



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee**
FROM: **Jen Tetatzin, Public Works Director**
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CC: **Mayor McLeod**
DATE: **October 24, 2025**
SUBJECT: **Surface Water Fund – NPDES Permit Implementation**
Project No. 99341210
2025-2027 Department of Ecology Stormwater Capacity Grant

ISSUE

Accept a Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) Stormwater Capacity grant award for \$130,000 to support National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program activities and supplies necessary for permit implementation.

BACKGROUND

In August 2025, Staff applied to the Capacity program to fund activities that improve water quality by reducing stormwater pollutants discharged into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), the Green/Duwamish River, and the Puget Sound.

This is a non-competitive grant awarded to Phase I and Phase II NPDES municipal permittees and is awarded biennially.

DISCUSSION

In September 2025, City staff were notified that we received the full grant award of \$130,000. The City has historically used this funding to support public outreach campaigns, education, staff training, identification and removal of illicit stormwater discharges, and equipment costs. The period of performance for this award is July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City was awarded a \$130,000 grant from the DOE with no local City matching funds required.

	<u>Project Budget</u>
DOE Grant Award	\$130,000.00
Total	\$130,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Council is being asked to accept a DOE Stormwater Capacity program grant for NPDES permit activities in the amount of \$130,000 and consider this item on the Consent Agenda at the November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting.

CITY OF TUKWILA CAPITAL PROJECT SUMMARY

2025 to 2030

PROJECT:		NPDES Program				Project #	99341210	
Project Manager	Russell Betteridge				Department	Surface Water		
DESCRIPTION:	Provide programmatic implementation support of the State DOE Phase II Western Washington NPDES permit. The Annual Surface Water Management Plan specifies a NPDES reporting and action plan for City compliance. The services/supplies funds will also include any illicit discharge (spill cleanup) costs that may occur in the City's right-of-way.							
JUSTIFICATION:	State Mandated Permit "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Western Washington". Federal Clean Water Act and Additional State Waste Discharge Permit RCW 90.48. NPDES requirements are ongoing with new permit requirements every 5 years (2024-2029). Requirements cover all divisions of the city including Public Works, Golf/Parks, Police, Planning, and Facilities. Costs shown include emergency supplies, testing equipment, Lab testing fees, and annual consultant support. Added requirements require changes to conform with NEW requirements, e.g. New Inspection and street sweeping requirements will require more staff time to complete and document as well as new equipment and supplies.							
STATUS:	Currently Compliant with new permit updates in the planning phase.							
MAINTENANCE IMPACT:	The City is typically granted Capacity Grant funds to cover much of the coordination expenses and some of the additional expenses. Each division should track costs incurred to manage pollution such as spill kits, staff time for surface water pollution prevention inspections on qualifying city facilities and during field operations within the jurisdiction. This cost is not accounted for in the impact cost above.							
COMMENT:	In addition to the NPDES permit, there are specific actions undertaken to assist in the Lower Duwamish Superfund compliance effort, such as source control inspections, PCB investigations and discharge responses.							
FINANCIAL (in thousands)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Beyond	TOTAL
Project Costs								
Project Mgmt (Staff Time/Cost)	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 86	\$ 518
Design	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200
Planning	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 86	\$ 518
Total Project Costs	\$ 344	\$ 144	\$ 144	\$ 144	\$ 144	\$ 144	\$ 172	\$ 1,236
Project Funding								
Proposed Grant	\$ -	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ 390
Utility Revenues	\$ 279	\$ 79	\$ 79	\$ 79	\$ 79	\$ 79	\$ 79	\$ 753
Total Project Funding	\$ 279	\$ 209	\$ 79	\$ 209	\$ 79	\$ 209	\$ 79	\$ 1,143