

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with King County to accept reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$344,759 from the 2019-2020 King County Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) Program to implement WRR projects in accordance with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 1991, the City has received King County WRR grant funds to support a variety of waste reduction projects and programs that continue to grow in popularity among the City's residents and businesses. This Resolution authorizes the acceptance of the WRR grant funds for residential, business, and school recycling programs to continue services currently enjoyed by customers in Bellevue and the residents of Beaux Arts Village, Clyde Hill, Hunt's Point, Medina, and Yarrow Point in 2019 and 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9561.

If approved, effective date: 03/04/2019.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The 2001 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) designates a variety of waste prevention and recycling programs eligible for funding from the King County Solid Waste Division. The City of Bellevue is a party to the Plan under the Amended and Restated Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with King County. The City's projects and programs proposed for grant funding are consistent with the Plan.

The WRR grant funds are provided, on a non-competitive basis, to cities to implement residential, commercial, and school waste reduction and recycling programs. The City of Bellevue currently has approximately a 40 percent waste recycling rate. This grant will help to make progress towards the state recycling goal of 50 percent by focusing on educating all customer sectors as to what can be recycled and the various means to do so.

The grant, totaling \$344,759, is provided on a reimbursement basis and is retroactive to January 1, 2019. Bellevue's base funding amount for 2019-2020, based on 2018 residential and employment population, is \$244,759. 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 (\$152,759)

- a. Programs to promote waste prevention, recycling, and proper disposal methods: The City will continue a variety of promotional and awareness education efforts to encourage waste prevention and recycling to single-family and multifamily residents. Examples include promoting the Recycle Right (Clean, Empty, Dry) messaging, offering outreach materials and communications in seven languages, and educational and outreach programs at schools.
- b. Food waste recycling: The City will continue to offer a variety of promotional activities and awareness education to increase the recycling of food waste.
- c. Multifamily Recycling: The City will continue activities to increase the level of recycling by multifamily residents by conducting education and outreach efforts with tenants; and engaging with multifamily property managers to determine better ways to increase recycling and reduce contamination at apartment and condominium complexes.

2. Commercial waste reduction and recycling outreach and technical assistance (\$192,000)

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

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Fiscal Impact

This agreement formally recognizes receipt of \$344,759 in grant funding from King County to implement waste reduction and recycling projects and programs during 2019-2020. 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. The grant is provided on a reimbursement basis and is retroactive to January 1, 2019. Receipt of this grant was anticipated in the 2019-2020 adopted budget for the Solid Waste Fund. No amendment to the Fund's adopted budget will be required.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with King County to accept reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$344,759 from the 2019-2020 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. Failure to enter into the interlocal agreement will result in the loss of \$344,759 in grant funding to conduct planned waste prevention and recycling education projects.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9561

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed Interlocal Agreement for 2019 and 2020 between King County and the City of Bellevue (2019-2020 Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Grant Agreement)