

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Triangle Associates, Inc., to provide community and school outreach on how to reduce waste, prevent pollution, and dispose of solid and hazardous waste safely, for an initial 2-year term, with the option of a 2-year renewal, for a maximum of four years, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$270,000, plus all applicable taxes.

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Utilities Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes implementing existing regional solid and hazardous waste educational programs to Bellevue community members, groups, and K-12 school populations to improve environmental and personal health using grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10204

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Bellevue Utilities is actively working to increase the current recycling rate of 38 percent to meet the City's overall recycling goal of 50 percent. To that end, Utilities has successfully partnered with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, and other jurisdictions for over a decade to provide effective educational programming for Bellevue customers.

These programs provide consistent regional messaging to City residents on how and why to reduce waste, prevent pollution and proper disposal of solid waste. This agreement will implement existing regional programs such as theatrical school assemblies, classroom workshops, and outreach to high-risk immigrant populations on ways to reduce exposure to hazardous products.

Messaging will be delivered in culturally competent ways to historically underserved and marginalized communities in Bellevue. In addition, outreach to schools with a majority of students reported as living in multifamily properties will be prioritized since that is a sector of the City where the recycling rates are currently the lowest.

Through this ongoing work, Bellevue Utilities expects to:

- increase partnership opportunities with community groups on sustainability education,
- decrease the amount of hazardous products being used and disposed of in Bellevue,
- provide outreach and education to reduce overall waste and increase the City's recycling rate, and
- promote the use of less toxic alternatives.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code (BCC 4.28) provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$90,000.

The City Council approved King County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan. The activities included in this agreement are consistent with both Plans.

This agreement is also consistent with the following City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policies:

- EN-9. Educate the public about environmental issues and illustrate how individual actions can have a cumulative effect to benefit the environment.
- EN-17. Work with residents, businesses, and waste haulers to continue to improve percentage of waste diverted from landfill.
- UT-21. Cooperate with other private and public agencies in the region to manage and control hazardous waste and moderate risk waste, including hazardous household substances.
- UT-22. Educate the public in the proper handling and disposal of hazardous household waste and on the use of alternative products or practices which result in reducing the use and storage of hazardous materials in homes and businesses.
- UT-25. Encourage and actively seek an effective regional approach to solid waste management.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement authorizes the City to spend up to \$270,000, plus all applicable taxes for 2023-2026. The following funds are included in the adopted 2023-2024 Operating Grants/Donations Fund budget. Grant funds have been secured.

King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant	\$80,000
SKC Public Health Household Hazardous Waste Grant	<u>\$55,000</u>
	\$135,000

An additional \$135,000 will be requested in the proposed 2025-2026 Operating Grants/Donations Fund budget. It is anticipated that grant funds will be available to continue the work in 2025-2026.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Triangle Associates, Inc., to provide community and school outreach on how to reduce waste, prevent pollution, and dispose of solid and hazardous waste safely, for an initial 2-year term, with the option of a 2-year renewal, for a maximum of four years, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$270,000, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10204

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