

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2023

6:00-8:00 P.M.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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MEETING AGENDA

The Commission's 2023 Focus is Farmland Preservation

6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the public record, please sign in via the chat feature or announce yourself by name and whether you are a commissioner, staff or member of the publicApproval of Agenda	Kevin Scott, Chair
6:05	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
6:10	Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details, Policy, Ag Education & EventsKing County Ag ProgramKing Conservation DistrictLocal Food InitiativeWashington State University CSANRFood Business Resource Center/BINWKing-Pierce Farm BureauFarm Fish Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineRichard MartinMatt MegaMike LufkinJordan Jobe/Alyssa BowersHenry WongLeann KrainickRichard Martin
6:45	New Business Local Food Initiative Refresh and Food System Advisory Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&A	Mike Lufkin, KC DNRP, Local Food Economy Manager
7:15	King County Farms: Compost and Spreader <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&A	Rick Reinlasoder, KC DNRP, WLRD Agriculture Program, Livestock Specialist
7:35	Old Business Updating Commission Representation on outside Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">KCD Advisory Board (2nd seat)NominationsVote	Kevin Scott
7:45	Follow up – BESS legislation, Comp Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Q&A	Patrice Barrentine
7:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
7:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Kevin Scott
8:00	Adjourn	Kevin Scott

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023



Legislation, Conferences, Events and Key Dates

REGARDING KING COUNTY
AGRICULTURE

OCTOBER 2023

Commission Admin



Nominations Progress



Policy Updates



Events and Funding Opportunities

On the Move: Commission Nomination Process

1

Ag Commission selects and forwards nomination to

2

Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Director for review and approval; upon approval nomination is forwarded to

3

King County Executive for review and approval; *All nominees must complete financial disclosure forms within 2 weeks of this step*; upon approval nomination is forwarded to

4

King County Council- when Clerk receives the nomination, nominee can begin participating as a voting member and then

5

King County Council brings forward the confirming legislation for each nominee in their district first to committee and then full council to complete the process

We are here

Proposed Ordinance 2023-0263: Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)



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File #: 2023-0263 Version: 1

Type: Ordinance Status: In Committee

File created: 7/25/2023 In control: [Local Services and Land Use Committee](#)

On agenda: Final action:

Enactment date: Enactment #:

Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to energy storage systems; and amending Ordinance 10870, Section 43, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.015, Ordinance 10870, Section 44, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.020, Ordinance 10870, Section 45, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.025, Ordinance 10870, Section 330, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 331, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.060, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.090, Ordinance 10870, Section 337, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.100, Ordinance 10870, Section 354, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.12.170, Ordinance 10870, Section 359, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.12.220, Ordinance 10870, Section 388, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.16.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 390, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.16.060, Ordinance 10870, Section 391, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.16.060, adding new sections to K.C.C. 21A.06, and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 21A.

Sponsors: [Sarah Perry](#), [Dave Upthegrove](#)

Indexes: Energy

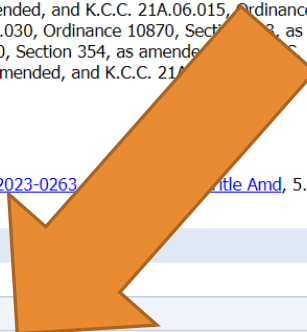
Attachments: 1. [2023-0263 SR BESS](#), 2. [2023-0263 ATT2 S1 BESS Striker](#), 3. [2023-0263 S1 BESS Redline Striker](#), 4. [2023-0263 S1 BESS Striker Title Amd](#), 5. [2023-0263 SR BESS 9.26.23](#)

Staff: Tracy, Jake

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result	Action Details	Meeting Details	Video
9/26/2023	1	Local Services and Land Use Committee	Deferred		Action details	Meeting details	Not available
8/22/2023	1	Local Services and Land Use Committee	Deferred		Action details	Meeting details	Not available
7/25/2023	1	Metropolitan King County Council	Introduced and Referred		Action details	Meeting details	Not available



COMPOST REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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Opens Oct
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The Compost Reimbursement Program aims to encourage on-farm use of commercial compost. For eligible farms, the program will pay up to 50% of the cost to obtain, transport, and spread compost, not to exceed \$10,000, per farm per year.

4 Step Application Process

- Part one of application (declaration for 10 years of soil testing by WSDA and description of transport and application of compost.
- Eligibility confirmed and grant contract signed.
- Part two: Reimbursement application due by June 1.
- 10 years of soil samples

NEW!

WSDA Compost Reimbursement Program



Washington
State Department of
Agriculture

REGIONAL
MARKETS
PROGRAM



[GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW](#) for the Fall 2023 Local Food System Infrastructure Grant!

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is offering Local Food System Infrastructure Grants to support local food supply chains and market access for farms, ranches, food processors, and food distributors. The intention is to fund projects that expand and strengthen collaboration across linkages in the regional food supply chain. This includes planning, equipment, and facilities that support on-farm post-harvest handling, aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, distribution, and sale of Washington grown, caught, and raised foods.

<i>Grant category</i>	<i>Grant amount</i>	<i>Grant project timeline</i>	<i>Deadline to apply</i>
A. Rapid & Ready: Simple, straightforward purchases or projects that are ready to go and be completed on a short timeframe.	\$10,000 up to \$75,000	February 2024 – June 30 th , 2024 5 months total	November 15th, 2023 11:59pm
B. Large Projects: More complex projects with longer timelines, bigger budgets, and multiple project steps like design and permitting in addition to installation.	Over \$75,000 up to \$500,000	February 2024 - June 30 th , 2025 17 months total	November 15th, 2023 11:59pm

[GRANT WEBPAGE](#)



The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is pleased to announce a competitive solicitation process to award USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funds for projects that enhance the competitiveness and increase demand for Washington's specialty crops.

Phase I Concept Proposal	Request for Concept Proposals Released by WSDA	September 20, 2023
	Concept Proposals Due	October 24, 2023, 12:00 p.m. PST
	Notifications to Applicants	November, 2023
Phase II Full Proposal	Request for Grant Proposals Released (by invitation only)	November, 2023
	Full Proposals Due	February 1, 2024, 12:00 p.m. PST
	Notification to Applicants	March, 2024
	WSDA Application Due to USDA for Approval	May, 2024
Grant Award	USDA to Announce Awards	September-October, 2024

<http://agr.wa.gov/grants>

specialtycrop@agr.wa.gov

Heritage Barns constitute a public good in economic, social, and historic terms. As such, this program will award **grants up to \$75,000 in matching dollars** to support Heritage Barns with emergency stabilization and rehabilitation to barns and associated significant agricultural buildings.

With **\$960,000** in funds from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) available for this program, we look forward to **awarding several Heritage Barns** across Washington with grant funds.

A few key dates:

- Applications open on September 1, 2023
- Applications close on October 31, 2023
- All applicants will be notified in December 2023
- Grant contracts will be drafted in January 2024
- Grant-supported projects must be completed by June 30, 2025

To participate in this program, barns must:

- Currently listed in either the Washington Heritage Barn Register or the National Register of Historic Places, and
- In need of substantial repair.

For more information about this grant opportunity, interested applicants can visit our website: preservewa.org/heritage-barn-grants/.

For guidance on the application process, interested applicants can view this Application Walkthrough video: <https://youtu.be/eXP6f5ymSv4>.

We will also be hosting “Office Hours” during the application period for interested applicants to ask questions and discuss the application process. “Office Hours” will be hosted by the Grant Administrators on Wednesday, September 20th and Wednesday, October 11th between 5-6:30pm. Register for “Office Hours” below:

- Register for Wednesday, September 20th | <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsf-mgpjsuE9WBbsoRMQLiOglwWGM38Dkw>
- Register for Wednesday, October 11th | <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkduGprzwoGd2AQI5XaUQuD-EldrZxh-3x>

New Grant Cycle

Heritage Barn Capital Grant Program



The USDA Announces MPEPP Round Two Grant Program!

Who can apply for this program?

Entities that engage or plan to engage in meat and poultry processing, including private, non-profit, tribal, cooperative, state or local government, among other entities. Private entities must be independently owned and operated. All entities must be domestically owned, and their meat and poultry processing facilities must be physically located and operated within the U.S. or its territories.

How can funds be used?

Grant funds can be used for expenses during the period of performance of the grant award to expand processing capacity by supporting activities such as:

- Building, modernizing, or expanding existing – processing facilities, including mobile slaughter units
- **Purchasing an inoperable facility**
- Developing, installing, or modernizing equipment and technology
- Modifying facilities or equipment to protect food safety
- Offsetting cost associated with becoming an inspected facility
- Staffing or operational costs specifically tied to the proposed project
- Supporting workforce recruitment, training, and retention

What is the maximum grant amount?

The maximum award amount is \$10 million, or 30 percent of total project costs, whichever is less. The minimum award amount is \$250,000. Projects including construction (and equipment associated with the project) are eligible for grants from \$250,000 to \$10 million. Projects that only require equipment purchases are eligible for grants from \$5 million to \$10 million.

Deadline for this grant is November 22nd, 2023.

New Grant Cycle

[Visit the Grants.gov
page here](#)



Tilth Conference

Join us for this year's [Tilth Conference](#) co-hosted by Tilth Alliance, the Washington Organic Recycling Council (WORC) and Washington State University Extension's Regional Small Farms Program!

The Tilth Conference is an annual event bringing together hundreds of farmers, food system professionals, composters, researchers and educators for more than 25 lectures, workshops and panel discussions that highlight Washington's farmers and farm businesses.

Date

Thursday, October 26–Saturday, October 28

Location

Fort Worden, Port Townsend

Registration deadline: Friday, October 6

Scholarships available



Clallam/Jefferson/Kitsap County
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Regional Small Farms





Snohomish County is excited to welcome the community back for the only one-day gathering for all types of farming in one location. We will be back at the Evergreen State Fair Park on November 9, 2023.

Conference tickets give you access to 14 breakout sessions, two keynote speakers, breakfast and farm to table lunch prepared by Russell Lowell.

[Click here to view the agenda and purchase tickets.](#)

Ticket prices will go up on October 1.