

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	6	Name:	Michelle Clark
Proposed No.:	FCD Resolution No 2020-19	Date:	September 2, 2020

SUBJECT

FCD Resolution No 2020-19: A Resolution relating to the operations and finances of the King County Flood Control District; authorizing the expenditure of District funds for the projects and activities in accordance with the Flood Reduction Grants.

In its seventh year, this innovative grant program funds smaller non-CIP projects supporting local communities (cities, home owner associations, school districts, businesses, no-profits, etc.). The Flood Reduction Grant program provides grant funding for projects with flood reduction benefits, including but not limited to, surface water overflows, near shore flooding, lake flooding due to outflow blockage, or the clearance of clogged agricultural drainage systems. This year the King County Flood Control District ("District") received 25 grant requests totaling \$8,145,679. Available funding in 2020 is \$3,349,574. The review committee recommends awarding Flood Reduction Grants totaling \$3,347,000.

Grant availability was announced this spring through press releases, posting to the District website, and outreach by supervisors and their staff. The original deadline for applying was June 16th and was extended to June 30th.

Applicants included 1 neighborhood development association, 1 homeowners association, 1 watershed improvement district, 2 drainage districts, 3 non-profits, 13 cities, King County.

King County Water and Land Resources Division grants and stormwater staff reviewed the projects for eligibility and visited project sites for technical review. A review panel consisting of Josh Baldi, Director of King County Water and Land Resources Division; Austin Bell, former Burien city councilmember and Michelle Clark, King County Flood Control District Executive Director reviewed the grant requests and met via Zoom to make recommendations to the District supervisors.

The review panel unanimously recommends full funding for 7 projects, removing 1 project from the grant list and adding it to the District's 6-year CIP (City of Bellevue project) and partial funding for 16 other projects. The review panel recommends denying 1 application.