

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6805

AN ORDINANCE authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA to accept \$707,423.39 in Fire Prevention and Safety grant funding for Electronic Core and Associated Key Security Equipment; amending the 2023-2024 budget of the Operating, Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$707,423.39; and authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue applied for and received a Fire Prevention and Safety grant administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, on behalf of the Bellevue Fire Department and the City of Redmond Fire Department to fund electronic cores and associated key security equipment; and

WHEREAS e-cores and keys to Knox Boxes allow emergency responders rapid-entry access to buildings in a way that provides security and accountability for fire departments responding to calls for aid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue and City of Redmond Fire Departments respond to automatic aid calls from one another, many of which calls are to multifamily and commercial spaces within each jurisdiction's rapid-entry program, currently accessible only by that department's mechanical Knox box key; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant would provide funding to allow purchase of e-cores and associated security equipment for emergency responders to gain rapid entry to Knox box accessible buildings in a way provides security from misplacement and theft of a Knox key as well as tracking and accountability for Fire Department key holders through the use of unique pass codes; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that e-cores and associated security equipment would reduce the security and financial risk of key sharing between Bellevue and Redmond Fire Departments as each respond to automatic aid calls in the other's jurisdiction, the two Fire Departments entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, dated April 9, 2024, contemplating that the City of Bellevue would apply for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant;

WHEREAS, the intent of the April 9, 2024 MOU was that if awarded the grant, the City of Bellevue would, subject to approval by the Bellevue City Council, accept and administer the grant, and initiate purchase and distribution of the equipment; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security FEMA announced that the City of Bellevue’s application on behalf of the Bellevue and Redmond Fire Departments had been approved in the amount of \$707,423.39 in Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Federal approval of the grant is subject to a number of conditions, including the but not limited to the requirement to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 5.00 percent of the Federal funds awarded, or \$35,371.17; and

WHEREAS, time spent by Bellevue Fire Department personnel on programming the electronic key boxes and installing them throughout the Fire Department’s service area can be used toward the 5.00 percent contribution based on wages earned by such personnel through such work; and

WHEREAS, Federal approval of the grant is conditioned on the City of Bellevue accepting the terms of grant award associated with FEMA’s Grant Award EMW-2023-FP-00114 for FEMA’s Fiscal Year 2023 Fire Prevention & Safety Program, contained in the Summary Award Memo - included with Grant Award EMW-2023-FP-00114; the Agreement Articles - included with Grant Award EMW-2023-FP-00114; the Obligating Document - included with Grant Award EMW-2023-FP-00114; and the FY 2023 FP&S Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - incorporated by reference (together comprising a “grant agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Bellevue City Code 4.28.200, City Council approval is required to authorize the execution of contracts for grants exceeding \$350,000;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a grant agreement to accept \$707,423.39 in Fire Prevention and Safety grant funding for Electronic Core and Associated Key Security Equipment, a copy of which grant agreement shall be substantially in the form given Clerk’s Receiving No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2. The appropriate administrative officials of the City are hereby authorized to receive monies and to expend the same as authorized in said grant agreement.

Section 3. The City Manager or designee shall have responsibility for the administration of said grant monies and shall have all authority necessary to enter into agreements regarding the use thereof including agreements to expend funds as provided in said grant agreement.

Section 4. The amount and source of revenue for the grant acceptance is:

**Fire Prevention & Safety Grant - EMW-2023-FP-00114      \$707,423.39**

Section 5. Upon execution of said grant agreement, the 2023-2024 budget of the Operating, Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund shall be amended by appropriating \$707,423.39 to said fund.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and signed in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Approved as to form:  
Trisna Tanus, Acting City Attorney

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Soojin Kim, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

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Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk

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