

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Date: September 27, 2007

Agenda Item #: A-7

SUBJECT: Stormwater Management Implementation Grant

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Coordinator

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is authorization to apply for a \$100,000 Stormwater Implementation Grant through the Department of Ecology Grant Program.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The proposed Stormwater Management Program under consideration by the City Council will require business owners to pay a Stormwater Utility fee based on impervious surface.

The proposal for this grant program is to use the \$100,000 grant funds from the Department of Ecology to offer "Seed Grants" to local business owners that will help offset their expenses incurred to reduce their impervious surface or install stormwater retention/detention facilities on site. The grant funds received by the business owners from the City through this program may reduce their stormwater utility fees.

DISCUSSION:

The program will assist business owners to implement the best management practices to reduce their impervious surface and corresponding utility fees. For example, there are retail businesses in Sultan with large hard surface parking lots. This program would provide the matching funds to replace hard surface with pervious surfaces.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

This grant program requires a 25% Match, which will be paid by the sub-grant recipients through their match requirement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the grant application

This alternative provides the City with the opportunity to receive a grant that will provide "Seed Money" to local businesses for their Stormwater Improvements.

2. Deny the grant application

This alternative eliminates the opportunity to offer financial assistance to local businesses for Stormwater Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to direct staff to apply for a \$100,000 Stormwater Management Implementation Grant, and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary forms for the application.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Action Date: