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Mr. John Foltz, Outdoor Grants Manager
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**Subject: Brian Abbot Fish Barrier Removal Board
Restoration Grant 21-1427 R**

Dear Mr. Foltz:

We are following up on recent correspondence with staff regarding the restoration grant awarded to the City of Sammamish by the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (BAFBRB). The grant provided \$1,300,000 toward a portion of the construction costs for the George Davis Creek project. The legislative cycle funding for this grant is understood to support projects through 2025.

The George Davis project is anticipated to be constructed in 2026 due to delays associated with the stream acquisition process. I understand you discussed the misalignment between the funding cycle and project construction schedule with City staff. As a result, the City will not execute an agreement to accept the \$1,300,000 grant. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) may re-obligate these funds to other projects.

Sammamish remains appreciative of the BAFBRB program funding, and the broader support for this project offered by the RCO. State funding and support play a key role in our efforts to advance this and other vital fish passage projects. Consistent with that, the City has applied for another restoration grant from the BAFBRB (23-1943 R). This application seeks funding to support the projected 2026 construction of the George Davis Creek project.

Thank you for your continued support as we work toward completing this project. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Scott MacColl

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City Manager