



Memorandum

Date: 10/7/2025
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 25-144
Type: Consent Item

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

Approval to Partner with King County Regional Homelessness Authority to Pool and Administer Severe Weather Shelter Funding

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The 2025-2026 budget authorized \$50,000 in one-time funding to pilot a severe a weather shelter response. The City of Redmond is proposing to pool these funds through an Agreement with King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA). These funds would address service gaps during severe weather activations to ensure safety of people experiencing homelessness and to support providers when year-round shelters are at capacity.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Human Services Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan Policies
 - FW-HS-4: Strengthen existing, and pursue new, partnerships and collaborations to improve human services related outcome;
 - HS-10: Invest in subregional infrastructure and capacity to support people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. This includes coordination with entities responsible for oversight of King County's homeless system to ensure that subregional needs are met.
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is responsible for coordinating a regional response to homelessness, including during severe weather activations (Attachment A). KCRHA recently conducted a procurement process to award funding for 2025 severe weather response activities. 16 agencies were awarded funds through this process, including 3 East King County agencies (Attachment B). KCRHA will be conducting another funding process for 2026.

Staff is proposing to allocate the City's severe weather funding to KCRHA, governed by terms established in the attached agreement (Attachment C).

This agreement specifies the intended use for these funds, reporting requirements, and roles and responsibilities. The KCRHA Governing Board approved this agreement on July 30, 2025. The City of Bellevue is taking this item to Council for approval in October. Should this agreement be approved, KCHRA has agreed to amend 2025 contracts and/or allocate funds through the next procurement process.

OUTCOMES:

The City has been collaborating with KCRHA since its foundation by meeting regularly with their staff, providing input, and elevating issues and concerns facing our communities. This partnership creates administrative efficiencies for the City as well as agency partners. Efforts to coordinate and align severe weather planning within King County ultimately benefit individuals most impacted by these events.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

N/A

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

N/A

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$50,000

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

0000307

Budget Priority:

Housing and Human Services

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
9/16/2025	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	No meeting proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:
Timely approval of this agreement allows KCHRHA to amend contracts.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The City would have to establish a process to award its severe weather funds, which would result in additional staff capacity and operator capacity needed for administration of separate contracts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: KCRHA Winter Severe Weather Activation Summary
Attachment B: Request for Proposals Award Announcement
Attachment C: Agreement for Homeless Services - Severe Weather Events