

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT
GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 26th, 2022
5:00 PM to 6:15 PM – via Teleconference Only**Zoom Link:**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93675999679>
Call in Number: (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID936 7599 9679
Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1. Preliminary Matters
a) Introductions
b) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
c) Adoption of the Board Agenda | 5:00 PM – 5:05 PM |
| 2. Public Comment | 5:05 PM – 5:10 PM |
| 3. Presentation
a) Review Competitive Grant Recommendations from Regional Food System Working Group (pg. 1) – Saavedra | 5:10 PM – 5:25 PM |
| 4. Amendments
a) New Day Cooperative Distribution – BIPOC & LGBTQ Farmer CSA Pickup Site (pg. 2) - Saavedra | 5:25 PM – 5:40 PM |
| 5. Close Outs
a) City of Bellevue – Natural Resource Videos (pgs. 3-5) - Saavedra
b) City of Tukwila – Green Tukwila Implementation 2020-21 (pgs. 6-15) - Saavedra | 5:40 PM – 6:15 PM |

Total Grant Applications Submitted - 2022 Regional Food System Grant Program Competitive Grant Round

Organization Name	Project Name	Grant Amount Requested
"Cart before Horse" Farm	Post-incubator shared farmland: "Cart before Horse" Farm second phase improvements	\$20,843.46
African Community Housing & Development	Solidarity Kitchens: Supporting Farmers & Food Entrepreneurs of Color	\$50,000.00
Alimentando al Pueblo	Food Distrubution	\$50,000.00
Carnation Farmers Market	Food Access & Education at Carnation Farmers Market: Ingredients of a nourished, inclusive community	\$49,000.00
City Fruit	Sharing the Harvest	\$25,000.00
Feed Seven Generations	Generating Engaged Native Growers (Gen-G)☐	\$50,000.00
Friendly Hmong Farms	Friendly Hmong Farms Documentary	\$36,500.00
Living Well Kent	BIPOC Producer Partnership	\$50,000.00
Local Yokels Market LLC	Local Yokels Expansion Project	\$50,000.00
Mission West Community Development Partners	Better Together: Connecting local institutions & producers of color through the NW Food Hub Network	\$45,500.00
Muslimah Against Abuse Center	MAAC's Food Drive	\$50,000.00
Plateau Outreach Ministries	Plateau Outreach Ministries (POM) Food Bank Hub	\$3,000.00
Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition dba Rainier B	Rainier Beach Mobile Food Hub	\$50,000.00
Rainier Valley Food Bank	Farm Fresh Food at Rainier Valley Food Bank	\$20,000.00
Seattle Economic Development Fund dba Business Impact NW	Food & Farm Business Incubator for Washington Small Farm & Agricultural Food Businesses	\$50,000.00
Seattle Good Business Network	Regional Food System Trade Conference	\$50,000.00
SnoValley Tilth	Assessing and Implementing Business Smart Farm Practices	\$31,065.00
Stewardship Partners	Salmon-Safe Certification and Marketing	\$30,000.00
Sustainable Renton	Sustainable Renton Community Farm Expansion	\$9,958.61
The Silent Task Force dba Urban Food Systems Pact	UFSP Emergency Food Distribution	\$50,000.00
The Soos Creek Botanical Garden Foundation	Roof Replacement of Hoop House Project	\$4,000.00
Tilth Alliance dba Seattle Tilth	Eat Local King County: Growing King Counties Local Food Economy	\$49,960.00
Vashon Island Growers Association (VIGA)	Building Vashon's Grain Processing Capacity	\$35,500.00
WA Hmong Farmers Cooperative	Washington Hmong Farmers Cooperative Delivery Vehicle	\$50,000.00
Washington Water Trust	Farm Demonstration of Recycled Water Irrigation in the Sammamish Agricultural Production District	\$49,954.00
Weed Warriors	Urban Food Gardening Education	\$44,200.00
YouthCare	YouthCare's YouthGrow	\$33,000.00
		\$1,037,481.07



Regional Food System Grant Program Agreement Amendment Request

Instructions: To request an amendment to your Grant Award, complete this form and submit it to the King Conservation District. You will receive a written response back from the District either approving or denying the request. Attach any supporting documents you think will aid the review of your request.

