

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Wilder Environmental Consulting, to provide solid waste, hazardous waste, and pollution prevention outreach and technical assistance to Bellevue schools and residents, 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 \$288,000, plus all applicable taxes.

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Utilities Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes updating and continuing solid waste, hazardous waste, and pollution prevention outreach programs including community classes, special event tabling, and technical assistance to Bellevue residents and K-12 schools using existing grant funding (94 percent) and Utilities Solid Waste funding (6 percent).

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10203

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. Bellevue Utilities has provided impactful solid waste and environmental conservation programming to Bellevue residents for 18 years. This agreement will provide necessary professional and technical resources to continue implementation of the Green Genius Outreach and the Greener Living programs to reduce waste and increase recycling.

The City has provided significant recycling assistance to Bellevue schools since 2004 including supporting the Green Genius program. The program facilitates all Bellevue K-12 schools to form a green team of staff and students to promote recycling, composting and conserving energy and water. This successful partnership has resulted in implementing large-scale waste-reduction actions. For example, Bellevue Utilities and Bellevue School District partnered to

- eliminate single-use plastic utensils in school cafeterias keeping over 4 tons of plastic waste out of the landfill each school year (over 800,000 plastic utensils and straws each year),
- implement School Food Share allowing over 13,000 pounds of uneaten food to be donated to hungry people each school year, and
- switch from disposable to washable reusable food trays in cafeterias at 16 elementary schools and four middle schools.

The Greener Living program entails ongoing outreach to the City's residents to reduce waste, increase recycling/composting, prevent surface water pollution, and correctly dispose of household hazardous

wastes. Targeted messaging and assistance to utilize safer alternatives to hazardous products are also included. Special activities are sponsored including community classes and presentations and educational tabling at community events. Specific efforts will be made to provide outreach to Bellevue's more underserved and marginalized residential communities in culturally competent ways.

Through this ongoing program and agreement, Bellevue Utilities expects to reach over 2,000 Bellevue residents and 29 public school communities on an annual basis.

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 the King County 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-14. Reduce waste, reuse and recycle materials, and dispose of all wastes in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.
- EN-17. Work with residents, businesses, and waste haulers to continue to improve percentage of waste diverted from landfill.
- 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.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement authorizes the City to spend up to \$288,000, plus all applicable taxes for 2023-2026. The following funds are included in the adopted 2023-2024 Operating Grants/Donations Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Storm & Surface Water Fund budgets. Grant funds have been secured.

King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant	\$88,000
SKC Public Health Household Hazardous Waste Grant	\$48,000
Solid Waste Fund	\$4,000
Surface Water Fund	<u>\$4,000</u>
	\$144,000

An additional \$144,000 will be requested in the proposed 2025-2026 Operating Grants/Donations Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Storm & Surface Water Fund budgets. 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 Wilder Environmental Consulting, to provide solid waste, hazardous waste, and pollution prevention outreach and technical assistance to Bellevue schools and residents, 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 \$288,000, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10203

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