

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR A MUNICIPAL STORMWATER GRANT OF REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE (GROSS).

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Utility is committed to integrating diverse perspectives into its programs, providing equitable services to the community, and to raising its cultural competency to create a community centered approach to programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit for Western WA identifies the need to include overburdened communities in outreach programs that build awareness of the impacts of stormwater on surface waters. Additionally, to create opportunities for overburdened communities to participate in decision-making processes involving the development and implementation of the Permittee’s Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP) process and update of the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) (Special Conditions S.5.C.2.a.i and S.5.C.3.a); and

WHEREAS, to achieve these objectives, the Stormwater Utility seeks funding to implement an environmental justice project. Through this project the Stormwater Utilities of Thurston County (Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Thurston County) will develop environmental justice and stormwater tools to assist stormwater managers, planners, and education staff implementing the SWMP (e.g. public involvement, education, and outreach). This will include the Thurston Equity Index; a baseline geospatial data analysis tool; development and implementation of a Service Equity Analysis Toolkit; Cultural Competency training for staff; a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Dashboard with project goals, objectives, activities and evaluation metrics; and a DEI Communications Plan; and

WHEREAS, in pursuing this project, the Stormwater Utility will partner with the University of Washington Tacoma and the Action Mapping Project to develop the Thurston Equity Index Map and dashboard. The Equity Index includes the following components: 1) Conception of index variables, 2) Data collection, 3) Data analysis and composition of indices, and 4) Data sharing. The Equity Index will be designed for appropriate use (i.e. use as resolutions appropriate to the following jurisdictions: Thurston County, the City of Lacey, the City of Olympia, and the City of Tumwater); and

WHEREAS, this project will provide the tools needed to apply an equity focus to how the Stormwater Utility prioritizes and evaluates environmental stewardship and outreach – what watersheds it focus on, which actions it takes, and how to better integrate and serve historically under-represented and overburdened communities into its public processes. The project design will be replicable in other jurisdictions. Deliverables will include training templates and related training videos, the Thurston Equity Index and DEI dashboard; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology has a Municipal Grant of Regional or Statewide Significance (GROSS) grant program that can provide financial assistance to Phase I and Phase II cities and counties for projects that support implementation of the NPDES Municipal Stormwater General Permits statewide or across a region. The Stormwater Utility seeks to apply for such a grant. It is expected if awarded the grant, the amount received would be approximately \$125,000;

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby authorizes the Stormwater Utility to apply for a grant between the City of Olympia and Department of Ecology for the Thurston Equity Index Map and Service Equity Analysis Project and hereby approves 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 receive and expend funds for the Project, expected to be approximately \$125,000, and to make any 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 _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY