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June 27, 2023

The Honorable Karen Dill Bowerman, Chair  
Clark County  
1300 Franklins Street  
Vancouver, Washington 98666-9810

RE: 2025 Growth Management Act Periodic Update Grant

Dear Councilor Bowerman:

Clark County is required by RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b) to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations by June 30, 2025, to ensure they comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA).

We are pleased to inform you that, based on your population size, that \$700,000 has been reserved for Clark County as a grant to assist in completing your update work. This funding is reserved for the city as a non-competitive formula grant.

*Please note: In addition to this formula award, we will provide more information in the upcoming months regarding additional grant funding opportunities through Growth Management Services, particularly to assistance with implementation of new housing and climate change legislation under the GMA. We will be providing more announcements about these additional grants very soon, as the agency finalizes its new 2-year budget for the new 2023-2025.*

Due to the way funding is appropriated by the legislature, one-half of this currently available GMA Update Grant funding award, or \$350,000 is available to reimburse related review and update project costs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The second half of this total award, or \$350,000 will be available in your grant agreement for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Commerce will sign a grant agreement with you in the upcoming month. This letter confirms that all related GMA update project costs incurred by your jurisdiction, beginning July 1, 2023, will be eligible for reimbursement. Therefore, you will not need to delay work on the update grant until the contract is signed.

In addition to this financial assistance, Growth Management Services will continue to provide technical assistance for you during this periodic update process, until your scheduled update

deadline, and our professional senior planners are ready to assist you with any questions. Please feel free to contact your assigned senior planner with any questions.

Your first grant deliverable for the periodic update grant will be the completion and submittal of the periodic update checklist, which we provide for review for your comprehensive plan and development regulation. You may find a copy of the checklist and instructions on our webpage here: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/periodic-update/>

In order to receive this funding, please complete and submit the GMA Update Grant Application materials. These materials are located on the Growth Management Services grants webpage located at <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/growth-management-grants/>

We request application materials please be returned no later than **September 30, 2023**. As soon we receive your submitted application, we will begin preparing your contract and negotiate your final scopes of work.

If you have questions regarding this grant program or receiving technical assistance regarding your update, please contact Catherine McCoy at (360) 725-2910, or [catherine.mccoy@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:catherine.mccoy@commerce.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Andersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

Dave Andersen, AICP  
Managing Director, Growth Management Services

cc: Oliver Orjiako, Director of Community Planning