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SUBJECT: 2023 Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Job Training Program Updates
DATE: February 25, 2025

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff from the City of Tacoma’s Community and Economic Development Department will provide updates regarding the 2023 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Job Training Program. Our contracted partners, Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region and Clover Park Technical College will join in the presentation.

BACKGROUND:

In July of 2022, CEDD presented to the EDC our plan to apply for a five-year, \$500,000 EPA grant to manage a Brownfields Job Training Program. Brownfields are properties on which reuse may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The program supports Council strategic priorities of Economy/Workforce, Education, and Livability. The City submitted the grant application in August 2022 and received a preliminary award in September of 2022. The final award was granted in November 2023, and City Council voted to accept the grant funds in January 2024. The City has managed similar grants and leveraged prior partnerships with local agencies in applying for this award.

ISSUE:

No issues to report at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.