



Memorandum

Date: 5/5/2026
Meeting of: City Council

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Type: Consent Item

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

Acceptance of Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program Grant and Approval to Contract with Bellwether Housing

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The City recently applied for and was awarded a Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) grant for a total of \$1,000,000. This grant will cover the King County Wastewater Sewer Treatment Capacity fees for Bellwether Prisma project.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Community Strategic Plan; Housing Action Plan
- **Required:**
Council approval required for grant acceptance.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The CHIP program provides grant funding for utility improvements for affordable housing. Applicants must be a city, county, or public utility district, applying in coordination with the developer of a multi-unit affordable housing project. Funding will support constructions costs associated with the Prisma project by covering King County’s sewer connection fees.

OUTCOMES:

CHIP grant funds are leveraged with other funding sources and are critical in helping the City meet its affordable housing goals.

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:
\$1,000,000

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:
N/A

Budget Priority:
N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

There are minimal staff costs associated with administering this grant and submitting required reports to Commerce.

Funding source(s):
CHIP Grant

Budget/Funding Constraints:

The City will need to comply with Department of Commerce contract requirements.

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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4/21/2026	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction
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Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

Timely acceptance of the grant allows the City to proceed with contracts with Commerce and Bellwether Housing.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Not approving the grant will result in a lost opportunity to secure a new revenue stream from State sources for an affordable housing project. The cost of the lost opportunity would be borne by the developer.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Redmond Bellwether Prisma CHIP Grant Draft