

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance 1) authorizing the execution of amendments (and supplements if necessary) to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program, providing the City with \$10,491,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceeds; 2) amending the 2023-2024 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$10,491,000; and 3) amending the 2023-2029 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$10,491,000.

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Ordinance approves execution of amendments (and supplements if necessary) to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County and amends the budget to receive funding conveyed through King County Conservation Futures program. This funding is awarded by King County annually through a competitive process. For 2024, Bellevue was awarded \$10,491,000 to support acquisition for Cougar Mountain Connections and Newport Hills Woodlawn Park Addition.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6779.

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 \$15 million that 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 February 14, 2022, and King County Council Ordinance No. 18978.

New amendments to the Interlocal Agreement commit an additional \$10,491,000 of Conservation Futures proceeds to the City of Bellevue. These funds would help offset the cost of property acquisitions under consideration in the Cougar Mountain/Coal Creek neighborhoods and provides partial reimbursement to the City for recently acquired properties including Newport Hills Woodlawn Park Addition (Forest Ridge) approved under Resolution No. 10242 and Cougar Mountain (Chen) approved under Resolution No. 10166. In addition to adding awarded funds, the amendment incorporates recent changes to program rules approved by the King County Council. These changes include provisions that provide grant funding for site stabilization costs such as demolition, fencing and

signage to future projects. They modify the match obligations to twenty-five percent and allow flexibility to address property conversion through a combination of land and cash.

Bellevue Ord. No.		Award
<i>Proposed</i>	Interlocal Amendment 2	\$450,000
<i>Proposed</i>	Interlocal Amendment 3 – Adding site stabilization costs, match at 25%, and conversion with land and cash.	N/A
<i>Proposed</i>	Interlocal Amendment 4	\$10,041,000

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element includes obtaining land throughout the community to meet present and future parks and open space needs (PA-2) and actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program (PA-9).

Bellevue City Code 4.28.200 requires that grant awards over \$350,000 be approved by the City Council and pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(2) and 39.34.080, interlocal cooperation agreements between public agencies must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract.

Fiscal Impact

This action will increase the 2023-2024 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund appropriation by \$10,491,000 and increase the 2023-2029 budget for Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Project No. P-AD-82) by \$10,491,000 for property acquisition.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing the execution of amendments (and supplements if necessary) to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program, providing the City with \$10,491,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceeds; 2) amending the 2023-2024 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$10,491,000; and 3) amending the 2023-2029 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$10,491,000.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. P-AD-82 CIP Project Description
Proposed Ordinance No. 6779

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for King County Conservation Futures Program
Proposed Amendment 2, 3 and 4 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperative Agreement