

March 6, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with King County to accept reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$361,587 from the 2017-2018 King County Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) Program to implement WRR projects in accordance with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

This agreement formally recognizes receipt of \$361,587 in grant funding from King County to implement waste reduction and recycling projects during 2017-2018. This includes \$100,000 for providing waste reduction and recycling services to residents of Beaux Arts Village, Clyde Hill, Hunt's Point, Medina, and Yarrow Point. City matching funds are not required for acceptance of the grant. A small portion of the grant (\$25,000) will be used as the required match for projects that fall under the Washington State Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant in 2017-2018. The grant is provided on a reimbursement basis and is retroactive to January 1, 2017. Receipt of this grant was anticipated in the 2017-2018 adopted budget for the Solid Waste Fund. No amendment to the Fund's adopted budget will be required.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Since 1991, the City has received King County WRR grant funds to support a variety of waste reduction projects that continue to grow in popularity among the City's residents and businesses. Acceptance of the grant funds will enable continuation of services currently enjoyed by customers in Bellevue and the five Point Cities.

The 2001 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) designates a variety of waste prevention and recycling programs as eligible for funding from the King County Solid Waste Division. The City projects proposed for grant funding are consistent with the Plan. The City is a party to the Plan per the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with King County, adopted by the Council on August 1, 1988 (Resolution No. 5046).

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

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BACKGROUND

- The King County Solid Waste Division makes non-competitive grant funds available to suburban cities to implement residential, commercial, and school waste reduction and recycling programs, including special recycling collection events.

- The City currently has approximately a 40 percent waste reduction and recycling rate. This grant will help to improve this rate to a goal of 50 percent by focusing on educating all sectors as to what can be recycled and the various means to do so.
- The grant, totaling \$361,587, is provided on a reimbursement basis and is retroactive to January 1, 2017. Bellevue's base funding amount for 2017-2018, based on 2016 residential and employment population, is \$261,587. The City also receives an additional \$100,000 to include the five Point Cities in its programs.
- The grant provides funding for the following programs:
 1. **Residential waste reduction and recycling (\$89,488)**
 - Programs will target effective behavior change strategies for single-family and multifamily residents. Efforts will focus on providing cost-effective services, while achieving long-term waste prevention and recycling objectives. These objectives include designing well-planned, creative and effective programs that are convenient to and will engage residents. These programs will promote waste prevention, recycling, and proper disposal methods. Additional education and outreach will be done to determine barriers and motivators to encourage residents to recycle more food waste on an ongoing basis.
 2. **Commercial waste reduction and recycling outreach and technical assistance (\$179,099)**
 - Business Recycling: The City will continue to offer onsite technical assistance to help businesses reduce waste and improve their recycling programs. Assistance may include providing written materials, making presentations or hosting workshops, assisting with recycling campaigns, providing recycling containers, as appropriate, and recognizing outstanding improvements.
 - School Recycling: The City will continue to work with the Bellevue School District and private schools in the area to help individual schools increase their recycling, waste reduction, and use of recycled-content products. This includes providing presentations, assemblies, workshops and educational opportunities targeting both staff and students to increase knowledge, engagement, and participation in waste reduction and recycling activities.
 3. **Residential special recycling collection events (\$93,000)**
 - The City hosts two special recycling collection events each year targeting difficult to recycle items.
 - These events are very popular with residents and typically attract more than 3,000 participants who recycle approximately 149 tons of material, including appliances, lead acid batteries, porcelain toilets and sinks, propane tanks, scrap wood, mattresses, tires, and block Styrofoam.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with King County to accept

reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$361,587 from the 2017-2018 King County Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) Program to implement WRR projects in accordance with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff. Declining to enter into the interlocal agreement will result in the loss of \$361,587 in grant funding to conduct planned waste prevention and recycling education projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9236 authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with King County to accept reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$361,587 from the 2017-2018 King County Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) Program to implement WRR projects in accordance with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9236

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Proposed Interagency Agreement for 2017 and 2018 between King County and the City of Bellevue (2017-2018 Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Grant Agreement)