

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: September 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Letter of Commitment with Department of Commerce for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Middle Housing Grant Application

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Commitment with Department of Commerce for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Middle Housing Grant Application

2) Background:

On a ten-year cycle, the City is required to conduct a Growth Management Act periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan and related development regulations. For the current cycle, the City is required to complete work on the periodic update by June 30, 2025. Work on the periodic update started last fall.

The Department of Commerce Missing Middle Grant is for \$75,000. The grant would allow the City to hire a consultant to help develop the necessary amendments to Title 18 Zoning to address the new state legislation (HC 1110, 2023) requiring jurisdictions to update their development codes to allow for middle housing throughout the City.

Because of the timing of the grant announcement and the due date for submitting the grant application, as well as City Council recess, staff was unable to bring this item to the General Government Committee or City Council for discussion before it was placed on the consent calendar.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LPP-1: Provide sufficient and efficient services to Tumwater and the Urban Growth Area.

Goal LU-1: Ensure the Land Use Element is implementable and coordinated with all applicable City plans and the plans of other jurisdictions in the Thurston region.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is primarily an internally funded work program task. The City will be filing an application for a Washington State Department of Commerce grant funding for \$75,000 before September 15, 2023 to support the update of Title 18 Zoning as part of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

6) Attachments:

A. Letter of Commitment – Middle Housing Grant Application