

Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Collaborative

Approval of 2025-2026 Workplan and Budget

Executive Committee Meeting
September 6, 2024



ILA Establishing the Sea Level Rise Response Collaborative

- **Short-term Project Implementation.** Within budget constraints, the Members, working through the Technical Work Group, may work jointly to implement short-term projects identified in Table 11 of the Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan. Any requests for funding to implement short-term projects will require approval of the respective Members' governing bodies.
- **Administrative Support.** The Collaborative will cooperatively establish and fund a Liaison position. Initially, City of Olympia staff will fill the Liaison position. The Liaison will be responsible for, at a minimum, administrative tasks associated with the Executive Team and any Collaborative Committees that may be established (e.g. meeting logistics, agenda setting, public notice, record keeping, budget reports) and the preparation of a Collaborative Annual Report. Additional tasks to be conducted by the Liaison will be determined during the establishment of the Collaborative's annual work plan and/or Liaison's annual budget.

2025-2026 Workplan and Budget

Proposed projects to advance near-term and mid-term adaptation actions identified in the Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan:

1. Refine Sea Level Rise and Flood Monitoring Strategy
2. Develop Guidelines to Incorporate Sea Level Rise into Capital Planning
3. Investigate Long-term Public Financing Mechanisms
4. Evaluate Vertical Land Motion
5. Update Sea Level Rise Response Collaborative Website
6. Pursue State and Federal Funding

Refine Sea Level Rise and Flood Monitoring Strategy

Description: Refine the sea level rise monitoring strategy to provide a basis for adaptive management, implementation, and timing of capital projects and funding needs. Work will include refining trigger points for future actions, identifying data needs, and developing a monitoring and reporting system to track sea level rise, vertical land motion, and storm-based flooding.

Estimated Cost: \$75,000

Develop Guidelines to Incorporate Sea Level Rise into Capital Planning

Description: Develop and recommend guidelines for the SLR Collaborative Partners to consider, plan, and design for sea level rise and increasing precipitation intensity in capital projects. Work will involve convening technical staff to review and assess current practices, and developing guidance to ensure that capital projects are designed and located to avoid (or adapt to) sea level rise and future flood risks.

Estimated Cost: \$20,000

Investigate Long-term Public Financing Mechanisms

Description: Evaluate funding and financing mechanisms to fund mid-term and long-term adaptation strategies. Work will involve:

- Hiring a consultant to assess revenue levels needed to finance SLR adaptation strategies.
- Convening a financial workgroup to evaluate revenue options and develop funding recommendations.
- Conducting public outreach.
- Evaluating the feasibility of funding adaptation projects through an addition or modification to stormwater utility rates.

Estimated Cost: \$180,000

Evaluate Vertical Land Motion

Description: Evaluate existing data and resources to assess vertical land motion in the SLR Plan focus areas. Assess current conditions and develop recommendations for future monitoring.

Estimated Cost: N/A - staff time only.

Update Sea Level Rise Response Collaborative Website

Description: Review and update the Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Collaborative webpage and develop/update outreach materials.

Estimated Cost: N/A - staff time only.

Pursue State and Federal Funding

Description: Apply for grant funding to support design, planning, and implementation of mid-term adaptation projects.

Estimated Cost: N/A - staff time only.

Administrative Support and Project Management

Description: The proposed budget also includes an additional task for the City of Olympia to continue to provide the following functions as the staff Liaison:

- Administrative support for the Executive Committee and Technical workgroup.
- Development and implementation of the Collaborative's annual work plan.
- Ongoing education and outreach, broader regional collaboration, and long-term adaptation planning.

Estimated Cost: \$85,000

Work Item	Estimated Total Cost	Olympia (50%)	LOTT (25%)	Port (25%)
Refine Sea Level Rise and Flood Monitoring Strategy	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$18,750
Develop Guidelines to Incorporate Sea Level Rise Considerations into Capital Planning	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Investigate Long-term Public Financing Mechanisms	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Evaluate Vertical Land Motion	N/A - staff time only.			
Update Sea Level Rise Collaborative Website	N/A - staff time only.			
Pursue State and Federal Funding	N/A - staff time only.			
Administrative Support and Project Management	\$85,000	\$42,500	\$21,250	\$21,250
2025-2026 Total	\$360,000	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Estimated Annual Total	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$45,000

Requested Action

Options

1. Approve the 2025-2026 Sea Level Rise Collaborative work plan and budget. *If approved, each Member's governing body must also approve these funding allocations for the work plan to be implemented as proposed.*
2. Approve the 2025-2026 Sea Level Rise Collaborative work plan and budget with modifications.
3. Do not approve the 2025-2026 Sea Level Rise Collaborative work plan and budget.

Questions?

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