

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6653

AN ORDINANCE (1) adopting the 2021 Affordable and Supportive Housing Capital Funding Recommendations; (2) authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the LifeWire – Hope Starts Here (HSH) project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, which funds are derived from revenues collected under RCW 82.14.530 and reserved for capital projects, all as recommended in the 2021 Affordable and Supportive Housing Capital Funding Recommendations; and (3) amending the 2021-2022 Housing Fund to increase the appropriation by \$1,600,000.

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.530 authorizes municipal governments to impose a local sales and use tax for, among other things, the construction or acquisition of affordable housing, which may include emergency, transitional, and supportive housing and new units of affordable housing within an existing structure, and facilities providing housing-related services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 9826 (dated 10/12/2020), the City has been collecting money for the purposes authorized under RCW 82.14.530 after the City Council found “existing sources of funding for affordable housing and related services [were] insufficient to meet the needs of all individuals and families experiencing housing cost burden, displacement, and homelessness in Bellevue” and recognized “the urgent need to increase investments in the production, preservation, and ongoing operation and maintenance of affordable housing and related services”;

WHEREAS, a minimum of sixty percent of all revenues collected under RCW 82.14.530 and Resolution No. 9826 must be allocated to capital projects that support the acquisition or construction of affordable housing or facilities providing housing-related services;

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2021, the City issued a request for proposals (RFP) to identify capital projects that may be eligible for funding under RCW 82.14.530 and advance the following priorities: housing for households earning below 30% of the median income; address and prevent homelessness and housing instability; and focus on underserved, vulnerable residents in Bellevue;

WHEREAS, in response, LifeWire submitted an application to fund its Hope Starts Here (HSH) project: *i.e.* the rehabilitation of an existing structure to create 25 one- and two-bedroom units of affordable housing for domestic violence survivors and their children;

WHEREAS, City Staff have performed a careful review of the LifeWire application and find the HSH project, rehabilitating an existing structure to create 25

units of affordable housing for domestic violence survivors and their children, is consistent with RCW 82.14.530 and the City Council's priorities; and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends that the LifeWire HSH project, rehabilitating an existing structure to create 25 units of affordable housing for domestic violence survivors and their children, receive funding consistent with its 2021 Affordable and Supportive Housing Capital Funding Recommendations (dated 1/24/2022 and 3/14/2022); now, therefore

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

Section 1. The City Council adopts the 2021 Affordable and Supportive Housing Capital Funding Recommendations as developed by City Staff.

Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for the LifeWire – Hope Starts Here (HSH) project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, which funds are derived from revenues collected under RCW 82.14.530 and reserved for capital projects, all as recommended in the 2021 Affordable and Supportive Housing Capital Funding Recommendations, a copy of which agreement has been given Clerk's Receiving No. _____.

Section 3. The 2021-2022 Housing Fund, adopted by Ordinance No. 6557 on December 14, 2020, as previously amended, is hereby further amended to increase the appropriation to said fund by \$1,600,000.

Section 4. 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 _____, 2022,
and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____,
2022.

(SEAL)

Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Kathryn L. Gerla, City Attorney

Brian Wendt, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk