

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2027 CONSOLIDATED PLAN WITH 2023 ACTION PLAN, THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME), BELLINGHAM HOUSING LEVY, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SALES TAX FUNDS, THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT SELECTED CITY HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE 2023-2027 CONSOLIDATED PLAN WITH 2023 ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham receives annual block grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community development and affordable housing needs;

WHEREAS, every five years, as a condition of receiving this federal financial assistance, HUD requires the City to prepare a "Consolidated Plan" following HUD's required elements and template;

WHEREAS, each year, as a condition of receiving this federal financial assistance, HUD requires the City to prepare an annual "Action Plan" following HUD's required elements and template;

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Services program includes additional funding dedicated to low-income housing approved by voters, known as the "Housing Levy" or "Home Fund";

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Services program includes additional funding collected through a sales tax for affordable and supportive housing, known as the "AH Sales Tax";

WHEREAS, the City also contributes other City general funds for services and activities that benefit low-income persons;

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan reflects the community's choice, within the parameters of these various programs, for how the funds will be used in the community;

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan incorporate information gathered through the Assessment of Fair Housing process;

WHEREAS, preparation of the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan requires public involvement prior to action, and the City undertook extensive outreach including surveys, stakeholder group discussions, Community Development Advisory Board meetings, and a public hearing, all in accordance with the City's "Community Participation Plan";

WHEREAS, after holding a public hearing on March 9, 2023, and considering comments from a comment period open from February 28 through March 31, 2023, the Community Development Advisory Board recommended on April 13, 2023, that the Mayor and City Council adopt the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, including the 2023 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the best interests of the residents of the City of Bellingham will be served by submitting the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, including the 2023 Action Plan, to HUD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

THAT the Mayor is authorized to submit the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, including the 2023 Action Plan, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to commit the City of Bellingham to all certifications and assurances contained therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to contract with agencies to carry out the activities for residents of Bellingham as set forth in the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, including the 2023 Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 Action Plan component of the Consolidated Plan shall be substantially consistent with the funding distribution shown in Exhibit A, 2023 Action Plan Budget Summary, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 Rental Assistance and Services allocation, which is a component of the 2023 Action Plan Budget Summary, shall be substantially consistent with the funding distribution shown in Exhibit B, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon acceptance of this plan and budget by HUD, the Mayor is hereby designated as the representative of the City who is authorized to enter into grant agreements for financial assistance from HUD; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to perform all duties and execute all documents and do all other things required to be done in order to obtain payment of the grants authorized herein.

PASSED by the Council this 8th day of May, 2023.



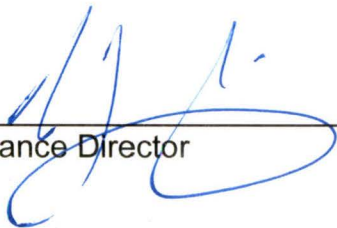
Council President

APPROVED by me this 18th day of May, 2023.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

