

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Shoreline and the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services for Individual and Family Services Program

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

PRESENTED BY: Mary K. Reidy, Recreation Superintendent

ACTION: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☒ Motion
 ☐ Discussion ☐ Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) provides funding for individuals to use their allocation to pay for recreation services related to, and resulting from, their disability identified and agreed to in their Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Assessment Individual Support Plan. The intent of the Individual and Family Services Program (ISF) is three fold: to partner with families who are care providers for children with developmental disabilities and adults who choose to live in the family home; to ensure that individual and family services be centered on the needs of the person with a developmental disability and the family; and to the maximum extent possible, provide individuals and families the decision making authority regarding the choice of services and exercise within the resources available to them.

For the past five years the City of Shoreline has had an agreement in place with DSHS that allows qualifying individuals to have their recreation program registration fees paid by DSHS as a qualifying respite care expense through the Agency Respite Care Interlocal Agreement originally approved by Council in 2008 and again on April 25, 2011. In many cases this has allowed qualifying individuals to participate in Shoreline's recreation programs who would otherwise not have the financial means for payment.

The Individual and Family Services Program is an additional, discrete funding source through DSHS and would broaden the scope of citizens eligible to garner funding for Shoreline's specialized recreation programs.

Currently there are twenty (20) individuals who have been approved by DSHS to participate in Shoreline's specialized recreation program. On average fifteen (15) of those individuals are participating in Shoreline's recreation programming in any given quarter, of which half are Shoreline residents. Non-residents are assessed a 20% non-resident fee which DSHS pays. It takes a total of ninety (90) hours of staff time a year to process the paperwork required to bill and receive payment from DSHS for all participants.

The Interlocal Agreement with DSHS for Individual and Family Services Program would be for three years, with renewal necessary in July, 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

In 2012, the DSHS paid the City of Shoreline approximately \$30,000 in registration fees for programs and classes taken by individuals that qualified under the respite program. Given that most, if not all, of these classes would have been offered by the recreation division regardless of the Individual and Family Services Program or Agency Respite Care Program, the IFS program provides additional registration revenue for the City that would likely not have been collected otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Shoreline and the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney **IS**