

Item No. 10b

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South King County Fund Environmental Grants Program

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Action Requested

- Request Commission authorization for the Executive Director to execute up to fourteen (14) contracts through the South King County Fund Environmental Grants Program, for a combined total not to exceed \$217,585.

Airport Community Ecology Fund Small Matching Grants Program

- Launched in 2016 and available to community groups in Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac
- Port has funded 42 projects for a total of \$364,092
- ACE Small Matching Grants Program sunset in 2020
- The balance of \$185,908 will remain available to Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac through the new SKCF Environmental Grants Program



South King County Fund

- Created in 2018 to address airport noise, environmental health and sustainability
- Eight Guiding Principles passed in June 2019
- In 2020, due to impacts of Covid-19, economic development was added
- The 2020 programs are:
 - Small Business Development - \$250,000
 - Economic Recovery Grants Program - \$1 Million
 - Environmental Grants Program - \$250,000



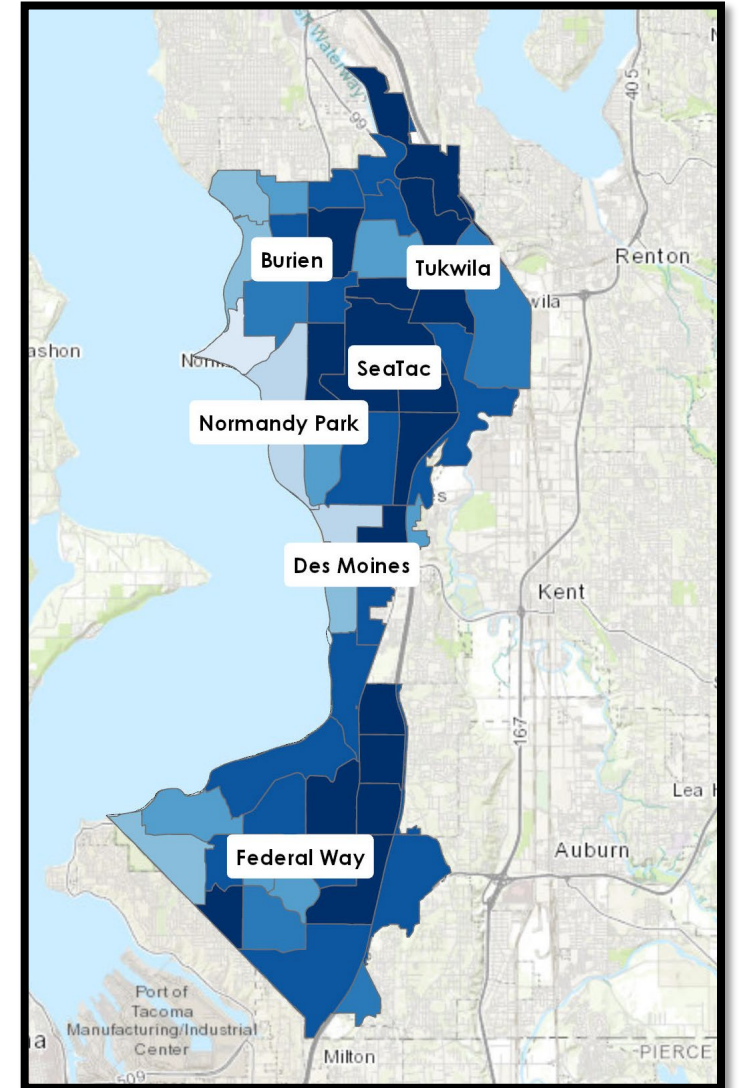
SKCF Environmental Grants Program

- Authority comes from RCW 35.21.278
 - Allows for park or habitat improvement, neighborhood stewardship project, or installation of public art or equipment.
 - Requires 3:1 match
- Contract cap \$20,000
- Eligible cities: Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, SeaTac, Tukwila



