

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

An Ordinance 1) authorizing the execution of a sub-grantee agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, as lead fiscal agent for Resolution Washington, to accept capacity grant funds in the amount of \$209,438.98 from the Washington State Department of Commerce (state grant number S22-31445-001) for staffing and administrative costs at the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center; and (2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$104,719.49.

Mac Cummins, Director, 452-6191

Mike McCormick Huentelman, Assistant Director, 452-4089

Marci McReynolds, Conflict Resolution Center Manager, 452-5288

*Community Development*

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance authorizes an agreement with the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, as lead fiscal agent for Resolution Washington, and accepts capacity grant funding for the time between July 2021 through June 2023, for the City's Bellevue Conflict Resolution administration and program activities to increase the problem-solving capacity of our community to resolve local disputes. The Ordinance also amends the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donation, and Special Reserves Fund to facilitate expenditures during this budget year.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6602

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The mission of the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center (BCRC) is "to increase the problem-solving capacity of Bellevue's community." This is accomplished by providing conflict resolution services that address community disputes between neighbors, businesses, and public entities. Services provided are confidential, voluntary, and free, available to people who live, work, or go to school in Bellevue, and are provided by staff and trained volunteers from the community.

The BCRC is a dispute resolution center formed under Chapter 7.75 of the Revised Code of Washington to provide equal access to justice; and it is an active, funded member of Resolution Washington, a consortium of 22 other dispute resolution centers. Volunteers are certified according to the standards of the Uniform Mediation Act.

The BCRC is a recipient of a capacity grant to support the administration of its programs. The capacity grant totals \$209,438.98, covering fiscal years July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, BCRC will receive the amount of \$104,719.49 in 2021-22 and 2022-2023. The funding for this sub-grant is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce (state grant number S222-31445-001), which is distributing the money through the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, as the lead fiscal agent for Resolution Washington.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

Bellevue City Code 4.28.200 requires council approval to execute grant contracts that exceed \$90,000.

The acceptance of this grant and authorization of the funding agreement with Resolution Washington is consistent with the following policies.

Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- N-7. Support the capacity of local neighborhood communities to actively engage and respond to changing internal neighborhood needs and external stresses.
- N-11. Enable neighborhood-tailored solutions to localized issues while ensuring that they meet Citywide responsibilities

### **Fiscal Impact**

This action authorizes the City to accept funds in the amount of \$209,438 for reimbursement associated with Conflict Resolution administration and program activities and to amend the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$104,719.49. The budget cycle for 2023-2024 will authorize expenditures consistent with the remaining value of the grant.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing the execution of a sub-grantee agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, as lead fiscal agent for Resolution Washington, to accept capacity grant funds in the amount of \$209,438.98 from the Washington State Department of Commerce (state grant number S22-31445-001) for staffing and administrative costs at the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center; and (2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$104,719.49.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

A. Capacity Sub-Grantee Contract  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6602

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A