



Legislation Text

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A MOTION reaffirming the King County Flood Control Zone District's commitment to a countywide multibenefit approach to flood risk reduction; creating three new grant programs addressing the countywide flood issues of urban streams, coastal erosion/coastal flooding and culvert replacement/fish passage restoration.

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District (District) is a countywide special purpose district created in April 2007 to provide flood risk reduction projects to the residents of King County; and

WHEREAS, the District reaffirms its continuing commitment to a multi-benefit approach to flood risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to continue investing in multi-benefit flood risk reduction projects countywide; and

WEHEREAS, the District currently funds countywide flood risk reduction and habitat projects through three existing grant funds: the Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund, the Cooperative Watershed Management Grants, and the Flood Risk Reduction Grants, and

WHEREAS, the District desires to restructure the Cooperative Watershed Management Grant and Flood Reduction Grant Programs, and

WHEREAS, the District desires to create three additional grant programs to address the countywide flood issues of urban streams, coastal erosion/coastal flooding, and culvert replacement/fish passage restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the King County Flood Control Zone District:

A. The Urban Streams Grant Program invests in urban flooding projects that reduce risks to people, property, and public infrastructure. This grant program is open to cities, tribes, unincorporated King County, and non-profits.

B. The Coastal Erosion/Coastal Flooding Grant Program focuses on mapped coastal flood hazard areas to increase resiliency to sea level rise in coastal flood hazard areas by restoring shorelines and retrofitting or relocating infrastructure out of flood-prone areas to reduce risk. This grant program is open to cities, tribes, unincorporated King County, and non-profits.

C. The Culvert Replacement/Fish Passage Restoration Grant Program reduces flooding and improves fish passage and water quality by replacing and/or removing culverts or other blockages to fish passage. This program will focus on accelerating replacement or removal of culverts that address both significant flood risks to critical infrastructure, and restore fish passage. This grant program is open to cities, tribes, unincorporated King County, and non-profits.

D. The District Executive Director and Deputy Director of King County Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks are directed to work collaboratively with the District's regional partners to develop and recommend criterion for the District's grant programs for consideration by the District as part of its 2021 Budget Process by August 1, 2020.