

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Equipment Grant Agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology to accept grant funds in the amount of \$166,900 for the purchase of hazardous materials air monitoring equipment; 2) amending the 2021-2022 budget, to authorize the acceptance and deposit of said funds into the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$166,900; 3) appropriating the unanticipated grant revenues to that fund; and 4) authorizing expenditures of said grant funds for the purchase of hazardous materials air monitoring equipment.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Bellevue, in partnership with the Eastside Hazardous Materials Response Team (EHMRT), will utilize State of Washington Department of Ecology grant funds to purchase hazardous materials air monitoring equipment. This equipment will be shared amongst all EHMRT member agencies – Eastside Fire & Rescue, City of Bellevue, City of Redmond, City of Woodinville, City of Kirkland, City of Duvall, and City of Bothell Fire Departments.

The overall goal of this project is to improve local, regional, and statewide hazardous materials air monitoring capabilities, as well as to continue to build and improve interoperability with neighboring agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6666

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 2015, the Washington State Legislature passed, and Governor Jay Inslee signed, The Oil Transportation Safety Act (Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1449). Section 26 of the Act directs the State Department of Ecology to develop and implement an oil spill and hazardous materials response and firefighting equipment grant program to build preparedness and response capacity in Washington State.

The City of Bellevue is able to benefit from this funding. The City of Bellevue Fire Department is the lead agency within the EHMRT and responds to any large spill or hazmat incident within the department's service area.

After analyzing regional risks, including major highways, marine bodies, oil/gas pipelines and railroad operations, Bellevue Fire and the EHMRT determined that hazardous materials air monitoring equipment was a critical need and sought out grant funding from the Washington Department of Ecology for this purchase.

In March 2022, the City was awarded \$166,900 in grant funding for one AreaRAE remote air monitoring system and four ChemProX IMS Detectors. This equipment will be shared amongst all EHMRT member agencies. This equipment will mirror what is currently used by neighboring agencies allowing for increased interoperability and support in the event of a large-scale hazmat incident within King County and surrounding areas.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

If approved, the City agrees to accept State of Washington Department of Ecology funds that would reimburse the City for expenditures to improve hazardous materials response capabilities.

Adoption of this Ordinance would authorize acceptance of \$166,900 in grant funds to be received from the State for the performance period of July 1, 2021- June 30, 2023. There are no matching fund requirements for this grant project.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Equipment Grant Agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology to accept grant funds in the amount of \$166,900 for the purchase of hazardous materials air monitoring equipment; 2) amending the 2021-2022 budget, to authorize the acceptance and deposit of said funds into the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$166,900; 3) appropriating the unanticipated grant revenues to that fund; and 4) authorizing expenditures of said grant funds for the purchase of hazardous materials air monitoring equipment.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 6666

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Grant Agreement