



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 4/5/12
 Agenda Item #: C.2
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
 Date Submitted: 3/27/12

Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT - EPA New Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: April 5, 2012 Time Needed: Consent
 Department: DCS Division: LU&T
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 Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): N/A

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval to submit Letter of Intent for an EPA Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance award.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The County is seeking technical assistance through EPA's Green Infrastructure Program to develop a Stormwater Retrofit Strategy for County Roads. The EPA will provide technical assistance through one of its contractors, not through a grant. The assistance provided will be entirely in the form of work from contractors paid by EPA.

Multnomah County has regulatory responsibilities for stormwater management in our urban roadways. This technical assistance award will support the County's compliance with our National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirement to develop a Stormwater Retrofit Strategy. This assistance will also advance the County's staff knowledge of stormwater management techniques that is challenging with our current funding resources. The effort the implementation of Climate Action Plan Objective 3:

Watershed Health and would dovetail with Program Offer 91023, a one-time request to assess fish passage constraints due to culverts in County rights of way, and to develop priorities. The technical assistance award and Program Offer 91023 would support one another; neither is dependent on the other.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

No local match is required for the Technical Assistance award. Since this is not a grant, there will be no direct fiscal impact; however, the County could receive between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in technical assistance. The possibility of leveraging Program Offer 91023 could strengthen the competitiveness of this request.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

This award will aid the County in complying with its NPDES permit conditions. It supports the implementation of Climate Action Plan Objective 3: Watershed Health.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The technical assistance and stormwater management knowledge gained through the award would be shared with Public Works staff at the cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village.

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

• **Who is the granting agency?**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

• **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

No local match is required. Contracting for professional services providing the technical assistance will be managed by EPA.

• **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

One time only. The cost of the technical assistance will be paid directly by the EPA.

• **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

Notice of Intent letter due April 6, 2012

• **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

Fiscal Year 2013

• **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

This is a one-time request to develop a Stormwater Retrofit Strategy. County staff will use the strategy to inform roadway project designs.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

This is a technical assistance award providing professional services to the County. This would be part of current County Road Services staff's work program account for FY13 and included in Road Services Program Offer 91013.

Required Signatures

Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director: Name/Title:	Cecilia M. Collier /s/ <hr/> (signature)	Date: <u>3/27/12</u>
Budget Analyst:	Ching Hay /s/ <hr/> (signature)	Date: <u>3/26/12</u>