

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance amending the 2023-2024 budget to increase appropriations to the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund by \$100,974 to reflect the amount to be spent through the Washington State Department of Commerce Middle Housing Grant in 2023; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ordinance increases appropriations to the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund by \$100,974 to reflect the amount to be spent through the Middle Housing Grant in 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6726

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On November 14, 2022, Council accepted the Middle Housing Grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The grants were made available in late May 2022 based on city population. Bellevue, as a city with more than 20,000 residents, qualifies for \$100,000 and an additional \$20,000 to support the work of community-based organizations that are doing outreach to groups that have historically been under-represented in the planning process. The grant is for work during the state fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

The purpose of the grant is to explore the possibility of allowing middle housing types (such as duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes) in areas that are currently zoned as single family residential. Middle housing types include, “duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes, sixplexes, townhouses, courtyard apartments, cottage housing and stacked flats.” The City’s scope under the grant includes four actions:

Action 1: Analysis of Housing	Deliverable 1: Memo of Growth Options
Action 2: Engagement Events	Deliverable 2a: Community Deep Dive Engagement Report
	Deliverable 2b: Weighing Alternatives Engagement Report
	Deliverable 2c: Informational Materials
Action 3: Community Outreach	Deliverable 3: Engagement Report
Action 4: Racial Equity Analysis	Deliverable 4a: Racial Equity Memorandum
	Deliverable 4b: Displacement Risk Memorandum

As part of this work, Bellevue will work with other Eastside cities through A Regional Coalition of Housing (ARCH) to reach out to underrepresented communities through community-based organizations. The grant includes \$20,000 for compensating community-based organizations for outreach and community engagement work. The total grant is for \$120,000 to be spent between July 2022 and June 2023. The City has already spent \$19,026 of the funds in 2022 and submitted an invoice to the Department of Commerce for reimbursement. This resolution would amend the budget to include the remaining funds of \$100,974.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

N/A

Fiscal Impact

The Ordinance will increase appropriations to the City's 2023-2024 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund by \$100,974 to reflect the remaining funds available through the Middle Housing Grant.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending the 2023-2024 budget to increase appropriations to the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund by \$100,974 to reflect the amount to be spent through the Washington State Department of Commerce Middle Housing Grant in 2023; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternate direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Ordinance No. 6726

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N/A