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CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

Discussion of the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) 2016 Administrative Budget and Work Program as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board.

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POLICY ISSUES

Interlocal Agreement: The ARCH Interlocal Agreement provides that each year Council must review and approve ARCH's Budget and Work Program.

Comprehensive Plan:

Continued support of ARCH is consistent with Comprehensive Plan policy HO-22 to promote regional cooperation to create affordable housing.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

<u> </u>	Action
<u> X </u>	Discussion
<u> X </u>	Information

No action is requested tonight. With Council concurrence, action on the ARCH budget and work program will be placed on the Agenda for the next Regular meeting.

BACKGROUND

2016 ARCH Administrative Budget

Consistent with the ARCH Interlocal Agreement, each year the ARCH budget and work program comes before all ARCH member councils for approval. The attached budget and work program has been reviewed and recommended by the ARCH Executive Board.

ARCH's 2016 Administrative Budget (Attachment 1) is proposed at 3.02% (\$19,125) over the 2015 budget primarily due to increased cost of staff benefits. Bellevue's share of the ARCH Administrative Budget is through an in-kind contribution of \$171,718 and a cash contribution of \$5,530. This represents a \$10,560 (6.3%) increase from 2015 and represents approximately 27.1 percent of the overall ARCH budget of \$652,930. Bellevue's contribution is accounted for in the 2015-2016 Planning & Community Development Department General Fund budget.

2016 ARCH Work Program

The ARCH Work Program describes the ARCH Executive Board's recommended work activities for 2016 (Attachment 2). The work program includes these items of special interest to Bellevue:

- Assist City with an Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Assist City staff with implementing administrative procedures for the Bel-Red land use incentive program and the Multifamily Tax Exemption Program.
- Assist in identifying opportunities for affordable housing and implementation of affordable housing strategies in identified East Link corridors and station areas where transit oriented housing and mixed income housing development is an important component of the initial planning work.
- Assist in innovative housing ordinance for NB properties within the Newport Hills Commercial Center.
- Assist in Neighborhood Subarea Planning to consider more affordable housing types on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis.
- Assist in downtown housing incentives if recommended by the downtown livability plan.
- Assist in the Wilburton Plan related housing work.
- Assist staff in exploring affordable housing opportunities in the Eastgate Corridor Plan.

In addition, work items of benefit to all member jurisdictions include:

- Support efforts by Eastside Human Services Forum, EHAC, and cities to develop an East King county sub-regional strategic approach to winter shelters for homeless adults and families, including a long term strategy for providing winter shelter and related services.
- Continue to assist with ongoing oversight and administration of the REDI fund loan program.
- Continue to explore opportunities for catalyst projects in transit oriented neighborhoods such as Bel-Red, Overlake and central Mercer Island that include affordable housing and other features that help implement neighborhood plan objectives. This includes efforts to identify one or two properties that would be appropriate for the REDI fund.
- Explore and evaluate the feasibility of a dedicated funding source to supplement general fund contributions for the ARCH Trust Fund. This includes work on state legislation to expand tools available to cities, and potentially updating Parity goals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ARCH 2016 Administrative Budget and Work Program, pursuant to the ARCH Interlocal Agreement stipulation that each year ARCH member councils review and approve ARCH's work program and budget.

No action is requested tonight. With Council consensus, action on the ARCH budget and work program will be scheduled on the Agenda for the next regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. ARCH proposed 2016 Administrative Budget
2. ARCH proposed 2016 Work Program