

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance (1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Department of Ecology to accept reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$183,467, with a required City of Bellevue 25% match in local contribution (\$61,156), for a total grant agreement of \$244,623; and (2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$189,623 to cover the anticipated expenditures in this biennium.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The grant will help move the City closer to the goal of zero waste of resources and reduce waste by residents, businesses, and schools. Since 1992, the City has received Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) grant funds, formerly Coordinated Prevention Grant, to implement outreach and education programs. This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of the LSWFA grant funds for multifamily, business, and school waste reduction and recycling programs to continue and expand services currently enjoyed by residents and businesses in Bellevue, Beaux Arts Village, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, and Yarrow Point from July 2021 through June 2023. The Ordinance also increases the appropriation to the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to cover anticipated expenditures

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6606

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Ecology provides non-competitive funds to the 2021-2023 LSWFA program to implement recycling and hazardous waste prevention and education programs in accordance with local solid and hazardous waste management plans. King County allocates the LSWFA grant by making funds available to suburban cities to implement waste reduction and recycling programs, in accordance with the King County 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan). The City is a party to the Plan and the projects and programs proposed for grant funding are consistent with the Plan.

The City currently has an approximate 41 percent waste recycling rate. This grant will help to improve this rate by focusing on educating multifamily and commercial properties on waste reduction opportunities, as well as on what can be properly recycled and composted, and the various means to do so.

City of Bellevue's grant agreement provides for the following programs:

1. Multifamily and Commercial Off-site Organics Management, Assistance, Education and Outreach: Work with residents, multifamily property managers, and commercial businesses to

incorporate increased access to organics collection, increased waste reduction, and recycling and organics contamination reduction.

2. Waste Reduction and Recycling in Bellevue Schools: In partnership with the Bellevue School District, continue to implement programs that reduce waste, eliminate single-use plastic where possible, and provide more options for recycling in Bellevue schools.

The grant, totaling \$183,467, is provided on a reimbursement basis and is retroactive to July 1. Bellevue's base funding is \$167,287. The City also receives an additional \$16,180 to include the five points cities in its programs.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The City's projects and programs proposed for grant funding are consistent with Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan, as well as Bellevue's 2021-2025 Environmental Stewardship Plan (ESP).

The City's Comprehensive Plan, as described in sections UT-24, EN-14, and EN-17, aims to work with residents, businesses and waste haulers to continue to improve percentage of waste diverted from the landfill by reducing waste, reusing and recycling solid waste materials, and promoting recycling by providing convenient recycling opportunities and education materials.

The ESP waste goal is to reduce the negative impacts from consumption and waste practices and strive towards zero waste of resources by 2050. This grant will help move the City closer towards that goal.

Fiscal Impact

Executing the grant agreement will provide, on a reimbursable basis, \$183,467 in State funding from Ecology to implement waste reduction and recycling education and outreach programs to residents and businesses in Bellevue, Beaux Arts Village, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, and Yarrow Point. Ecology will reimburse the City 75 percent of all costs for a maximum amount of \$183,467. The grant requires a 25 percent local match of \$61,156 which will be provided by the Solid Waste Fund.

This action will increase the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund appropriation by \$189,623 to cover the anticipated expenditures during this biennium. The remaining appropriation of \$55,000 will be requested as part of the 2023-2024 budget.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance (1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Department of Ecology to accept reimbursement grant funds in the amount of \$183,467, with a required City of Bellevue 25% match in local contribution (\$61,156), for a total grant agreement of \$244,623; and (2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$189,623 to cover the anticipated expenditures in this biennium.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff. Failure to enter into the grant agreement will result in the loss of \$183,467 in grant funding to conduct planned outreach and education projects.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 6606

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed grant agreement between Ecology and the City of Bellevue (2021-2023 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant Agreement)