

Alliance for A Healthy South Sound

SEPTEMBER 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Agenda

- Welcome
- AHSS Contract Year Transition
- Highlights of Work Completed in 2022-23
- Focus Areas for 2023-24
- AHSS Contract Support (Decision)

AHSS Contract Year Transition

- The contract between Thurston County and the Puget Sound Partnership to bring the LIO support contract funding to AHSS is a three-year contract.
- Next year will be the second year.
- **No action is needed** to renew or continue the Thurston County – PSP contract, it will automatically roll forward.
- **Action is needed** (later in this meeting) to decide how to contract or staff AHSS support needs

Highlight of Work Completed 2022-23

- Organized, facilitated and documented LIO meetings approximately every two months; focused meetings more on LIO topics of interest (e.g., airport discussions, Deschutes estuary).
- Organized, recruited speakers, and prepared necessary documents and other materials for the AHSS LIO Local Forum with the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council; attended the forum; tracked and managed follow up.
- Managed and prepared necessary documents for LIO ECB representation.
- Organized, managed and facilitated decision making about AHSS seed money investment for behavior change. Completed subcontracted with selected organization (Harbor Wild Watch).
- Maintained AHSS website.

Highlight of Work Completed

- Coordinated with PSP, fulfilled PSP tracking and reporting responsibilities, represented AHSS interests in PSP coordination discussions, and brought items of regional interest (e.g., Sound Choices checklist) to AHSS for discussion.
- Tracked funding opportunities and other items of interest to the South Sound and sent regular compilations of these opportunities to AHSS partners in AHSS updates (approximately 2/month).
- Began follow up on equity and environmental justice outreach; work to be continued in 2023-24.
- Continued updates to the South Sound Strategy and web tools; work to be continued in 2023-24.

Budget/Spending Update 2022-23

- Initial contract amount: \$115,739
- Spending through August 30: approximately \$76,455
- Anticipated spending in September: \$10,000 (for behavior change seed money invoice) + \$6,000 (Ross support) = approximately \$16,000
- Anticipated roll over to 2023-24 contract year: \$21,113

Potential Focus Areas for 2023-2024

- Continue core LIO activities – LIO meetings and updates, maintaining the website, and representing the South Sound interests in PSP processes.
- Prioritize and complete updates to South Sound Strategy and related web tools.
- Work with South Sound partners to help identify and prepare project packages for funding opportunities, e.g., building on the WRIA 13 and WRIA 14 culvert inventories.
- Support South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group in updating WRIA 14 and as needed WRIA 13 culvert inventories (potential subcontract).
- Continue equity and environmental justice outreach work.
- Interview key AHSS partners for ideas about how AHSS can better serve South Sound; bring ideas to the AHSS Executive Committee for consideration and develop a set of next steps based on Executive Committee direction.
- Other?

Year 2 Contracting Discussion

AHSS Contract Support

Action is needed to determine day to day AHSS contract support. The options are:

- Continue with Ross Strategic (the current contractor)
- Have a process to select a different contractor
- Bring the LIO support functions “in house” to one of the LIO partner organizations and staff it that way.