CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 24-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE NEED FOR A SENIOR ACTIVITY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE ANNUAL ALLOTMENT AMOUNT FOR SAID PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Washington State Constitution Article 8 Section 7, the city may provide necessary support of the poor and infirm; and

WHEARAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on the senior citizen population who are experiencing increasing isolation which can lead to negative health impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Battle Ground, Washington, finds that it is appropriate for the City of Battle Ground to support a senior activity reimbursement program for the senior citizens of the City by reimbursing certain costs incurred by senior citizen programs held at City of Battle Ground facilities that provide cost-free activities to support the overall health of participating senior citizens; and

WHEREAS the City Council first passed resolution 21-08 establishing this program with a maximum of $8,000 to be allocated to the program; and

WHERAS the City Council then passed resolution 23-09 increasing the annual allotment for the program to $12,000; and

WHEREAS the City Council would like to increase that allotment and make $17,000 available annually to be distributed to qualifying programs on a first come first serve basis; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Battle Ground, Washington as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

A. "Senior Citizen" means a person who:
    a. Resides within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Battle Ground; and
    b. Is 62 years of age or older.
B. "Activity" means:
    a. A group of five (5) or more senior citizens gathering and interacting, which supports the overall health of the participating senior citizens.
C. "Battle Ground Facility" includes:
    a. City of Battle Ground Senior Center; or
    b. City of Battle Ground Community Center.

Section 2. Senior Activity Reimbursement Program. Upon verification of eligibility as defined herein, a qualifying senior citizen program that provides cost-fee activities to support the overall health of senior citizens may submit an application for reimbursement of expenses associated with the group activities to the City of Battle Ground.

A. Eligibility:
   a. The participants of the program must be senior citizens of the City of Battle Ground; and
   b. The activities in association with which reimbursement will be sought must be held at a City of Battle Ground facility; and
   c. The activities in association with which reimbursement will be sought may not require any membership/entry fee for participants; and
   d. The activities in association with which reimbursement will be sought must be open to all Battle Ground senior citizens interested in joining; and
   e. The activity will only be eligible for reimbursement once the event has occurred

B. Application Process:
   a. Applications for activity reimbursement shall be obtained from and filed with the City of Battle Ground finance department. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the Finance Director and shall contain the information necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualification for the program.
   b. Submission of an application for the program shall constitute a verification by the applicant that all information provided in such application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
   c. Applicants will complete the application and return it to the Finance Department at the Battle Ground City Hall.

Section 3. Budget Allocation for Program. The Finance Director shall include in the City's budget an amount that allocates a total of $17,000 annually to the Senior Citizen Reimbursement Program. This funding shall be distributed to qualifying participants on a first come, first served basis.

Section 4. Administrative Rules and Procedures. Pursuant to this section, the Finance Director may promulgate administrative rules and procedures not inconsistent with this section to implement the Senior Activity Reimbursement Program.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval in effect until December 31, 2024, or until such time as all the available funding has been exhausted, whichever occurs first.

DONE IN OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON HELD THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2024.

Approved:

Troy McCoy, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth Halili, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kirk Ehlis, City Attorney