RESOLUTION R-5625

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATED TO THE KIRKLAND NONPROFIT HOUSING AND SERVICE PROVIDER ATTAIN HOUSING AND A \$168,000 SECURED GRANT FROM KIRKLAND TO ATTAIN HOUSING TO ENABLE ATTAIN HOUSING TO PRESERVE EXISTING ASSETS AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AVOID DISPLACING CURRENT RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, Attain Housing is a Kirkland nonprofit housing and service provider with owned and leased properties in Kirkland and Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, Attain Housing has provided affordable transitional housing and services to individuals and families since 1989 and currently has a total of 37 affordable housing units, consisting of 32 units in six buildings owned and operated by Attain Housing and 5 units in two buildings leased and operated by Attain Housing, 29 of which units are located in Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, many of the Attain Housing affordable housing units are protected as such through recorded covenants, but three of the owned properties with 10 affordable housing units and two of the leased properties with 5 affordable housing units are not protected as such by recorded covenant; and

WHEREAS, Attain Housing has experienced financial difficulties due to ongoing operational deficits that may require Attain Housing to sell one or more of its housing assets including affordable housing units not currently protected by recorded covenants, thereby potentially leading to a long-term loss of affordable housing stock; and

WHEREAS, Attain Housing is in the process of facilitating the transition of the ownership of its housing assets in partnership with other nonprofit affordable housing organizations; and

WHEREAS, A Regional Coalition for Housing ("ARCH") has recommended, by letter dated March 11, 2024, that the City of Kirkland ("City") provide Attain Housing with a \$168,000 secured grant to help make it possible for Attain Housing to complete such partnership transition without the need to sell any of its housing assets, including affordable housing units, thereby maintaining safe and supportive affordable housing for existing residents while also helping maximize the long-term preservation of Attain Housing's affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to provide Attain Housing with the \$168,000 secured grant recommended by ARCH, through approval of a fiscal note authorizing the use of interest earnings above budget projections, in support of such partnership transition over the next six months, provided that Attain Housing (1) ensures that all 32

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current affordable housing units in the buildings it owns are retained through such transition and thereafter by recorded covenant, and (2) no current residents in Attain Housing owned or leased buildings are displaced during such transition absent permanent alternative housing, and subject to such other terms and conditions as are set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the City staff recommended fiscal note in the amount of \$168,000, using interest earnings above budget projections, in support of a \$168,000 secured grant to Attain Housing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this resolution.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to prepare and execute a \$168,000 secured grant to Attain Housing, and its successor as applicable, to help Attain Housing preserve its existing affordable housing units, including 29 such units in Kirkland, throughout Attain Housing's estimated six-month asset ownership transition process to other nonprofit affordable housing organizations, provided that Attain Housing ensures that all 32 of its current affordable housing units in buildings owned by Attain Housing are retained through such transition and thereafter by covenant and that no current Attain Housing affordable housing residents are displaced during such transition absent permanent alternative housing.

Section 3. Provided the terms and conditions of Section 2 have been met, Attain Housing or its successor will not be required to repay the \$168,000 grant. The terms and conditions of such grant will be considered met when the ownership transition to other nonprofit affordable housing providers is complete as provided for in the March 11, 2004 letter from ARCH to the City, including ongoing funding satisfactory to the City of Kirkland secured; a management plan and updated budget reviewed and approved by the City; and, at a minimum, all 32 of the existing affordable housing units in buildings owned by Attain Housing are protected by recorded covenant. However, if Attain Housing or its successor fails to meet the terms and conditions of Section 2, Attain Housing or its successor must repay the \$168,000 grant to the City, and such obligation shall be secured by deeds of trust or other instruments acceptable to the City with respect to the sale or other disposition by Attain Housing or its successor of any one or more of its owned properties to the extent necessary to repay such grant.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19th day of March, 2024.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of March, 2024.

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk