

**PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANT AGREEMENT
AI-ENABLED PERMITTING PILOT**

This Public-Private Partnership Grant Agreement ("Grant Agreement") is entered into as of date of last signature below ("Effective Date"), by and between the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, a Washington nonprofit corporation, d/b/a Challenge Seattle ("Challenge Seattle"), and the City of Everett, a Washington municipal corporation ("City").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Challenge Seattle is a coalition of major employers working to address regional challenges through cross-sector collaboration and public-private partnerships;

WHEREAS, Challenge Seattle seeks to support innovative approaches that improve government services, advance housing production, and strengthen regional economic competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to explore innovative approaches to improve permitting processes, support housing production, and enhance customer service;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to collaborate on a pilot project with GovStream.AI utilizing artificial intelligence-enabled permitting tools to advance these goals.

WHEREAS, the City intends to enter into a SaaS Services Agreement with GovStream.AI (the "GovStream Contract").

WHEREAS, the GovStream Contract will provide for a pilot phase and for an implementation phase.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Grant Agreement is to reimburse the City in part for costs in connection with the GovStream Contract.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Grant Agreement is to support a public-private partnership to pilot and evaluate artificial intelligence-enabled permitting tools intended to improve permitting efficiency, customer experience, and housing-related development outcomes within the City of Everett.

2. FUNDING

Challenge Seattle shall provide grant funding to the City in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, consisting of:

- Challenge Seattle will reimburse the City for the City's costs for pilot planning, implementation, testing, and evaluation activities in connection with GovStream Contract. The maximum total reimbursement from Challenge Seattle for the pilot phase is \$60,000.
- Challenge Seattle will reimburse the City for 50% of the City's costs in connection with the GovStream Contract for the first year of implementation following successful completion of the pilot. The maximum total reimbursement from Challenge Seattle for first year implementation is \$70,000.

The City will submit requests for reimbursement to Challenge Seattle. The City will provide reasonable backup information as may be requested by Challenge Seattle. Challenge Seattle will deliver reimbursement to the City within 30 days after receipt of a request for reimbursement,

3. CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The City shall administer any agreements necessary with vendors associated with the project; provide reasonable staff participation, data access, and operational support; use grant funds solely for purposes consistent with this Grant Agreement; and participate in evaluation and reporting activities.

4. REPORTING AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The parties shall establish baseline metrics and evaluate outcomes, including application completeness, permit resubmissions, customer experience, staff efficiency, and other mutually agreed-upon indicators.

5. KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Subject to applicable privacy, confidentiality, and security requirements, Challenge Seattle may share aggregated findings, lessons learned, and case studies to support broader government technology and artificial intelligence innovation efforts.

6. TERM AND TERMINATION

This Grant Agreement shall remain in effect through September 30, 2027. If a party breaches this Grant Agreement, the other party may provide written notice the breaching party, and this Grant Agreement will terminate unless the breaching party cures the breach within thirty (30) days after the written notice.

7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The parties are independent entities. Washington law shall govern this Agreement.

SEATTLE METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE


By: Lynnette R Buffington
Name: Lynnette Buffington
Title: Chief of Staff
Date: 06/24/2026


CHALLENGE SEATTLE

Martin C Loesch
By: _____
Name: Marty Loesch
Title: Chief Operating Officer
Date: 06/24/2026

CITY OF EVERETT

[Signature]
By: _____
Name: Cassie Franklin
Title: Mayor
Date: 06/25/2026

 APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

 Attest:
[Signature]
EVERETT Office of the City Clerk












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