



City of Seattle  
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## **DUWAMISH RIVER OPPORTUNITY FUND (DROF)**

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The City of Seattle is working to make the Superfund cleanup of the Duwamish River result in the optimum outcome for the Duwamish River and adjacent communities. Superfund cleanup and pollution source control are not enough to achieve the quality of life people desire. The City is committed to addressing community concerns about affordable housing, displacement, jobs, economic development, and healthy food.

The City Council and Mayor directed City staff to assemble possible actions and to estimate funding needs to address the following objectives:

- Identify, encourage, or provide options for safe fishing and healthful fish consumption.
- Ensure equity in all policies and efforts for environmental and community development and enhance human and natural habitat in local neighborhoods.
- Provide job training and placement assistance in addition to that provided by the EPA's Job Training Initiative.
- Preserve affordability and produce more affordable housing, including home ownership.

Given budgetary considerations, the City hopes to use existing programs, enhancements to these programs, and new initiatives to implement a longer term commitment. When possible, the City will coordinate with its partners, including King County, the Port of Seattle, and other entities, private and public, that share this goal, to find creative ways to work with the community and to identify resources that can be used to address these objectives and those identified in the Health Impact Assessment managed by the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

Generally, utility resources are not available for community development purposes, and City investments in these kinds of activities come from the limited resources of the General Fund, which must be used to meet a variety of critical City purposes. **The Mayor and Council were able to identify \$250,000 in the 2014 budget** that can be dedicated to Duwamish River area quality of life enhancements identified in partnership with King County, the Port of Seattle, and community stakeholders. These funds have been **designated as the 'Duwamish River Opportunity Fund', and are intended to enhance existing programs and support new programs focused on challenges faced by communities in the Duwamish River area.** Supported programs may be run by the City or

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through partnership with other jurisdictions and community organizations. The community recently identified a broad set of challenges including environmental, economic, and health issues that need to be addressed. These resources are one component of a broader City effort to improve the quality of life and restore the health of Duwamish River communities. The City is creating a specific process and criteria for the disbursement of the funds in the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund.

Through the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, the City has secured the consultant services of Richard Conlin to develop this process and work with the community to identify projects (summer 2014), manage those projects through implementation (fall 2014 to spring 2015), and develop a long range strategy for engaging partners with the City and community to advance this work in future years (fall 2014 to spring 2015). If you have any questions about the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund, please visit <http://murray.seattle.gov/duwamish>, call **206.499.5793** or email [drof@seattle.gov](mailto:drof@seattle.gov)

## **DUWAMISH RIVER OPPORTUNITY FUND: IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

**June to September 2014 -- Consultant will work with community stakeholders to prepare a plan for distribution of the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF) and advance for City approval.**

Consultant will prepare a detailed plan for distribution of funds, demonstrating that implementation will be feasible and equitable. Community applicants will prepare detailed project applications as appropriate. Plan will include information on any issues, obstacles, and possible challenges. The consultant will forward funding recommendations to the City for approval.

**September to October 2014 – Consultant will advance funded projects for City contracting as needed.**

Consultant will work with City Departments and Law to prepare and complete any contracts to be executed by non-City entities for project implementation. Funds will be directed to the appropriate City Departments for projects to be executed by City Departments.

**September to December 2014 – Consultant will secure technical advice and permits and facilitate communication between project implementation partners and City.** City and other affected entities will sign off on technical advice and any necessary permits and agree that projects are ready for implementation.

**October 2014 to April 2015 – Consultant will oversee implementation of projects.** Consultant will ensure that each project starts implementation when City agrees that it is ready to move forward. Consultant will work to enlist partners as appropriate, ensure that City and community stakeholders are fully informed on project activities, and monitor implementation and troubleshoot as needed to ensure that projects are completed on schedule and within budget.

**January to May 2015 – Consultant will work with community stakeholders, City of Seattle, and other partners to identify additional partners and develop a strategy and long range plan for future activities and funding.** Consultant will continue to work with community partners and develop a long range vision for future implementation. Consultant will develop agreements involving City, other key public agencies (specifically King County and the Port of Seattle) and community stakeholders on a plan to coordinate activities, partners, and funding options.

**May to June 2015 – Consultant will prepare final report and evaluation, along with work plan for next phase of the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF).**