



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works
ECAF: 2021-0574
Proposal: Motion 21-271

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Date: August 17, 2021

Consideration:

The proposal would authorize the County Executive to sign Professional Services Agreement CC07-21 with Cascadia Consulting Group, LLC for the RainScaping Campaign and Program Evaluation.

Background:

The Puget Sound Partnership (RCW 90.71.200) is the state agency leading the region's collective effort to restore and protect Puget Sound. On April 6, 2021 The Puget Sound Partnership, of which Snohomish County is a member (RCW 90.71.260), approved a set of desired outcomes for the 2022-2026 Action Agenda. The Partnership is beginning Phase 3 of the Action Agenda update¹, that includes working with partners, like Snohomish County, to identify strategies for achieving the desired outcomes. Reducing stormwater runoff is an identified key strategy, as polluted stormwater runoff is a major source of toxic pollution to the Puget Sound area. Untreated stormwater has adverse impacts on water quality and aquatic life, while excess stormwater runoff contributes to flooding and erosion.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Surface Water Division, in an effort to better manage stormwater, seeks to launch RainScaping, a stormwater reduction behavior-change campaign, which will provide guidance from subject matter experts to residents who are willing and able to implement easier and less costly runoff solutions. A Request for Proposals (RFP -013-21SB) by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Surface Water Management Division solicited the services of a consultant to assist the County with the RainScaping Campaign and Program Evaluation.

Cascadia Consulting Group, LLC was one of two firms that responded and was selected through established Federal, State and County policies and practices. A Professional Services Agreement between Snohomish County and Cascadia Consulting Group, LLC was negotiated.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Approval is sought from Council to authorize the County Executive to sign Professional Services Agreement CC07-21 with Cascadia Consulting Group, LLC, for the amount of \$245,052.25, and further authorizes the Director of Conservation and Natural Resources or designee to approve amendments up to \$24,505 provided that sufficient appropriation authority exists, for a total amount not to exceed \$269,557.24.

Duration: Execution through February 29, 2024.

Fiscal Implications: Current year costs total \$58,000. Funds are included in the 2021 adopted budget and will be included in future budgets. The total budget of \$269,557.24,

¹ <https://www.psp.wa.gov/2022AAupdate.php>

which includes the agreement amount of \$245,052.24 and an additional 10% contingency amount of \$24,505, for allowable unforeseen costs, is proposed, for the total amount not to exceed \$269,577.24

2021 Budget: Yes, the 2021 Budget includes appropriation authority for the contract.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis: The County seeks to develop a stormwater reduction campaign; the proposed contract allows Snohomish County to participate in previously determined objectives of stormwater management.

Requests: Move to GLS on August 25, 2021 for consideration.