



# Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-1582

**Motion:** 24-313

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** Professional Services Agreement with Cascadia Consulting, Inc. for the creation of a Snohomish County Communitywide Climate Resiliency Plan.

**Scope:** To develop a long-term community wide climate resiliency plan that uses best available climate change science, reflects the communities’ concerns, prioritizes equity, and is consistent with corresponding state, regional, and local mandates, policies, and programs.

**Duration:** Execution through December 31, 2025; may be extended or renewed up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

There is sufficient funding within the Office of Energy and Sustainability 002 general fund budget to cover the expenses.

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027
002	\$130,000	\$100,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>		

**Authority Granted:** Approve and authorize the County Executive to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. for the amount not to exceed \$230,000, under SCC 3.04.190.

**Background:** Impacts of climate change continue, and the need for specialized experts to develop robust policy, resource allocation, planning, and the creation and adoption of an adaptable response strategy have been heightened by state mandates. The County has recognized the urgency for consulting services to assist with these needs and assessments.

The County released a Request for Proposals (RFP 23-080RB) earlier this year seeking consulting services for the Snohomish County Communitywide Climate Resiliency Plan creation. Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. was selected through a competitive review process as the best qualified firm to complete the identified work. The proposed contract was negotiated.

**Requested Action:** For Council to move the motion to GLS on August 28, 2024, for consideration.