



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

March 22, 2016

Ordinance 18261

Proposed No. 2016-0091.2

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE amending the grant award process for
2 the WaterWorks grant program; and amending Ordinance
3 18031, Section 1.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

5 1. The 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section
6 110, Proviso P2, states that \$2,000,000 of the appropriation for wastewater
7 treatment shall not be expended or encumbered until the King County
8 council adopts an ordinance establishing the grant award process and
9 criteria for the WaterWorks grant program.

10 2. The WaterWorks grant program will allocate funding to local and
11 regional governments, including King County, nonprofit organizations and
12 community organizations. Businesses which partner with the county,
13 nonprofit groups, cities, counties, special purpose districts or tribes for the
14 purpose of water quality improvement projects within the King County
15 wastewater service area, will also be eligible to receive funding.

16 3. Ordinance 18031 established the grant award criteria and process for
17 the WaterWorks grant program in accordance with Ordinance 17941,
18 Section 110, Proviso P2. Attachment A to this ordinance, amends the
19 adopted process for implementation of the WaterWorks grant program.

20 4. This ordinance alters the composition of the WaterWorks grant ranking
21 committee and allows the council to specify additional priorities for
22 evaluating applications by motion each year.

23 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

24 SECTION 1. Ordinance 18031, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

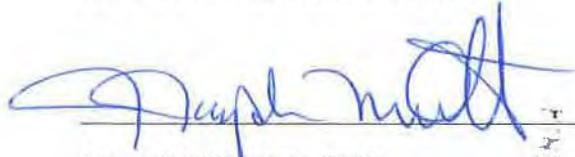
25 The WaterWorks Grants Program Implementation Guidelines, dated January 26,
26 2016, which is Attachment A to (~~Ordinance 10831 and establishes the grant award~~

27 ~~process and criteria for the WaterWorks grant program))~~ this ordinance, is hereby
28 adopted.
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Ordinance 18261 was introduced on 2/1/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/21/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
No: 1 - Mr. Upthegrove
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 30 day of MARCH, 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. WaterWorks Grant Program, dated February 29, 2016

WaterWorks Grant Program

Implementation Guidelines for Project Criteria, Eligibility, Project Selection Process and Administration of Grants

February 29, 2016

Purpose

Up to 1.5% of the annual Wastewater Treatment Division operating budget may be allocated by the King County Council for projects to improve water quality in the Wastewater Treatment Division (“WTD”) service area to leverage or complement the water quality mission of King County’s regional wastewater system.

Funding shall be applied to specific water quality improvement activities, programs, or projects located within the King County wastewater treatment service area and meeting the eligibility criteria below. The provisions below shall apply to projects that receive funding through the WaterWorks grant program.

Criteria

Programs, activities, projects approved for funding must meet the following *eligibility criteria*:

- Create a benefit to or improvement of water quality within WTD’s service area and benefit its ratepayers; and
- Demonstrate that water quality benefits are related to the WTD’s regional water quality responsibilities.

Eligibility to apply for WaterWorks Funds

The following entities are eligible to be recipients of the WaterWorks grant funding:

- Non-Profit groups (including but not limited to associations, community groups, and educational institutions)
- Cities, counties, and special purpose districts
- Tribes

Any other entity (such as a private business) interested in using WaterWorks grant funding would need to partner with an eligible entity.

Staffing

- WTD shall be responsible for administering and staffing the program, utilizing a percentage of program funds to pay for this administration.
- WTD shall develop administrative details of the grants program including development of process, application materials, announcements, review process, grant/contract distribution, tracking, financial accounting, reporting requirements, etc.

Project Selection Process

1. No later than December 31, the County Council may adopt a motion that provides direction for the project selection process, establishing priorities for the subsequent grant application cycle, in addition to and consistent with the eligibility criteria. The County Council shall seek comments from the Regional Water Quality Committee on any such motion.
2. WTD staff will prepare and advertise a request for proposals (RFP) and receive applications on an annual or biennial basis.
3. A WaterWorks Grant Ranking Committee (“Committee”) will review, rank and recommend projects for funding.
 - a. The Committee will be staffed by WTD.
 - b. Beginning with the 2016 grant ranking process, the Committee will be made up of up to thirteen members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by Council as follows:
 - One (1) water quality technical specialist
 - Three (3) representatives from the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), one each representing Seattle, participant cities other than Seattle, and participant sewer districts; and
 - Nine (9) people residing within the WTD service area, one representing each Council district. Each Councilmember may provide the Executive with a nomination to represent the Councilmember’s Council District who shall have experience or expertise in water quality issues. Councilmembers should consider existing MWPAAC representatives already serving on the Committee, to provide dual representation, where feasible. If the Executive does not appoint the person nominated by the Councilmember, the Executive shall request that the Councilmember nominate another person.
 - Members shall serve three-year terms, except that the initial terms for six (6) of the thirteen (13) members shall be for two years. Committee members shall fill the term to which appointed or that portion remaining of an unexpired term. The county executive may reappoint a member to

one additional three-year term subject to confirmation by the county council. A member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

- Vacant seats shall not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum for a meeting of the committee.
4. The Committee will make its recommendation to the County Executive based upon the Criteria and the strength of the applicants to demonstrate:
 - a. **Water Quality Benefits.** Project proposals should be explicit regarding the water quality benefits. Examples of project benefits include:
 - Addressing a water quality problem or implementation of a project to maintain water quality
 - Addressing contaminants entering the system, i.e., pollution prevention, source identification, fats/oils/grease, product stewardship, emerging chemicals, etc.
 - Protecting or improving watersheds, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and tidewaters in the service area.
 - Providing education, on the ground improvement projects, programs, research, technology development, or related ideas.
 - Building awareness of water quality and environmental protection and promotion of behavioral changes for improved water quality gains/outcomes.
 - b. **Implementation Strength.** Strong project applicants will demonstrate the following:
 - Ability to leverage other funding or in-kind donations
 - Community involvement benefits; i.e., strength and diversity of partnerships and community stewardship.
 - Certainty of success in delivery.
 - Cost effectiveness of the proposal.
 - Clear goals and opportunities, and measureable outcomes
 5. The County Executive will confirm the project list or make adjustments.
 6. The County Executive will transmit a recommended project list to the King County Council for adoption by ordinance. The transmittal shall include for each project: a summary description of how the project meets the selection criteria and the recommended project grant amount.
 7. WTD will administer the contracts for approved projects.
 8. WTD staff will provide annual briefings (or as requested) to MWPAAC and the Regional Water Quality Committee on the status of the WaterWorks Grant Program including information on the number of proposals received, projects funded in that year, and summary of completion of past projects.