Grantee: New Day Cooperative Distribution

Project Title: BIPOC and LGBTQ-Farmer CSA Pickup Site

Project

Number: _____

Agreement Year: 2022

Request to Amend Grant Award in the following manner (check all applicable categories and provide details in space provided below or attachments where indicated):

Change the Project Completion Date from _____ **to** _____

- ☐ Extend project up to 90 days past original completion date
- ☐ Extend project in excess of 90 days past original completion date
- ☐ Extend project due to permit and/or construction delays
- ☐ Other (e.g., matching funds delayed)

Change the Project Scope of Work (attach completed Scope of Work Revision Detail form).

- ☐ Increase scope of work at same funding level
- ☐ Decrease scope of work at same funding level
- ☐ Other (describe and provide explanation below)

Change the Project Budget (attach completed Budget Revision Detail Form).

- ☐ Reallocate funds among awarded budget item(s) within 10% of total grant award
- ☐ Reallocate funds to new budget item(s) within 10% of total award
- ☐ Revise budget in excess of 10% of total grant award
- ☐ Other (describe and provide explanation below)

Other Category of Revision.

- ☒ Change applicant/principle partners without change in scope of work and funding level
- ☐ Other (describe and provide explanation below)

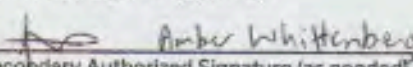
Request Annual Renewal of Strategic Initiative Grant from _____ **to** _____

- ☐ Renew Strategic Initiative Grant for an additional year through _____
- ☐ Authorize additional grant funding for renewal period
- ☐ Other (describe and provide explanation below)

Describe the proposed amendment, identify how the new proposal differs from the awarded grant, and provide the reason/justification for the request (attach additional pages if more space is needed).

After discussion and consent from New Day Cooperative, Local Yokels Market LLC is requesting transfer of equipment purchased and remaining \$2000 from this grant to continue the mission laid out in the original grant at 8416 5th Ave NE: the space New Day occupied before closing. We have taken over the space and plan to continue our 100% local low waste grocery delivery service from this location and open the store New Day intended the space to be.

Authorized Signature, Grantee


Secondary Authorized Signature (as needed)

Date

9/15/22
Date

- ☐ Request approved
- ☐ Request denied (see attached for explanation)
- ☐ Additional information requested (see attached for requested information)

Authorized Signature, King Conservation District

Date



**King Conservation District
Member Jurisdiction Grant Program
Grant Agreement Close Out**

Grant Summary Information

Recipient: City of Bellevue

Project Title: Natural Resource Animated Short Videos

Project Description: We want to produce 3 or 4 short, animated videos to educate people on wildlife interactions, proper park etiquette, and the value of trees. Videos will be shown before Movies in the Park and other Bellevue social media sites.

Funding Source and Year: KCD-Bellevue Member Jurisdiction Funds

Start Date: 09/28/2020

End Date: 04/30/2021

Date Awarded: 10/12/2020

Grant Budget Summary

Returned Funds:

Payment Summary

Award Amount: \$24,000.00

Amount Returned: \$1,808.14 to Bellevue funds

Amount Paid to Date: -0-

Amount Spent: \$22,191.86

Date Returned: n/a

Final Payment: \$22,191.86
Date: After KCD signs this form

Amendment Request Summary:

Yes N/A Notes:

Scope of Work Revision:

☐ ☒

Budget Revision:

☒ ☐

To reflect actual total expenditures

Completion Date Extension:

☐ ☒

Copies of Work Product (check box or describe below)

☐ Designs/Plans

☐ Brochures/Publications

☐ Curricula

☐ Photos

☒ Video(s)

☐ Sign Mock-Ups

The following videos have been added to our Partners Playlist on KCD's YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbCevejPH8Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yzqz2PPqPag>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9sXTL9HSuA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjjVoPLTOxA>

KCD Acknowledgement: Each video produced with this grant has KCD logo which is prominently displayed during the end message and translated messages.

