

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing the application of \$542,000 of City funds for the Bothell Urban Project; approving terms for the project as recommended by the Executive Board for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH); and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement and execute all documents necessary for the project consistent with approved terms.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

As directed by the City Council on February 24, this Resolution authorizes the application of \$542,000 of city funds for the Bothell Urban Project and authorizes the City Manager, on behalf of the ARCH Administering Agency, to enter into an agreement for the project as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10604

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On February 24, the council directed staff to return with legislation approving \$1,301,200 to support seven projects recommended for funding by the ARCH Executive Board, including \$542,000 to Bridge Housing in support of the Bothell Urban project. Background information on the development was previously provided to council at the February 24 Study Session.

BRIDGE Housing has partnered with Bothell United Methodist Church (BUMC) to provide 201 permanently affordable rentals at 30%, 50% and 60% area median income (AMI). Over 50% of the proposed homes are family-sized units with two and three bedrooms, and half of the units are planned to be affordable to very low income households earning 30% or 50% AMI. The current proposal does not include any special needs set-asides or rental subsidies. This is the second year ARCH has received a funding application for the project.

The project will be located on a 1.67-acre site known as Lot P in the heart of downtown Bothell. The site is currently owned by the City of Bothell, which has approved transferring the site at no cost to the partnership comprised of BRIDGE Housing and BUMC. BUMC plans to operate a 6,000 sq ft community center on the ground floor of the site, which will provide space for community and human services organizations to provide services open to the public. The project plans include 209 parking spaces (1.03 stalls per unit), bike storage, community rooms, a south-facing outdoor terrace, resident

services office, EV charging stations, and an outdoor playground. Residents will have access to the local amenities of downtown Bothell and to a new Bus Rapid Transit line that will provide quick access to the Shoreline light rail station and the I-405 corridor.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

ARCH Trust Fund allocations further the work in Bellevue to implement the 2017 Affordable Housing Strategy. It recognizes the urgent need in the city to increase investments in the production and preservation of affordable housing.

Fiscal Impact

The ARCH Housing Trust Fund was established in 2010 for the purpose of administering the contributions of parties to the ARCH Interlocal Agreement to provide affordable housing in East King County. The ARCH Executive Board is requesting Bellevue funding of \$542,000 for the Bothell Urban project. The city has available housing funds to satisfy this request.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the application of \$542,000 of City funds for the Bothell Urban Project; approving terms for the project as recommended by the Executive Board for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH); and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement and execute all documents necessary for the project consistent with approved terms.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10604

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ARCH Executive Board 2025 Housing Trust Fund Recommendations, dated December 18, 2025