



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-2763

Motion: 24-470

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: Contract – Partner for Grant Application (Food and Farming Center)

Scope: Motion 24-470 authorizes the County Executive or designee to execute a Statutory Partnership Agreement (SPA) with the Snohomish County Farm Bureau (Farm Bureau).

Duration: Execution through the later of either (a) completion of all activities associated with the grant application if the grant is awarded, or (b) denial of the grant application.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

The SPA itself has no fiscal impact. If the partnership of Snohomish County and the Farm Bureau were to win an award of grant, the County Council would need to approve separate grant related contracts for the County to receive the grant and to enter into a subaward agreement with the Farm Bureau. Those potential later actions would determine the fiscal impact, if any.

Authority Granted:

Authorization for the County Executive or designee to sign the SPA.

Background:

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has included a Food and Farming Center (FFC) to support regional agriculture as project in the Parks Capital Improvement Plan. DCNR has been seeking grants to establish the FFC at McCollum park. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity 'EPA-R-OEJEER-OCS-23-04'. This provides the opportunity for a joint Statutory Partnership between local governments and non-profit community based organizations to apply for funding for Climate Justice and Community Change Grant funds. The Farm Bureau has been involved in the FFC project throughout its development and is interested in jointly pursuing the EPA grant. If awarded, grant funds would go toward construction of the FFC.

Motion 24-470 would approve the formation of a Statutory Partnership for the purpose of applying to the EPA Climate Justice and Community Change Grant. DCNR requests urgent handling to meet the deadline for submitting a grant application to the EPA.

Request:

Consideration during Committee of the Whole on November 12, 2024.