Site Visit

Date:

N/A: ☒

Description:

Planting Projects:

Maintenance/Monitoring

Needs to be tracked: ☐

Ongoing until: _____

Completed: ☐ N/A: ☒

Reporting Summary: Yes No Notes:

Progress Reports: ☒ ☐

Expense Reports: ☒ ☐

Final Reports: ☒ ☐

Project Accomplishments and Successes

The City of Bellevue accomplished our goal of producing four (4) animated videos which have and will continue to benefit the management goals of Bellevue Parks & Community Services. The videos address dogs off-leash, cutting vegetation on parks property, feeding wildlife, and urban wildlife interactions. The fun to watch, and highly informative videos will bring comedy and a light-hearted reminder of the positive ways to be a good neighbor and park patron.

Regional Benefits

Constant reminders and education by park rangers on the topics of the videos becomes background noise to people who need to hear it most. These videos give the information in a way that's fun to watch and with a comedic style, not just for residents of Bellevue, but for people all around the area who may be tired of hearing the messages in other forms. The topics translate to any municipality. The message can benefit anyone in the region, and with translations of the text into eight (8) different languages, the benefits are for not just English speakers, but those who are only fluent in the eight most common languages in the region.

Obstacles and Challenges

The biggest challenge to this project was working with an animation firm based in Boulder, CO. The animators had never been to the area, and were unfamiliar with both the physical locations and the audience we were trying to reach. Communication was always either by telephone, email, or zoom video conferences. Without face-to-face communication and working in different time zones, it was sometimes difficult to explain little nuances in wording, the way a scene looked, or how a topic might be perceived. The animation studio did a wonderful job of overcoming these obstacles and created amazing results.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Future Projects

1. It's always going to take longer than expected to get steps done when working with others in different physical locations.
2. Open and constant communication is key to making sure projects are on track. Assuming others have all the information they need can stall movement, even when it's accidental.

3. Sharing information with the rest of the organization can make projects better. The City of Bellevue Utilities Department was so inspired by our project that they paid to create two additional videos from the same animation studio to build on the environmentally positive messages. Their videos, using the same style, animation, and messaging are a perfect complement to those created with the KCD funding.

I certify that the project has been completed, all expenditures have been paid, and the final report has been received by the District.

_____,
District Representative

Date: _____

I certify that the project has been completed, all expenditures have been reported, and the final report has been completed and submitted to the District.

Dustin Van Nieulande _____,

Grant Recipient

Name:

Title: Park Ranger

Date: 09/06/2022



King Conservation District Member Jurisdiction Grant Program Grant Agreement Close Out

Grant Summary Information

Recipient: City of Tukwila

Project Title: Green Tukwila Implementation 2020-2021

Project Description: Building upon the Green Tukwila program by growing expanding stewardship opportunities, increasing education and outreach initiatives, implementing pilot park improvement project, and continuing to build capacity within Tukwila.

Funding Source and Year: KCD-Tukwila Member Jurisdiction 2017-2020 funds

Start Date: 04/01/2020

End Date: 12/31/2021

Date Awarded: 08/10/2020

Grant Budget Summary

Returned Funds:

Payment Summary

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Amount Returned: \$n/a

Amount Paid to Date: -0-

Amount Spent: \$30,000.00

Date Returned: n/a

Final Payment: \$30,000
Date: After KCD signs this form

Amendment Request Summary:

Yes N/A Notes:

Scope of Work Revision: ☐ ☒

Budget Revision: ☐ ☒

Completion Date Extension: ☐ ☒

Copies of Work Product (check box or describe below)

☐ Designs/Plans

☐ Brochures/Publications

☐ Curricula

☒ Photos

☐ Video

☐ Sign Mock-Ups

Other:

KCD Acknowledgement: KCD has been acknowledged on all printed materials and webpages for Green Tukwila and Adopt-A-Spot.

www.TukwilaWA.gov/GreenTukwila

www.TukwilaWA.gov/Adopt-A-Spot

Online Forms w/ KCD logo:

