



# City Council Agenda Bill

# 20128

Bill Number

**Subject:** Budget ordinance accepting donation being given to Bellingham Fire Department.

**Summary Statement:** Budget ordinance accepting \$37,991.40 into the Fire Department's budget. This donation was intended to "assist the families of firefighters who have lost their lives, or been disabled, especially in the line of duty." An oversight committee will be formed to develop criteria and policy related to the award of these funds. The committee will be comprised of fire department labor and management representatives along with appropriate City staff.

**Previous Council Action:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal ongoing accounting and administrative costs.

**Funding Source:** Accounting and Fire Department budgets.

**Attachments:** Budget Ordinance

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Council Vote Requested	30-Sep-2013	Vote to Approve	Roger Christensen	:05

**Council Committee:**

**Finance and Personnel**  
Michael Lilliquist, Chair  
Gene Knutson; Stan Snapp

**Agenda Bill Contact:**

Roger Christensen

**Committee Actions:**

Reviewed By	Initials	Date
Fire Chief	<i>NA</i>	9/17
Finance	<i>BA</i>	9/17/13
Legal	<i>DMR</i>	9/17/13
Mayor	<i>KL</i>	9.17.13

**Council Action:**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM ACCEPTING DONATION TO ASSIST THE FAMILIES OF FIREFIGHTERS KILLED OR DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham has been presented with a donation of \$37,991.40 from the Gertrude A. M. St. James Charitable Remainder Trust "to assist the families of firefighters who have lost their lives, or been disabled, especially in the line of duty"; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council desires to accept the donation and establish a board for administering the donation in accordance with the donor's intent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:**

a. Council authorizes the fire chief to accept the donation of \$37,991.40 from the Gertrude A. M. St. James Charitable Remainder Trust presented on or around June 27, 2013 ("donation").

b. There is established a firefighters assistance board ("board") which shall administer the donation in accordance with the donor's intent "to assist the families of firefighters who have lost their lives, or been disabled, especially in the line of duty."

c. The board shall consist of the fire chief, the finance director, the human resources director or their designees, and a representative from International Association of Firefighters Local 106 Bellingham Unit.

d. The board's decisions shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal or review by any governmental body.

e. The board shall dissolve when the donation has been fully expended.

**PASSED** by the Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Council President

**APPROVED** by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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