

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) subgrant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$256,701 for vulnerable populations planning, citizen preparedness and outreach and sustainment; 2) authorizing the deposit of said funds into the 2019-2020 budget of the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$256,701; 3) appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and 4) authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

These funds will be utilized to enhance the capability of existing emergency management programs including public education, vulnerable populations planning and sustainment of previously grant funded programs and equipment. Bellevue joins King County, Pierce County, Snohomish County and the City of Seattle as the lead jurisdictions that comprise the Seattle Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) region.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6435.
If approved, effective date: 11/30/2018

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The availability of grant funding increased significantly following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The UASI program is operated at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security, through which the federal government allocates funds to the urban areas considered most at risk. Funds pass from the federal government to states that contain risks in urban areas. Each state must pass through at least 80 percent of the funds directly to the urban areas for which they are designated. The remaining 20 percent of the funds are expended by the State on projects that will benefit the whole urban area. The UASI Core Group is comprised of representatives from the cities of Seattle and Bellevue; King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties; and the Washington State Military Department. By federal mandate, Bellevue received a seat on the Core Group for UASI in 2006 and is part of the decision-making process for funding priorities and allocations. The funds are designed to address threats posed by terrorist actions, as well as human and natural disasters. Bellevue, as a regional provider, benefits from the improved preparedness and response capabilities supported by these funds.

Bellevue continues to be a rapidly developing urbanized area with an increasing diverse population and building density to rival Seattle. Bellevue is located on the major Seattle earthquake fault line and has a response zone that includes critical infrastructure such as the Olympic Gas Pipeline, three major interstates/freeways, (including the Evergreen Point Floating Bridges), and major hospital/medical

centers, (including the only trauma center located on the east side of Lake Washington). Businesses and residents need to be prepared for all types of hazards. The City is being awarded funding for multiple projects from the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 (FFY18) Homeland Security Grants program. Grants such as this one address current needs and prepare the City for the future. FFY18 projects include:

Sustainment (\$125,000): The objective of this funding is to continue to maintain and build upon existing public education programs, projects, and campaigns to raise awareness and motivate citizens to prepare for disasters. Through regional collaborations and partnerships, funding is leveraged to create efficiencies and continue efforts toward message consistency.

Vulnerable Population Planning (\$44,000): The funding will sustain regional collaboration while increasing the individual and collective UASI Vulnerable Populations Planning and Response Capabilities; build a GIS-based framework with internal resources to inform planning assumptions and response priorities related to vulnerable populations; continue to identify vulnerable populations gaps in the disaster planning, response, and recovery; and develop strategies to address those areas.

Citizen Preparedness and Outreach (\$80,000): The funding will maintain and build upon existing public education programs, projects and campaigns to raise awareness and motivate people to prepare for disasters. This is accomplished through regional collaboration and leveraging the jurisdiction's partnerships to create cost efficiencies and work toward message consistency. The desired outcome is to further enable the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for risks. This will empower individuals and communities to make informed risk management decisions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from terrorism and all-hazard events.

Management and Administration (\$7,701): A maximum of up to three percent of funds awarded may be used solely for management and administrative purposes associated with this grant award.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

If approved, the City agrees to accept Homeland Security funds that would reimburse the City for expenditures to improve preparedness and response capabilities.

Adoption of this Ordinance would authorize the acceptance of \$256,701 in DHS grant funds to be received from the State for the grant period ending August 31, 2020. The grant funding will be provided by DHS and administered by the Washington State Division of Emergency Management. There are no matching fund requirements for this grant project.

These funds will be utilized to enhance the capability of existing emergency management programs and are neither eligible nor intended to replace portions of the City program already in place. These grant monies will be deposited in the Operating Grants and Donations Fund and are to be expended for administrative support functions designed to accomplish the objectives identified in the scope of work. Sufficient appropriation exists within the 2019-2020 proposed budget for this subgrant agreement.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) subgrant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$256,701 for vulnerable populations planning, citizen preparedness and outreach and sustainment; 2) authorizing the deposit of said funds into the 2019-2020 budget of the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$256,701; 3) appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and 4) authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 6435

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Grant Agreement