



# Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2026-0461

**Motion:** 26-104

**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:** Salmon Recovery through Local Planning Grant Agreement 26-63117-011 with the Washington State Department of Commerce.

**Scope:** The county will be reimbursed by the Washington State Department of Commerce for expenditures related to the following grant objectives: strengthen urban forestry by acquiring high-definition aerial data (LiDAR imagery) for tree canopy mapping to assist in salmon recovery planning; conducting a partial tree inventory to aid in managing the County’s urban forest which has significant impacts on water quality, stream cooling, erosion control, and other benefits; and supporting community stewardship/best management practices through the Healthy Forest Project by hosting stewardship events/conducting public outreach to recruit, train, and support volunteer stewards to lead forest restoration projects in priority parks which include salmon streams and critical areas. Staff work related to these objectives will be done with existing resources.

**Duration:** July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027

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

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 130 Salaries/Benefits	\$121,200	\$62,400				\$500,000
Fund 130 Prof Services/Supplies	\$297,836	\$18,564				
<b>Total's</b>	<b>\$419,036</b>	<b>\$80,964</b>				<b>\$500,000</b>

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 130 WA St Dept of Commerce Grant		\$500,000				\$500,000
<b>Total's</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>				<b>\$500,000</b>

**Authority Granted:** Approves and authorizes the Executive to execute the Salmon Recovery through Local Planning Grant Agreement 26-63117-011 with the Washington State Department of Commerce.

**Background:** The County’s urban forest has significant impacts on water quality, stream cooling, and erosion control. This grant will support urban forestry efforts in Snohomish County through data collection, mapping analysis, developing stewardship

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opportunities, and public participation. The grant will increase support for community stewardship/best management practices through the Healthy Forest Project (HFP) by hosting stewardship events/conducting public outreach. HFP partners with local communities to recruit, train, and support volunteer stewards to lead forest restoration projects in priority parks which include salmon streams and critical areas. This grant will also support planning efforts toward implementing urban tree canopy goals, objectives, and policies included in the Natural Element of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. This agreement was not included in the 2026 Grant Work Plan and requires Council approval.

**Requested Action:** For Council to move the motion to GLS on March 11<sup>th</sup> for consideration.