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The Honorable Nancy Backus
Mayor of Auburn
25 West Main Street
Auburn, Washington 98001

RE: E2SHB 1923 Grant – Increasing Residential Building Capacity

Dear Mayor Backus:

I am pleased to inform you that the city of Auburn has been awarded \$100,000.00 in grant funds for the 2019-21 Biennium to assist with increasing urban residential building capacity and streamlining regulations. The Washington State Legislature created this new grant program under Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1923 (Chapter 348, Laws of 2019), which provides a number of eligible land use planning activities for cities to consider implementing to increase housing capacity.

Your jurisdiction recently submitted a grant application, identifying actions it intends to develop and adopt, as well as its grant funding need to assist with this work. Your scope of work and budget must be consistent with the scope of work and budget included in your grant application.

This grant will be administered by the Washington Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services unit. Before we disburse the funds, a contract with an agreed upon scope of work and budget will need to be executed between your organization and the Department of Commerce. Funds may be retroactively applied to project costs related to your grant scope of work, beginning July 28, 2019, the effective date of E2SHB 1923.

Eric Guida, Senior Planner is available to help you if you have any questions. Please call (360) 725-3044 or eric.guida@commerce.wa.gov for assistance with this contract going forward.

Sincerely,

Dave Andersen, AICP
Managing Director
Growth Management Services

cc: Anthony Avery, Senior Planner
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