

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an amendment to the grant agreement with King County to accept \$106,345 in additional funding through the King County Flood Reduction Grant Program; 2) amending the 2019-2020 Biennium General Capital Investment Program (CIP) fund to increase the appropriation by \$106,345 for Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (P-R-11); and 3) modifying the 2019-2025 CIP Plan to increase the Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (P-R-11) by \$106,345 to assist with renovation and replacement of existing flood control infrastructure at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm.

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Parks & Community Services Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance authorizes execution of an amendment to an existing grant agreement with King County, amends the 2019-2020 Biennium General Capital Investment Program (CIP) fund to increase the appropriation for Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan, and modifies the 2019-2025 CIP Plan to increase the Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6539

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Parks Department manages Bellevue's last remaining agriculture lands to help preserve the community's rich agricultural heritage and provide community gathering spaces for socializing and recreation. The agricultural lands in the Mercer Slough Nature Park have been producing crops for over 100 years. The existing blueberry farm utilizes a complex series of drainage control structures including cross tiles, ditches, dikes, and pump systems to help manage drainage and control flooding impacts to the farm. Much of this existing infrastructure has exceeded its useful life span, resulting in greater and more prolonged water inundation that impacts plant health, community access, and routine maintenance.

The Parks & Community Services Department determined that renovation of the existing drainage system at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm is needed to maintain the current agricultural and recreational uses of the farm. Due to Sound Transit impacts, the project is currently scheduled for implementation in summer 2021. To leverage existing renovation funds, in 2019 the Parks Department applied for and was awarded a grant by the King County Flood Control District in the amount of \$110,000 for drainage repairs (Ordinance No. 6497).

On June 24, 2020, King County approved an amendment to the existing grant agreement to add \$106,345 in additional funds for a combined total award amount of \$216,345. The amendment also

extends the deadline to spend the funds by one year, to December 31, 2022, and makes some additional changes to the project scope of work.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- PA-9. Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.
- PA-34. Evaluate existing parks and facilities, and renovate, where appropriate, to maximize efficient maintenance and operating practices, improve safety and accessibility for all users, and to reduce, where feasible, the impacts on adjacent properties.

BCC 4.28.200 requires Council approval for the execution of grant agreements exceeding \$90,000.

Fiscal Impact

This action authorizes the City to accept a grant amendment in an amount of \$106,345, bringing the total grant amount to \$216,345 for reimbursement of qualified expenditures. There is no match requirement. The total project cost is currently estimated at \$432,691. The remaining funding will be from the Parks Renovation & Refurbishment Plan (CIP Plan No. P-R-11). With the combination of grant and CIP revenues, there is sufficient funding to complete the project.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an amendment to the grant agreement with King County to accept \$106,345 in additional funding through the King County Flood Reduction Grant Program; 2) amending the 2019-2020 Biennium General Capital Investment Program (CIP) fund to increase the appropriation by \$106,345 for Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (P-R-11); and 3) modifying the 2019-2025 CIP Plan to increase the Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (P-R-11) by \$106,345 to assist with renovation and replacement of existing flood control infrastructure at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. CIP Project Description (P-R-11)
- B. Original Flood Reduction Grant Award Agreement
- C. Proposed Amendment to original Grant Award
Proposed Ordinance No. 6539

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N/A