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SUBJECT: Federal Funding Update – Bellevue requests in Fiscal Year 2024 budget

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On March 6 the US House of Representatives passed six of its appropriations bills, and on March 8 the Senate passed them, with the president signing them into law that evening, averting a partial government shutdown.

The appropriations bills signed into law included all three of the earmark requests Bellevue had moving in the budget process, which were submitted about a year ago.

A list of the three items is below:

- \$1 million Bellevue & Redmond Electric Fire Engines & Charging Infrastructure
- \$963,000 Bellevue Police Body-worn Camera Program
- \$500,000 Digital Equity for Affordable Housing

These items were advanced by Bellevue's congressional officials in the 1st and 9th Districts, Rep. Suzan DelBene and Rep. Adam Smith, respectively, and by US Senator Maria Cantwell.

Staff are already working with departments and our consultants to prioritize candidate projects for the Fiscal Year 2025 process, in support of the City's adopted 2023-2024 Federal Priorities.

We thank the Bellevue City Council for their continued support of the Bellevue Police Department, Bellevue Fire Department, Bellevue Information Technology, and for the City's federal relations program. These investments will advance key priorities for the City, bringing enhanced safety, transparency, health, equity, and opportunity to our community.