

GMHB EXHIBIT 285



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July 18, 2022

The Honorable Salim Nice
Mayor of Mercer Island
9611 SE 36th Street
Mercer Island, Washington 98040-3732

RE: 2024 Growth Management Act Periodic Update Grants

Dear Mayor Nice:

The City of Mercer Island is required by RCW 36.70A.130(5)(a) to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations by June 30, 2024, to ensure they comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA).

We are pleased to inform you that, based on your population size, that \$125,000 has been reserved for the City of Mercer Island as a grant to assist in completing your update work. This funding is reserved for the city as a non-competitive formula grant. Due to the state biennial split, one-half of this funding, or \$62,500 is available to reimburse related periodic update project costs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Commerce will sign a grant agreement with you by this fall. All related GMA update project costs incurred by your jurisdiction, beginning July 1, 2022, 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 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 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 by **September 30, 2022**. 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.

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: Evan Maxim