South King County Fund Eight Principles

- The Fund will:
 - Be used to fund projects in near-airport communities, with other locations considered on a case-by-case basis
 - Prioritize community input to inform Port decision making
 - Support Port equity policies and practices
 - Provide added benefit to current Port programs
 - Prioritize projects that are ready to proceed
 - Build on established programs and commitments to fulfill current obligations
 - Promote innovation and encourage matching funds where possible



Community Engagement

- After three years of conducting outreach and receiving community feedback regarding the ACE program, several common barriers emerged:
 - Three to one match from RCW 35.21.278.
 - Application process technical challenges
 - Language accessibility



Community Liaison Model

- AV Consulting built an equity-based outreach plan to increase the diversity of applicants
 - Ten liaisons pre-COVID, and eight continued
 - Representing Latinx, African-American, Somali, Congolese, Korean, Bhutanese, Filipino, and Pacific Islander communities



Community Engagement

- The community liaisons:
 - Engaged 10 BIPOC communities
 - Conducted 57 project brainstorm interviews
 - Identified 35 potential project locations
 - Provided cultural and language-specific recommendations to make info session content more accessible
 - Helped drive 32 participants to grant informational sessions (5x increase)
 - Supported six applications from diverse communities



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Community Liaison

- Providence Kamana,
Congolese Integration
Network

Application Process

- **Written Application Process**
 - Led by the Service Agreements team in the Central Procurement Office (CPO)
 - Mirrored what was developed for the Economic Recovery grant process
 - Included sample applications, translated materials, technical assistance support, and a list of fiscal sponsor agencies
- **Applicant Interviews**
 - Interviewed 15 of 16 applicants
 - Committee consisted of three Port reviewers and two community advisors



Community
Advisor

– Anahi Sanchez-Sandoval

Recommended (Liaison-Generated Projects)

Organization Name	Project Name	Cities Served	Requested Amount
Federal Way Korean American Association	Federal Way Korean Garden	Federal Way	\$20,000
Multicultural Self-Sufficiency Movement	Community Garden	Federal Way	\$9,000
Bridging Cultural Gaps	Raising an Environmentally Conscious Generation	Tukwila	\$20,000
Bhutanese Community Resource Center	Engaging and empowering Bhutanese community to local public spaces	Tukwila	\$14,000
Congolese Basketball	Park Improvement and Immigrant Inclusion Project	Tukwila	\$20,000

Recommended (Previous Port Partners)

Organization Name	Project Name	Cities Served	Requested Amount
New Start Community Garden	Art for New Start Community Garden Fence	Burien	\$15,000
Partner in Employment	Youth-Led Park Restoration & Community Clean-Up	SeaTac and Tukwila	\$20,000
EarthCorps	Hill Top Park Restoration & Community Engagement	Burien	\$15,000
Highline Botanical Garden Foundation	Seike Japanese Garden Expansion	SeaTac	\$20,000
Environmental Science Center	Beach Heroes: Fostering Stewardship for Nearshore Habitat	Burien	\$10,000

Recommended (New Organizational Partners)

Organization Name	Project Name	Cities Served	Requested Amount
Friends of Normandy Park Foundation	Marine View Park Forest Restoration	Normandy Park	\$8,683
Summer Search	Expanding Environmental Justice Education and Service Learning	Tukwila	\$20,000
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance	South KC Community Stewardship Project	Tukwila, Burien, Des Moines, and Federal Way	\$10,902
Tilth Alliance	Soil and Water Stewardship Training	Federal Way, Burien and Tukwila	\$15,000
Total			\$217,585

Green City Partnership Coordination

- ACE investment in Forterra for GCP program startup in Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac
- Tukwila part of the Green City network
- Several projects are actively implementing stewardship goals
- Direct coordination between community and cities



Next Steps

- Contracting and project kickoffs in February and March
- External Communications
 - City Council presentations to the Highline Forum cities
 - Video and Blog series to capture the projects and impact
- Internal Communications
 - IDT presentations to further equity-based partnerships with Port staff
- Present policy recommendations for the second round of SKCF in an April Commission meeting
- Continuation of community liaison outreach model through fall of 2021
 - Technical Assistance workshops in English, Spanish and Somali
- Next round of funding Fall 2021

Questions?