<https://form.jotform.com/201674585579066>

<https://form.jotform.com/91706565284161>

<https://form.jotform.com/91855486025161>

Site Visit

Date: **9/20/22**

N/A: ☐

Description: KCD staff met Tukwila staff at Tukwila Park and Duwamish Hill Preserve. Tukwila staff gave us a comprehensive background on each park. They explained that before work parties began here, the entire park was covered in ivy. Each group that comes in focuses on a specific area and they start by removing the ivy from the ground and cutting survival rings on the tree trunks. In 2021, most of the work parties at Tukwila Park were private events requested by specific community groups. While the focus of work parties is restoration activities such as removing invasive weeds and planting native plants, each get together was a chance to raise awareness in the community about the importance of stewarding open spaces for all to enjoy. As all cities are keenly aware, trash and illegal activities are prevalent now more than ever in our city parks, however the Green Tukwila and Adopt-A-Spot programs have developed community ownership of the parks and brought in positive activities into the park. Green Tukwila has been successful because of this ownership that different community groups have developed in the focus parks. From businesses to youth employment groups, a tremendous amount of labor and improvement has occurred.

This project isn't without its challenges. With limited funding, the city brought in a contractor to inject herbicide into invasive trees such as laurel. They also propagated and moved snowberry plants to other parts of the parks to save money on plants. The Port of Seattle's funding emphasizes re-establishing canopy cover in the area, so most of the plants they pay for are trees, while understory plants are also needed. Another challenge is the need for irrigation at Tukwila Park. KCD mentioned installing a cistern and hoses to water some of the areas. During this very dry period, newly planted plants are struggling. There is also high demand inside the city for the KCD funding so they are anticipating having even less outside funding for this work in the future.

At Duwamish Hill preserve, we learned about the long history of the site, which was once called Grandmother's Hill and it continues to be a site significant to local indigenous tribes. The site has an outdoor shooting range nearby for the Seattle Police department and another side is flanked by a creosote factory which makes poles for Seattle City Light. Seattle City Light maintains a buffer of native plants near the park. The proximity of the outdoor shooting range does limit volunteer participation somewhat. There is beautiful signage about Indigenous history and usage of native plants. There is a large toolbox on site to store tools and supplies. Several restoration events have included Indigenous and community artists playing musical instruments and storytelling about the history of the site.

Due to KCD funding, these five parks have been cared for and adopted by the community. According to city staff, this volume of work and investment would not have happened otherwise. The city is wisely choosing to not expand the number of sites they are working on for this program.

The city generously offered their meeting facilities for future partnership projects to offer workshops or tours.

Planting Projects:

Maintenance/Monitoring ☒ Ongoing: by the city and community groups

Completed: ☐ N/A: ☐

Reporting Summary: Yes No Notes:

Progress Reports: ☒ ☐

Expense Reports: ☒ ☐

Project Accomplishments and Successes

In March 2017, the Tukwila City Council adopted a 20-year Stewardship Plan, and the Green Tukwila Program (GTP) initiative soon followed. In 2018 and 2019, with support from KCD funding, staff initiated the first steps towards developing the Green Tukwila Program. In 2020 and 2021, staff dedicated 75% of their workload towards developing and sustaining Green Tukwila and the new Adopt-A-Spot programs with support from KCD. Despite the challenges that COVID-19 presented, the Green Tukwila and Adopt-A-Spot program continued to grow in interest and stewards.

Green Tukwila restoration program was paused for four months in 2020 and reopened with limited opportunities for volunteers and crews due to safety related to COVID-19. The program had to be flexible and creative to keep the community involved during this time. Green Tukwila posted environmental education and news on Tukwila Parks and Recreation's Facebook page and Instagram account. The program started a Facebook group, "Green Tukwila, community conversation" topics include but are not limited to native plants, gardening, water conservation, regional updates or highlights concerning the environment, fundamental ecology, and partner opportunities. The program worked with the Duwamish Alive Coalition to create "The Green-Duwamish Journey," an onsite activity book full of environmental education, highlighting multiple sites in Tukwila, including the Duwamish Hill Preserve. This guidebook is still used as a tool today. City staff represented Tukwila in regional coalitions and meetings, including Regreen the Green, Green Cities Partnership, Duwamish Alive Coalition, and The City Nature Challenge. Staff also formed a cross-departmental, in-house committee in Tukwila called the Environmental Committee to discuss all Tukwila's projects, issues, and concerns.

