

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of grant agreements with human services agencies for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes execution of grant agreements with human services agencies for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9835

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On March 27, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) which allocated a total of \$150 billion to state and local governments. The City of Bellevue was allocated \$4,359,000 in CARES Act funds. On August 31, Governor Inslee announced that the total CRF distribution to cities, towns, and counties would be increased by \$125 million for a total of \$420 million. The City of Bellevue was allocated an additional \$2,179,500 in funds above the original \$4,359,000 initially allocated. The Washington State Department of Commerce, which administers the CRF, subsequently announced that it was extending the deadlines for local governments to incur expenses and file for reimbursement by one month.

On October 12, Council authorized an amendment to the interagency agreement with the Department of Commerce to accept the additional \$2,179,500 in CARES Act funds and increase the Human Services Fund appropriation by \$1,079,500 to address the significant unbudgeted expenses and loss of revenue that human service agencies serving Bellevue residents have experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

On October 13, an application for funding was sent to all 44 of the City's currently contracted agencies. The application period closed on October 19 at 11:59 p.m. Fifteen applications were received by the deadline.

The City received requests exceeding \$13 million dollars for the \$1,079,500 in available funds. In order to address the most critical need, recommendations were made to fund those requests from agencies that demonstrated a correlating deficit on their agency's profit and loss statement. The grant amount recommendations are based on demonstrated need. Where the need exceeded the available funds, staff recommended awarding a maximum amount of \$105,533 to ensure all agencies meeting the eligibility criteria received funding. Fourteen agencies are recommended for funding; nine grant awards exceed \$90k and require Council approval.

Agencies	Draft Recommendation
Attain Housing	\$93,992
Bellevue College Early Learning Center	\$105,533
Bellevue School District Early and Extended Learning Program	\$105,533
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue	\$105,533
Community Homes, Inc.	\$14,792
Congregations for the Homeless	\$105,533
Easterseals Washington	\$84,702
HERO House	\$17,723
Imagine Housing	\$105,533
India Association of Western Washington	\$10,652
Kinderling Center	\$105,533
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	\$13,368
LifeSpring	\$105,533
Sophia Way	\$105,533

Total Recommended Awards	\$1,079,493
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POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code 4.28.200 requires Council approval to execute grant agreements in excess of \$90,000.

Fiscal Impact

This action will obligate the City to execute grant agreements with human services agencies in the amounts indicated above. The City will seek reimbursement of the total \$1,079,493 awarded in CARES Act funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce in accordance with the interagency agreement.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of grant agreements with human services agencies for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. CARES 2 Grant funding recommendations
Proposed Resolution No. 9835

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