATE: March 5, 2024  
SUBJECT: Agreement with the Department of Ecology for Integrated Planning Grant

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1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement with the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for a \$200,000 Integrated Planning Grant (IPG).

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

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2) Background:

The City has been awarded an IPG from Ecology to help catalyze redevelopment in the Capitol Boulevard Corridor at the former WSDOT Regional Headquarters Campus.

The IPG program is a state-wide competitive grant program that provides funding to local governments to assess contaminated sites. Grants are intended to help local governments make informed decisions when considering whether to purchase or redevelop a property. IPG funds will be used to complete critical due diligence activities (analysis of environmental conditions, cleanup/remediation planning, and reuse/redevelopment planning). The City will focus this funding on the former WSDOT Regional Headquarters.

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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:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no match requirement for this grant.

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6) Attachments:

A. Ecology Grant Agreement