



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation

Analyst: Nicole Gorle

ECAF: 2022-0245

Ordinance: 22-012

Date: March 14, 2022

Consideration:

Authorize the Executive to execute Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for Stillaguamish and Snohomish River Modeling.

Background:

The Floodplains by Design (FbD) program is a public-private partnership led by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), the Nature Conservancy, and Puget Sound Partnership working to coordinate integrated efforts that reduce community flood hazards while restoring the natural functions of state rivers and floodplains. The FbD program challenges entities to modernize the approach to floodplains changing and rethinking floodplain management to enable communities and the environment to thrive together.

Through Ecology's FbD program, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians (the Tribe) was awarded a grant (Agreement No. SEAFBD-2019-StillTI-00062) to implement the Stillaguamish Watershed Integrated Floodplain Management Project. The County was awarded a grant (Agreement No. SEAFBD-2019-SnoCoPW-00051) to implement the Snohomish Watershed Integrated Floodplain Management Project. Both grants require the Tribe and County enter into an interlocal agreement (ILA) with one another for Task 10 - complete hydraulic and hydrologic modeling of the Stillaguamish and Snohomish Rivers.

When developing the ILA, the County had a Project Team meeting with the Stillaguamish Tribe to pan out details of the ILA. In those discussion's, it was agreed that the County would cover the 20% match requirement for the grant which was inadvertently left out of the original ILA approved via [Ordinance 20-047](#).

Current Proposal:

Scope: Amend Section 7 of the ILA to state that the County will be reimbursed for 80% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$300,000. If approved, of the total project cost the Tribe will reimburse the County for 80% and the County will cover the remaining 20%, which serves as the grants 20% match.

Budget: This will increase initially anticipated costs by \$75,000. In 2022 the department anticipates the fiscal impact being \$32,790 which will be covered by SWM Fund Balance.

2022 Budget: No – this was not anticipated in the 2022 budget, however there is sufficient expenditure authority to cover the increased cost.

Future Budget Impact: Yes - \$42,210 in 2023.

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: Yes

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to GLS on March 30th to set time and date for a Public Hearing on April 20 at 10:30 a.m.