The most significant accomplishment during 2020 was creating the Adopt-A-Spot, community lead, litter clean-up program. This program responded to COVID-19 safety guidelines and the continuing growing litter issue within the city. The program was launched in July 2020 online, in parks, and with a large banner at the community center. Residents jumped at the opportunity to get outside and make a positive impact. Park Stewards went through a short training and were equipped with bags and a trash grabber; stewards adopt a local park and clean up at minimum four times a year on their own time. As the community was encouraged not to travel and use local parks for mental health, the trash issue grew. In just six months, the program has eight Park Stewards, eight locations, put in 97 volunteer hours, and cleaned up 67 bags of litter. The community requested one-time clean-ups and private events for businesses and community groups. In 2021 the program had 15 Park Stewards, 9 locations, 389 volunteer hours, and cleaned up 316 bags of litter. Cascade Water Alliance and Tukwila's recycling contractor are putting together water quality information, litter stats, and actions items to continue educating Park Stewards for this program in 2022.

In 2020 the focus of Green Tukwila was to support professional crew work, partner relationships, and resident Forest Stewards. Work parties were small, and the volunteer pool was almost obsolete due to COVID-19. As time went on, this changed, and Forest Stewards emerged more vital than ever after six months of focused work in small groups. Despite the challenges in 2020, 161 volunteers worked 451 field hours in the program. The partnership as a whole made a large impact, 319,538 sq feet of invasive plants removed, 1,983 trees planted, and 3,189 understory plants installed.

The Green Tukwila Forest program exploded in 2021. Volunteers returned in high numbers, and the South King County Community Impact Fund Environmental Grants Program was launched for organizations. Adopt-A-Spot, Park Steward, Debbie Gordon signed on as a Forest Steward and activated Riverton Park for two recurring monthly work parties. Partner in Employment started a youth-based, Green Jobs training program. The Bhutanese Community Resource Center became stewards of Tukwila Park. Summer Search and Bridging Cultural Gaps received funding for large tree plantings, one at Tukwila Park and one at Duwamish Hill Preserve. New energy and events blossomed within the safety protocols of COVID-19. Green Tukwila had a record year for plantings, 398 volunteers worked 5,111 hours restoring parks and green spaces. The Green Tukwila partnership planted 2,173 trees, 3189 planted understory plants, and cleared 1,106,845 of sq feet of invasive plants.

Green Tukwila partnered with Nature Vision to offer a pilot program of in-person environmental education. Cascade Water Alliance funded this partnership. In 2021 Nature Vision worked with Partner in Employment and launched the first public adult workshop, Watershed Ecology. All workshops were based in the field and well attended. The community is interested in environmental education and opportunities that are not restoration-based but still create a connection to the land. The partnership will be continuing in 2022.

Throughout the past four years, the Green Tukwila program has gained momentum, positive attention and demonstrated the need for full-time staff support. The community wants sustainable, healthy parks and green spaces in Tukwila and the region. There is a desire for environmental education, the history of the land, and inclusive ways to make Tukwila a better place for people and wildlife. KCD funding has provided the support to grow this program over the last four years. Tukwila Parks and Recreation is proud to announce that the staff position in 2022 is now city-funded, and 75% will continue to go to Green Tukwila programming to sustain and grow this community-driven, meaningful work.

Regional Benefits

Healthy forested parks and green spaces offer a wide variety of benefits to the region. Healthy ecosystems provide cleaner water and air, biodiversity of native plants supports local wildlife, and healthy green spaces offer recreational opportunities that connect people to nature and improve mental health. The program protects the existing tree canopy by eradicating invasive plants and encourages the next generation of healthy forests. These spaces continue to process stormwater runoff, creating shade and cooling during hot summers and providing habitat for wildlife.

