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Snohomish County Public Works Utilizes Grant Funding to Supplement 17 Surface Water Management Projects

Surface Water Management Division garners more than \$8.5 million in grant dollars in 2019

EVERETT, Wash., December 5, 2019 – Every year Snohomish County Public Works’ Surface Water Management Division submits applications to federal and state agencies for grants in order to leverage local utility charges, paid by property owners. The division closes out 2019 with more than \$8.5 million of new grant awards to support 17 new and existing projects that span over the next several years.

“When we receive grant funding it allows us to complete more projects, stretching those local dollars to get the most bang for our buck,” said Steve Thomsen, Snohomish County Public Works Director. “Keeping pace with the county’s significant population growth while deepening our commitment to fish and habitat restoration is possible thanks to the generosity of our funding partners.”

“Utility charges paid by our customers leverage millions in grant dollars,” added Gregg Farris, Surface Water Management Director. “Once again, our teams have worked collaboratively to make tax payer dollars go even further, benefitting county residents and Puget Sound natural resources alike.”

Among the grants received this year, more than \$7.8 million are aimed at reducing road flooding, improving water quality and providing better fish passage, while nearly \$780,000 address habitat restoration for endangered salmon. A total of 17 grants were received by the Surface Water Management Division in 2019 which totaled \$8,579,949.

2019 Grant Awards		
Project	Award	Grantor
Snohomish County Acquisition Projects (2)	\$996,384	Military Department – FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Geomorphic Flood Hazard Risk on the Lower Skykomish River	\$200,000	Department of Fish and Wildlife – National Estuary Program Near Term Action
North Fork Stillaguamish Integrated Floodplain Management	\$100,000	Department of Fish and Wildlife – National Estuary Program Near Term Action
Jim Creek Large Woody Debris Restoration and Design	\$160,000	Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration
Stillaguamish Basin Lead Entity Projects (2)	\$62,000	Salmon State Projects
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Snohomish/Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization	\$75,000	Puget Sound Partnership
Marine Resources Committee	\$127,300	Ecology – Northwest Straits Foundation
Stormwater Capacity 2019-2021	\$50,000	Ecology – Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grants
Community Floodplain Solutions – Sky Valley	\$4,812,200	Ecology – Floodplains by Design Program
Sexton Creek Fish Passage Design	\$141,780	Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board
Thomas’ Eddy Hydraulic Reconnection Prelim-Design	\$200,000	Salmon State Projects
Mid-Spencer Estuary Restoration	\$80,000	Salmon State Projects
Sweeping-up Snohomish County	\$1,500,000	Ecology – Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance
Total	\$8,579,949	

About Surface Water Management

Surface Water Management (SWM), a division within Snohomish County Public Works Department, is a utility that is funded by and provides services to property owners in unincorporated Snohomish County. Working as partners with the community, SWM provides customers with services in four core areas: drainage and road flooding, water quality, salmon and marine habitat, and river flooding. For more information, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/SurfaceWaterManagement.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.

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