



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Operations
ECAF: 2021-0112
Ordinance: 21-023

Analyst: Nicole Gorle
Date: April 19, 2021

Consideration:

2021 supplemental budget appropriation in the Parks Construction Fund (Fund 309) to reflect a \$300,000 NOAA grant received for the Meadowdale Park & Estuary project.

Background:

“Snohomish County purchased the property known as Meadowdale Beach County Park in 1968 with the intent to create a public park that has beach access. In furtherance of this goal, Snohomish County entered into an agreement with BNSF in 1987 to allow the County to install a culvert under the railroad embankment and within the railroad’s right-of-way in order to allow fish passage and creek flow from Lund’s Gulch Creek. The County additionally installed pedestrian access to the beach in 1988 within the culvert tunnel.

Over time, stormwater runoff had resulted in an accumulation of gravel at the culvert entrance which has hampered fish passage and pedestrian access. As a result, the County determined that it was necessary to replace 130 feet of railroad embankment with a railroad bridge, creating an estuary for salmon habitat, and installing picnic areas and a footbridge allowed for safe fish passage while still providing pedestrian access.”¹

The estimated cost of this project is \$15 million, with \$6.9 million coming from various grants. One of these grants is the National Oceanic Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grant in the amount of \$300,000², which was awarded to the County on October 1, 2020.³ Because the award took place after the Executive submitted the budget to Council for consideration, it was not included in the 2021 adopted budget.

This Ordinance would amend the 2021 budget by adding the receipt and expenditure of this grant.

Proposed Public Hearing Date – May 19, 2021

2021 Fiscal Impact:

\$300,000 of revenue and expenditure would be added to the Parks Department⁴ budget in Fund 309, with the expenditure going into the Meadowdale Grants Construction Services DAC.

¹ Motion 21-037 Staff Report – Heidi Beazizo

² NOAA Award #NA20NMF4630306

³ See project [page](#) “Project Construction Cost and Funding”

⁴ In 2021 it is under the Parks Department budget. Any funding moving forward in 2022 will be transition to the newly created Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (taking the place of the Parks Department).

Future Fiscal Impact:

None associated with this specific grant award (overall project will have ongoing fiscal impact).

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: Yes

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: Yes

Attachment: None