Obstacles and Challenges

The most significant obstacle and challenge of the last two years was, and still is, COVID-19. As COVID-19 swept across the region, programming paused; as we learned more about COVID-19, work was able to continue with strict guidelines for safety. The absence of work parties quickly took over sites suffering from aggressive invasives such as Moring Glory and Himalayan Blackberry. Volunteers stayed home or stopped volunteering to avoid working in group settings. The program was thankful for dedicated stewards, green training programs, community groups, and partner organizations during this time.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Future Projects

During COVID-19 the switch to smaller work parties, more often, and partnerships with community groups were successful. The smaller work parties did not complete as much work but did a thorough job creating stronger bonds between participants and the land. Environmental education conversations went deep with smaller groups, individual attention to ensure tasks were completed correctly and, participants understood the science behind the work. There were more opportunities for people to get involved by hosting more work parties. The Green Tukwila program will be shying away from 40+ people at volunteer work parties in future programming.

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Grant Recipient

Name: *Jess Kory*

Title: *Parks & Rec Manager*

Date: *9/21/22*



Duwamish Hill Preserve 2021

- Work parties: 7
- Volunteers: 95
- Volunteer hours: 346.75
- Youth Training: 7 youth, 49 hours
- Square footage of invasive removal: 21,668
- Trees planted: 200
- Native Shrubs: 21

Duwamish Hill Preserve hosted six city-supported work parties in 2021. Friends of the Hill, 5 person dedicated Forest Steward team, was grateful to see city support return to the site. The work parties

removed Himalayan Blackberry, Scotch Broom and planted trees. Friends of the Hill hosted six public work parties and Partner In Employment brought the youth training program once.





Cottonwood Corner, 128th St. Parcel

- Work parties: 7
- Volunteers: 92
- Volunteer hours: 241
- Square footage of invasive removal: 3,100
- Trees planted: 25
- Native Shrubs: 8

Cottonwood Corner is city supported with Forest Steward Heidi Watters and her girls Greta and Morgan. The Homeschool Stewardship Squad and local neighbors participate in work parties. 2020 was a hard year on the site due to Morning Glory and Himalayan

Blackberry, 2021 was a catch up year on these invasive plants. Cottonwood Corner is on it's 4 year of Japanese Knotweed treatment. This site is a perfect for young volunteers to get dirty and let nature be the teacher.





Tukwila Park

- Work parties: 18
- Volunteers: 124
- Volunteer hours: 679
- Youth Training: 26 youth, 414 hours
- Square footage, invasive removal: 26,627
- Trees planted: 231
- Native Shrubs: 306

Tukwila Park is a base site for so many partner organizations and Green Tukwila Day. Due to location, just above Southcenter, the site has great bus access and is easy to locate off the interstates. In 2021 Partern in Employment ran multiple crew days for their Youth Training Program, by becoming steward of a section of the park, they will see growth and change overtime. The Bhutanese Community Resource Center was new to restoration and ran a series of private work parties on the backside of the park and hosted a large planting event in the fall. Tukwila Park is the home of Green Tukwila Day, safety protocols only allowed 20 volunteers for the event, the community came together to plant understory natives. This year the focus was learning about native plants and forest ecology.





Crystal Springs Park

- Work parties: 10
- Volunteers: 63
- Volunteer hours: 211
- Youth Training: 5 youth, 75 hours
- Square footage, invasive removal: 62,506
- Trees planted: 22
- Native Shrubs: 328

Crystal Springs Park is stewarded by Forterra and McKinstry Construcitoin company. In the beginning of 2021 McKinstry Construction was not offering volunteer opportunities for their staff due to COVID-

19. Partner in Employment's Youth Training program and Forterra's restoration team jumped in to continue site maintenance and planting plans. Later in the year McKinstry Construction returned to remove invasive blackberry, ivy and plant.





2021





**1,106,845 sq ft
of invasive plants
removed or
23 Football fields.**



**Native Plantings
2,173 Trees
3,189 Plants
5,000 Seeds**



**Volunteers
398 Volunteers
1,511 Hours
11 Partner
Organizations**

**Green Tukwila Partnership had a stellar year, breaking records and expectations.
The Partnership is growing by working with community partners,
organizations and local Forest Stewards,
Join us today, www.TukwilaWA.gov/GreenTukwila**

