

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program, providing the City with \$650,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceed; 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase appropriation by \$650,000; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$650,000.

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance approves execution of an updated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for receipt of Conservation Futures program funding. This funding is awarded annually through a competitive process. For 2022, Bellevue was awarded \$650,000 to support the acquisition of open space along Valley Creek. As awards are received in future years, those grants will be added through amendments to this interlocal agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6651

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 \$14 million that has been used to acquire dozens of properties across the City that have been incorporated into Bellevue's parks system.

Recently, under King County Council Ordinance No. 18978, King County has approved an updated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement template for Conservation Futures projects with governmental agencies. This new and updated agreement includes an initial award of \$650,000 in funds for the purpose of acquiring open space property from willing sellers as it becomes available along Valley Creek.

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-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.

Washington Law

Interlocal cooperation agreements between public agencies must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(2), 39.34.080, and City policy.

Fiscal Impact

Funds received through this agreement will add \$650,000 to the Parks & Open Space Acquisition CIP project P-AD-82.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program, providing the City with \$650,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceed; 2) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase appropriation by \$650,000; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$650,000.
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. 6651

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for King County Conservation Futures Program