

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Shauna Neigh, Project Coordinator

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT A PLANNING LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO UPDATE THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND TREATMENT MASTER PLAN

DATE: November 22, 2023

Background

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality operates and receives loan requests for planning applications for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The next loan application is due December 1, 2023. The CWSRF program is a federal-state partnership that provides low-cost (.8%) financing to communities for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects, including municipal wastewater facilities, nonpoint source pollution control, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, stormwater runoff mitigation, green infrastructure, estuary protection, and water reuse.

The City of Cottage Grove last completed a Stormwater Drainage Master Plan in 2015. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Planning Loan can be used to finance the updated 2024 Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Master Plan (SDTMP). With this program there is a possibility of up to 100% forgiveness. CWSRFs target is critical green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency improvements, and other environmentally innovative activities, in which this project complies


Staff is requesting the support of the City Council for the submittal of a planning loan application of \$300,000 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purpose of completing an updated 2024 Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Master Plan (SDTMP) with a possibility of 100% forgiveness.

Recommendation

That the City Council adopt the attached draft Resolution demonstrating its support of the City's Planning Loan Application for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide funds to update the City of Cottage Grove 2024 Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Master Plan.

Cost

Staff time. The Stormwater Master Plan is a 2023-24 budget approved project drawing funds from the Reserve Fund. Should this project be approved, this will free funds for other necessary projects.



David Clyne, City Manager-Pro Tem



Shauna Neigh, Project Coordinator

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT A PLANNING LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO UPDATE THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND TREATMENT MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove last completed a Stormwater Drainage and Master Plan in 2015 and has been notified by DEQ that there are planning loan funds available, through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, to support completing an updated 2024 Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Master Plan (SDTMP) with a possibility of up to 100% forgiveness; and

WHEREAS, to update the SDTMP it is appropriate to complete an assessment to the true state of the City's storm water drainage and create a plan for treatment and infrastructure improvement to continue to meet the environmental requirements of the DEQ; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Master Plan will address emerging contaminants, to which DEQ notified, upon approval, the possibility of 100% forgiveness to the loan; and

WHEREAS, the DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund application requires an adopted Resolution demonstrating the support of the City Council for the requested project funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove has advertised a request for proposal and accepted a bid with West Yost to complete the necessary assessment and upon completion will provide a complete update to the 2015 Stormwater Drainage Master Plan which has been approved in the 2023-24 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the planning loan application submission is December 1, 2023 and it is recommended by staff that the City apply for the necessary funding to complete the necessary studies allowing for a full Stormwater Master Plan Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council demonstrates its commitment to support an application for a DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Planning Loan to fund the 2024 Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Master Plan, by allowing the City Manager, Pro – Tem, to sign the necessary documents and allow the use of staff time to investigate the increase the likelihood of funding with a possibility of up to 100% forgiveness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

APPROVED:

Candace Solesbee, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

Date: _____