

March 27, 2017

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

Discussion of the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) 2017 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

ACTION



DIRECTION



INFORMATION ONLY



No action is requested tonight. With Council concurrence staff will prepare legislation to approve the ARCH 2017 budget and work program to be placed on the Agenda for the next Regular meeting.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

2017 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 2017 Administrative Budget (Attachment A) is proposed at 3.50 percent (\$22,876) over the 2016 budget primarily due to increased cost of staff salary (based on Bellevue's approved Cost of Living Adjustment) and benefits. Bellevue's share of the ARCH Administrative Budget is through an in-kind contribution of \$167,943 and a cash contribution of \$7,209. This represents a \$3,434 (2.0 percent) increase from 2016 and represents approximately 26 percent of the overall ARCH budget of \$675,810. Bellevue's contribution is accounted for in the 2017-2018 Planning & Community Development Department General Fund budget.

2017 ARCH Work Program:

The ARCH Work Program describes the ARCH Executive Board's recommended work activities for 2017 (Attachment B). The work program includes these items of special interest to Bellevue:

- Assist City with preparing an Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Assist City staff with implementing administrative procedures for the Bel-Red land use incentive program and citywide 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 housing related items for Eastgate zoning update and the Wilburton Plan
- Assist with initial priority strategies identified through the Affordable Housing Strategy
- Assist in Neighborhood Planning to consider more affordable housing types on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis, such as small lot neighborhood infill and detached accessory dwelling units
- Assist in downtown housing incentives as recommended by the downtown livability 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. This includes continued community outreach, additional site feasibility, structuring land conveyance documents, finalizing concept and design, potentially including some permanent housing, and securing funding.
- Continue to explore opportunities for catalyst projects in transit oriented neighborhoods that include affordable housing and other features that help implement neighborhood plan objectives. This includes efforts to identify properties that would be appropriate for the REDI fund and for targeted and at-large King County TOD funds.
- 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.

OPTIONS

1. Pursuant to the ARCH Interlocal Agreement stipulation that each year ARCH member councils review and approve ARCH's work program and budget- direct staff to prepare legislation approving the ARCH 2017 Administrative Budget and Work Program.
2. Do not approve and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

ATTACHMENTS

- A. ARCH proposed 2017 Administrative Budget
- B. ARCH proposed 2017 Work Program

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N/A