



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approval of the 2024 Budget and Work Program for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

City staff and the ARCH Executive Board recommend that the City Council approve the 2024 Budget and Work Program for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).

ARCH was created in 1993 through an interlocal agreement between several eastside cities and King County. ARCH assists member governments in developing housing policies, strategies, programs, and development regulations; coordinates members' financial support to groups creating affordable housing; and assists people looking for affordable rental and ownership housing. The 2024 ARCH Budget and Work Program is required to be approved by each of the 16 member councils that are party to the Interlocal Agreement.

The proposed 2024 administrative budget request to Redmond is \$234,358, which represents a 17% (\$34,859) increase from the 2023 budget of \$199,499. The increase provides new funding (\$95,000) for outside legal counsel to help supplement the current capacity provided by the Bellevue City Attorney's Office. The budget also ensures staffing can maintain current levels of support for administering local housing programs, including the ARCH homeownership program, ARCH rental program and local incentive programs.

The 2024 Budget and Work Program details are provided in **Attachment A**.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan policy HO-4 directs the City to cooperate with A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) to “assess housing needs, create affordable housing opportunities, and coordinate a regional approach to funding and meeting the housing needs of Eastside Communities.”
- **Required:**
The ARCH Interlocal Agreement of 1993 as amended in 2010 requires that the annual ARCH work program and budget be approved by each member council.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
This is an annual process with ARCH and associated member jurisdictions.

OUTCOMES:

ARCH supports housing across East King County communities through a cooperative approach and creates efficiencies in housing planning and affordable housing project development. ARCH collaborates with local members, including Redmond, to:

- Administer the Housing Trust Fund;
- Support proposals to acquire dedicated funding for affordable housing;
- Facilitate production of affordable housing;
- Steward affordable housing assets;
- Analyze affordable housing practices;
- Review legal decisions related to affordable housing;
- Develop measurable goals for production and preservation of affordable housing; and
- Manage select affordable housing programs and projects.

Further information is contained within **Attachment A**.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Annual process; must be approved before the end of the year.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Opportunity for input through Council review process.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Any feedback provided will be summarized by staff and provided to Council.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$234,358 for the City of Redmond contribution to 2024 ARCH administrative budget.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
0000037 Housing and Human Services

Budget Priority:
Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A
If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/3/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:
ARCH requests the timely approval of the 2024 ARCH Work Program and Budget.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, ARCH will not have Redmond funds to contribute to its 2024 operations and implementation of its work program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2024 ARCH Budget and Work Program