



STAFF REPORT

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| Agenda Item: | 7 | Name: | Michelle Clark |
| Proposed No.: | FCD Resolution No 2021-10 | Date: | September 14, 2021 |

SUBJECT

FCD Resolution No 2021-10: 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 eighth 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 is the first year that the Grant Program is expanded to include three new grants to provide funding for projects addressing the countywide flooding issues of urban streams, coastal erosion/coastal flooding; and culvert replacement/fish passage restoration. Governments, tribes, and non-profits are eligible for these three new grant streams. This year the King County Flood Control District ("District") received 37 grant requests (14 Original Flood Reduction Grant; 8 culvert replacement/fish passage; 2 coastal erosion/coastal flooding; 13 urban streams) totaling \$11,878,399. Available funding in 2020 is \$12,000,000. The review committee recommends awarding Flood Reduction Grants totaling \$10,644,813.

Grant availability was announced this spring through press releases, posting to the District website, and outreach by supervisors and their staff. The deadline for applying was May 21st.

Applicants included 1 neighborhood development association, 3 homeowners associations, 1 watershed improvement district, 2 drainage districts, 8 non-profits, 11 cities, 1 Public Utility, 1 Conservation District, King County Housing Authority, and 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 34 projects and partial funding for 1 project. The review panel recommends denying 2 applications.