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Sent via email to:
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John Mauro, City Manager
City of Port Townsend
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**RE: 2023-2025 Shoreline Planning Competitive (SPC) Grant
Port Townsend SMP Permit Streamlining and SLR Mitigation Project
Agreement No. SEASPC-2325-Portoc-00020**

Dear John Mauro:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed the evaluation and scoring process and finalized the funded project list for the Shoreline Planning Competitive Grant Program. I am pleased to inform you that the **Port Townsend SMP Permit Streamlining and SLR Mitigation Project** has been selected for funding. Ecology is offering a grant award of **\$222,890.00** for the completion of this project.

The following Ecology Project Team is assigned to your project:

- Michelle McConnell, Project Manager, michelle.mcconnell@ecy.wa.gov or 360-701-5262.
- Layne Slone, Financial Manager, layne.slone@ecy.wa.gov or 360-867-8171.

The Ecology Project Manager will contact you to begin negotiating the grant agreement. If you have any questions regarding this offer letter, please contact your Project Manager.

Grant start and end date

The grant effective start date and end date of the project will be negotiated with your Ecology Project Team. The anticipated **start date is no sooner than October 2, 2023**, and the end date is **no later than June 30, 2025**. The grant cannot be extended past June 30, 2025. Eligible project costs incurred within the effective dates are reimbursable.

Background

The Washington State budget includes funding for local governments to keep Shoreline Master Programs up to date that is allotted according to a set schedule ([RCW 90.58.080](https://leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.58.080)).¹ Because no updates (periodic reviews) are required in the 2023-25 biennium, the entirety of the \$3.2 million in funding is being applied to the Shoreline Planning Competitive (SPC) Grant Program.

¹ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.58.080>

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The purpose of the SPC Grant Program is to support local shoreline planning and planning-related efforts that advance climate resilience, improve the implementation of SMPs, or support local shoreline planning priorities. Projects funded through this grant program do not need to directly result in SMP amendments but are expected to serve the public interest² and support the policy of the Shoreline Management Act ([RCW 90.58.020](#)).³

For more information about the 23-25 Shoreline Planning Competitive Grant Program, please see the [2023-25 Shoreline Planning Competitive \(SPC\) Grants Funding Guidelines](#).⁴

For general requirements of Ecology's grant Recipients, please see the [Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans \(2023 Yellow Book, Pub. No. 23-01-002\)](#).⁵

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Joenne McGerr, Program Manager
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

cc: Judy Surber, Planning Manager, jsturber@cityofpt.us
Sarah Tiffany, Project Adm. Asst., stiffany@cityofpt.us
Michelle McConnell, Ecology PM
Layne Slone, Ecology FM

² "Public interest" means the interest shared by the citizens of the state or community at large in the affairs of government, or some interest by which their rights or liabilities are affected including, but not limited to, an effect on public property or on health, safety, or general welfare resulting from a use or development (WAC 173-27-030.14).

³ <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=90.58>

⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2306007.html>

⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2301002.html>

