



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

March 14, 2022

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellevue for Community Advocates for Resource and Education Services (CARES)

Category: Consent

Staff Contact: Acting Police Chief Jeffrey R. Sass

Summary:

In early 2021 staff announced to Council that the American Rescue Plan Act has allocated \$918,735 to the City of Medina. 50% of the allocated funds will be distributed to the City in 2021 and 50% in 2022. The 2021 distribution will be on or around June 27, 2021. The deadline for expending all distributed funds is December 31, 2024.

At the September 13, 2021, City Council meeting, city staff noted the five eligible uses of the funding according to the American Rescue Plan Act:

1. Supporting the public health response by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
2. Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
3. Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
4. Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.
5. Investing in infrastructure improvement, repairs, and replacement. Specifically:
 - a. Broadband, targeting rural and remote areas that have minimal access.
 - b. Water systems (our water system is owned and operated by the City of Bellevue).
 - c. Sewer systems, in two subcategories:
 - i. Wastewater (also owned and operated the City of Bellevue).
 - ii. Stormwater.

At that same meeting city staff identified four potential uses for Council to consider:

1. Maintain the City's inventory of personal protective equipment.
2. Indoor air quality testing of City Hall by an Industrial Hygienist and follow-up with the Hygienist recommendations.
3. Contract with Bellevue Fire Department's Bellevue CARES Program to address the medical and behavioral healthcare needs of our community.

Bellevue Fire offered to provide this service for three years (2022, 2023, and 2024) at \$28,000 per year.

Following a brief executive session, Council directed staff to include funding the Bellevue CARES Program contract for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

The attached contract is an Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellevue to provide Community Advocates for Resource and Education Services (CARES). The Interlocal Agreement for Bellevue CARES services to include but are not limited to advocates meeting with individuals and assessing their needs, case management, and facilitating the connection of individuals to community resources that may help with their needs.

Attachment:

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Budget/Fiscal Impact: Budgeted for \$28,000 annually – using American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA).

Recommendation: Approve.

City Manager Approval:



Proposed Council Motion: “I move to approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Bellevue for Bellevue CARES services and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.”