



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation

Analyst: Nicole Gorle

ECAF: 2021-0815

Motion: 21-370

Date: Nov. 29, 2021

Consideration:

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 21-370, which approves funding allocations as recommended by the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board.

Background:

In 1988, Snohomish County established the Conservation Futures Property Tax Fund for the purpose of acquiring interests or rights in real property for the preservation of open space, farm and agricultural land, and timber land, and to maintain and operate any property acquired with resources of the fund. The following year, the Snohomish County Council established a Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board (the Board) to make recommendations to the Council for acquisition projects to be funded and to develop strategic, long-term plans for the program.

The Board opened a grant round and received five applications for funding of which were reviewed at their September 15th meeting. The Board is recommending fully funding all five projects for the full amount requested, totaling \$2,889,250.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Motion 21-370 approves the funding of five (5) projects based on the recommendation of the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board. The five (5) projects and proposed funding amounts are:

SPONSOR	PROJECT	FUNDING LEVEL
Snohomish County Parks	Flowing Lake – Laz	\$643,000
Snohomish County Parks	Bear Creek Headwaters	\$381,250
Snohomish County Surface Water Management	Little Bear Creek Acquisition	\$650,000
City of Lynnwood	Sprague's Pond Acquisition	\$1,000,000
City of Monroe	Ventures Property Site, Monroe	\$215,700

Additionally, there was one project previously awarded funding that is unable to be completed. The motion would also approve the return of the project funds to the fund balance.

SPONSOR	PROJECT	FUNDING LEVEL
Snohomish County Parks	Brekhus Riverfront	\$55,349.36

Fiscal Implications: \$2,889,250 in funding allocated for five (5) new projects. \$55,349.36 returning to fund balance.

2021 Budget: No – Initially it was planned for these funds to go out in 2021, however due to the timing of this ECAF coming before Council, it is more likely that the funds will be expended in 2022.

Future Budget Impact: Yes

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: n/a

Risk Management: n/a

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Attachment: None

Amendments: None

Request: Move to GLS on December 15th for Council to consider taking action.