

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Subgrant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$90,544 for emergency services enduring security needs.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

These funds will be used to enhance the operational capability for Bellevue to plan, train and exercise emergency response procedures. Special focus will be given to refining the City's Shelter Operations Plan and to further development of the priority telecommunications services available to responders. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding is allocated to local governments on a population per capita basis. As Bellevue's population continues to grow, future EMPG grant awards will also increase.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10160

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Emergencies happen – they range from floods and winter snowstorms to acts of domestic terrorism and large magnitude earthquakes. The responsibility to plan for these emergencies, respond to them and recover from them is shared by federal, state and local governments. The lion's share of this responsibility, however, falls to local governments where the emergencies happen.

The Office of Emergency Management of the Fire Department has been the regular recipient (since 1992) of an EMPG that supplements the City's emergency management efforts.

The grant performance period is June 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. This grant funding will be expended for administrative support assigned to help accomplish a variety of program objectives including:

- Developing and conducting shelter operations trainings for City of Bellevue staff from different departments.
- Develop and conduct trainings for City of Bellevue staff on general emergency preparedness (Bellevue Depends on You).
- Host a tabletop exercise to test policies and procedures related to the management and operations of emergency shelters.
- Conduct a functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercise, with an emphasis on provisions of Citywide mass care services.

- Further develop the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) and the Wireless Priority Service (WPS) programs through establishing Citywide eligibility criteria and onboarding/offboarding procedures.
- Maintain the City of Bellevue's GETS/WPS member enrollee list.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

If approved, the City agrees to accept Homeland Security funds that would reimburse the City for expenditures to improve preparedness and response capabilities.

Adoption of this Resolution would authorize the acceptance of \$90,544 in DHS grant funds to be received from the State for the performance period of June 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. The grant funding will be provided by DHS and administered by the Washington State Division of Emergency Management. There is a 1:1 matching requirement that is satisfied with the local funding for Bellevue's Emergency Manager's salary.

These funds will be utilized to enhance the capability of existing emergency management programs and are neither eligible nor intended to replace portions of the City program already in place. These grant monies will be deposited in the Operating Grants and Donations Fund and are to be expended for administrative support functions designed to accomplish the objectives identified in the scope of work.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Subgrant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$90,544 for emergency services enduring security needs.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Resolution No.10160

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