

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) to accept \$1,850,000 in Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant funds; 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$1,850,000; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for Parks and Open Space Acquisition (P-AD-82) by \$1,850,000.

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance accepts state RCO grant funding to reimburse a portion of the costs associated with acquiring property on Lake Sammamish. The property acquisition is part of a larger set of phased acquisitions that will expand and connect two existing park properties, the 90-acre Weowna Park and 1.2 acres of City-owned property on Lake Sammamish, setting the stage for a future waterfront park.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6649

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In July 2020, Council passed Resolution No. 9795, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the RCO. The application requested funding for a portion of the costs associated with acquiring property on Lake Sammamish (Attachment A). Parks & Community Services successfully secured a \$1,850,000 grant through a competitive process for the project. The subject property was acquired on December 30, 2020, under Resolution No. 9854. With approval of this Ordinance, the City will enter into a grant agreement, available in Council Document Library, to accept the funding and amend the City's budget, reimbursing the Parks and Open Space Acquisition CIP account P-AD-82 (Attachment B).

This grant assists with property acquisition necessary to support the development of a future public park, the City's first on Lake Sammamish. The acquisition unlocks 390 linear feet of public waterfront access where none currently exists. The acquisition will be combined with adjacent parcel acquisitions secured by Parks & Community Services that together will connect the waterfront parcels to Weowna Park and the Lake-to-Lake Trail.

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-6. Acquire and develop waterfront property to increase public access to Bellevue's lakes.

- PA-9. Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.

Bellevue City Code 4.29.200 requires that grant awards over \$90,000 be approved by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact

Funds received through this grant agreement will add \$1,850,000 to the Parks and Open Space Acquisition CIP project P-AD-82.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) to accept \$1,850,000 in Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant funds; 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$1,850,000; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for Parks and Open Space Acquisition (P-AD-82) by \$1,850,000.
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. 6649

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

RCO Grant Agreement Wildlife and Recreation Program funds