

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to accept up to \$162,500 in grant funds to support processing the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and development regulations under RCW 36.70A.130(5), and amending the 2023-2024 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$162,500; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance authorizes execution of a grant acceptance contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce for an amount of \$162,500. The purpose of the grant funds made available by Commerce is to assist jurisdictions with planning work to meet the Growth Management Act (GMA) requirement to review and revise the comprehensive plan and development regulations under RCW 36.70A.130(5). The Ordinance also amends the 2023-2024 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$162,500.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6713

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Comprehensive Plan Grant Program Overview

The Department of Commerce made grants available to jurisdictions to assist them with planning work for the completion of the GMA requirement to review and revise their comprehensive plan and development regulations under RCW 36.70A.130(5). The grants were made available in July 2022 based on a jurisdiction's population. Bellevue, as a city with more than 20,000 residents, qualifies for \$162,500. The grant is for work during the state fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) and cities are eligible for an additional year of funding which will be made available in July 2023.

This grant can be used to cover activities related to the review and update of the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations per the requirements of RCW 36.70A.130. Examples of eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to, staff time, consultant contracts, costs of providing public notice, printing, and copying.

Bellevue's Scope of Work

In July 2022, the Department of Commerce began accepting applications for grant funding. The City applied, and in November 2022 was notified that the application submitted was successful.

Bellevue's application identified two actions and two deliverables to use grant resources to help fund:

Action 1: Analysis of Comprehensive Plan and initiation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process

Deliverable 1: Scoping Summary report and completed Commerce periodic update checklist

Action 2: EIS Analysis and Issuance

Deliverable 2: Draft EIS

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code 4.28.200 requires Council approval to execute grant contracts that exceed \$90,000.

Under the GMA, Bellevue is required to update its Comprehensive Plan by 2024. The grant would enable funding for consultant assistance for preparation of an EIS for the Plan update.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed tasks are items that are built into the City's work program. Utilizing grant funding to contract consultants to perform some of this work will permit staff greater flexibility to complete other tasks within the City's work plan. This action authorizes the City to accept funds in the amount of \$162,500 for reimbursement associated with the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and to amend the 2023-2024 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$162,500.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to accept up to \$162,500 in grant funds to support processing the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and development regulations under RCW 36.70A.130(5), and amending the 2023-2024 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$162,500; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Washington State Department of Commerce Interagency Agreement with the City of Bellevue through Growth Management Services for Comprehensive Plan Grant
Proposed Ordinance No. 6713

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N/A