

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation Analyst: Nicole Gorle

**ECAF:** 2022-0113

**Motion:** 22-060 **Date:** February 15, 2022

## **Consideration:**

Authorize the Executive to execute a grant with the State of Washington Department of Ecology, SEAFCAAC-2123-SnoCoCN-00021, for Snohomish and Stillaguamish vulnerability assessment project.

## **Background:**

In 2021 the Department of Ecology called for grant applications for their Flood Control Assistance Program, which Snohomish County's Surface Water Management (SWM) applied for. SWM was awarded a grant but because the award took place after the 2022 budget process, it was not included in the 2022 SWM Grant Work Plan or the 2022 adopted budget.

## **Current Proposal:**

Scope: Conduct a vulnerability assessment that will build upon the adopted Snohomish County Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Sustainable Lands Strategy Reach Scale Plans, the Stillaguamish Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, and the risk analysis for the Lower Skykomish River by obtaining data to fill in gaps that currently exist on flood and sea level hazards and their potential impacts on the community.

The assessment will inform ongoing planning efforts and may prompt a new Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan for Snohomish County, or one of the two nearby watersheds.

As stated in the contract "the project area is the 100-year floodplain of the Snohomish River and mainstem Stillaguamish River which include approximately 40 river miles, as well as both estuaries."

Duration: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023

*Fiscal Impact:* The grant is for \$207,336 of which 25% is the County's match required under the grant. Total project cost is \$500,000. Between the County's match for the grant, and the remaining project cost, this project will cost the County \$344,498.

Grant	\$207,336
	State Share - \$155,502
	County Match - \$ 51,834
County	\$292,664
Total Project Cost	\$500,000

**2022 Budget:** Yes. While funding for this project was not included in the 2022 budget, there is sufficient funds in SWM's budget to cover the County's portion of this project. In 2022, the department anticipates expending \$375,000 on the project

<u>Future Budget Impact:</u> Yes. The department anticipates expending the remain \$125,000 in 2023.

**Handling:** Normal

**Approved-as-to-form:** N/A – State Contract

Risk Management: Yes

**Executive Recommendation:** Approve

<u>Attachment:</u> None <u>Amendments:</u> None

**Request:** Move to GLS on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for consideration.