

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an amendment (and supplements if necessary) to the Interlocal Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program providing the City with \$450,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceeds, 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase appropriation by \$480,000; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$480,000.

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance amends the budget to receive funding conveyed through an amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures program. This funding is awarded annually through a competitive process. For 2022, Bellevue was awarded \$480,000 to support the acquisition of property in the Woodridge neighborhood to serve as a trail connection to the Eastrail regional trail.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6679

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Since 1989, King County has managed the Conservation Futures program, providing grant assistance to cities in King County for the acquisition and preservation of open space lands. Since that time, Bellevue has been awarded over \$14.5 million which has been used to acquire dozens of properties across the City that have been incorporated into Bellevue's parks system.

Conservation Futures Program funding awards are conveyed via an interlocal agreement approved under Bellevue City Council Ordinance No. 6651 adopted on February 14, and King County Council Ordinance No. 18978. This interlocal agreement initially provided the City with \$650,000 in funding. The amendment to this interlocal agreement includes an additional award of \$480,000 in funds for the purpose of acquiring property in the Woodridge neighborhood to serve as a trail connection to the Eastrail regional trail. The City Council approved this property acquisition under Resolution No. 10015 in November 2021 and the site was successfully acquired in December 2021. This grant funding will partially reimburse the City's investment in the property.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element

- PA-2. Obtain land throughout the community to meet present and future parks and open space needs.
- PA-9. Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.

Bellevue City Code 4.28.200 requires that grant awards over \$90,000 be approved by the City Council.

Washington Law

Interlocal cooperation agreements between public agencies must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(2), 39.34.080, and City policy.

Fiscal Impact

This action will increase the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund appropriation by \$480,000 and increase the 2021-2027 budget for Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Project No. P-AD-82) by \$480,000 for property acquisition in the Woodridge neighborhood.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an amendment (and supplements if necessary) to the Interlocal Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program providing the City with \$450,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceeds, 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase appropriation by \$480,000; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$480,000.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. P-AD-82 CIP Project Description
Proposed Ordinance No. 6679

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for King County Conservation Futures Program
Amendment 1 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement