

RESOLUTION NO. M-2498

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) OF COAST
MANAGEMENT FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSAL ENTITLED *RESTORING THE DESCHUTES
ESTUARY AND BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND***

WHEREAS, the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge is a federal grant program administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coastal Management, with a focus on collaborative projects that increase the resilience of coastal communities to extreme weather and other impacts of climate change, including sea level rise. Funded projects will address risk reduction and regional collaboration and equity, as well as build enduring capacity for adaptation; and

WHEREAS, in August 2023, the City of Olympia, together with the Squaxin Island Tribe, State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services, the Port of Olympia, and LOTT Clean Water Alliance submitted a letter of intent to apply for funding, outlining a project proposal entitled “*Restoring the Deschutes Estuary and Building Community Resilience in the South Puget Sound;*” and

WHEREAS, the proposed initiative aligns two multi-jurisdictional and collaborative efforts (Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan and Deschutes Estuary Restoration) to enhance and coordinate major coastal resilience activities in the City of Olympia and Puget Sound. These two efforts are dependent upon each other – progress on one is necessary to fully implement the other. The City’s letter of intent proposed a project that would receive the maximum possible funding - \$75 million; and

WHEREAS, through a rigorous review process, NOAA selected 120 applicants to submit full proposals, for a total requested funding amount of approximately \$3 billion. In October 2023, the City and its partners were invited by NOAA to submit a full application; and

WHEREAS, there is no required match funding for the grant, and approximately half of the funding would go towards Deschutes Estuary Restoration efforts led by the State and Squaxin Island Tribe, while the other half would go towards sea level rise adaptation by the City and Port; and

WHEREAS, the proposal also includes additional staff and intern capacity with the City, State and Tribe to manage successful implementation of the project; and

WHEREAS, this project includes close partnership and collaboration with the Squaxin Island Tribe, consistent with the Accord between the City and Tribe that expresses a strong, mutual goal of restoring the Deschutes Estuary;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the application for a grant between the City of Olympia and the National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Of Coast Management for the *Restoring The Deschutes Estuary And Building Community Resilience In The South Puget Sound* Project, and the terms and conditions contained therein.

2. The City Manager or his designee is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the application for a grant, and any other documents necessary to obligate funds for the *Restoring The Deschutes Estuary And Building Community Resilience In The South Puget Sound* Project, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Grant Application, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 6th day of February 2024.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sean Keier
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY