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2011–13 PSAR RETURN FUNDS

Allocation Request – Duwamish Gardens (#13-1099)

Background: Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) projects from the 2011–13 biennium have, in some cases, closed under budget and returned unused funds to the Puget Sound region. As of August 3, 2015, \$379,840 was available for redistribution within the region.

The Puget Sound region, in partnership with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), needs to allocate these funds. The PSAR Return Funds policy is described in Appendix B of the 2015 update to Manual 18 and includes the standard Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) cost increase request policy.

Action Request: The following project requires additional funding to complete restoration work within an already approved scope of work and is time sensitive. The watershed's technical and citizen's committee has approved additional funds for this work and do not have local PSAR funds available. Puget Sound region staff have reviewed this request, and have determined that it meets the Return Funds policy and criteria.

This project cost increase request meets the following criteria:

- The project is on the watershed's most current work plan it has been reviewed and approved by the SRFB
- The Lead Entity (LE) and sponsor have submitted a detailed justification of the cost increase
- The project is considered highly time sensitive
- The LE is unable to pull funds from elsewhere to make up the difference
- There are no additional PSAR funds available to their lead entity
- The cost increase request has the support of their lead entity technical and citizen committees
- This request is next in line under the first come, first served policy for granting cost increases to those projects that meet all the other listed criteria.

Request to RCO: Consistent with policy described in Manual 18 and in the attached description – and respecting the time-sensitive nature of this project – the Puget Sound region is requesting that

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RCO authorize the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 Lead Entity's request in the amount of \$163,577 to the City of Tukwila Duwamish Gardens project (#13-1099) for unanticipated costs due to higher than expected construction bids. The overall cost increase for the project is \$400,000 with the City of Tukwila covering \$200,000 of that using their city funds. Tukwila requested \$200,000 from WRIA 9. To respond to this request WRIA 9 is obligating \$36,423 of 2015-17 PSAR funds that they had available. The remaining amount needed is the \$163,577 that is being requested of 2011-13 return funds. The increase in funds will ensure project completion and success. This will leave approximately \$216,263 still available to obligate within the region (this does not include other pending return fund requests).

Attached is the original request from the City of Tukwila to the WRIA 9 lead entity for the \$200,000.

Thank you,



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Request for Returned Funds

Lead Entity: Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9)

Project Title: Duwamish Gardens

PRISM #: 13-1099

Project Sponsor: City of Tukwila

Amount being requested: \$163,577

Please provide the following:

- 1. Justification and need for the cost increase (and any uncertainties associated with the amount)**

The City of Tukwila is requesting an additional \$200,000 from the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum in returned King Conservation District funds, or other funding which may become available, to cover unanticipated costs for the Duwamish Gardens project. Additional funding is required because the construction bid received by the city is higher than expected. Several factors contributed to this increase including rising construction costs due to an improving economy, mitigation measures required after cultural resources were found on-site, and added site area resulting from a pending land exchange that will extend the project downstream to encompass an additional 250 feet of shoreline. The overall funding shortfall is approximately \$400,000. In addition to the \$200,000 requested from the WRIA 9 Ecosystem Forum, Tukwila staff is requesting approval from the Tukwila City Council to use city funds for the remaining \$200,000 shortfall.

Previous grants awarded for construction include King County Cooperative Watershed Management, King Conservation District (WRIA 9 Forum), Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration, and City of Tukwila. The project is expected to go to construction in July 2015.

funding towards the Duwamish Transition Zone and this funding will help us work towards that goal.

4. Description of project

The City of Tukwila will create shallow water habitat on a 2.5 acre site on the right bank of the Duwamish River immediately downstream of river mile 7.0. The site is in the high priority "transition zone" between fresh and salt water, which provides the appropriate range of salinities for juvenile Chinook and chum to transition to salt water. Off-channel and shallow water habitats in this stretch of the Duwamish will provide opportunities for juvenile fish to move out of the main channel to habitats where they can eat, rest and grow. Longer residence times in the estuary allow for larger, healthier smolts prior to ocean migration. When restored, the site will be the largest off-channel habitat between the Codiga Farms restoration at RM 8.5 and North Wind's Weir restoration at RM 6.4.

The new habitat will be created by excavating approximately 30,000 cubic yards of material to establish approximately one acre of shallow water mudflat and marsh habitat and approximately one and a half acres of uplands planted with native vegetation.

The project will provide another viewpoint on the river across from the popular Green River Trail. The viewpoint will include interpretive signs on the cultural resources, historical, and ecological features of the site. Tukwila is one of the most diverse cities in the nation. This project addresses equity and social justice by providing much needed open space and river access for the community.

5. Original budget plus the costs associated with the request

Construction Bid (low bidder)	\$2,447,346
Contingency	\$244,734
Total Funding Needed	\$2,692,080
Funding Available	\$2,292,080
FUNDING SHORTFALL	\$400,000