

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item #: 2 – B

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Aurora to increase their staffing capacity, update their emissions inventory, and develop a low-income benchmarking program in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

The City of Aurora's Jurisdictional Subaward will support the increase of local staffing capacity, update their emissions inventory, and develop a low-income benchmarking program.

Background

In October 2024, DRCOG received a \$199.7 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement a regional Building Decarbonization Program. A \$39 million component of this program, the Building Policy Collaborative (BPC), supports jurisdictions across the region in adopting and implementing above-code energy policies including performance standards, equipment standards, permitting reforms, and related initiatives.

As part of the Building Policy Collaborative, DRCOG is distributing \$34.8 million in formula-based subawards to eligible jurisdictions through round one of a two-round process. The City of Aurora is requesting their allotted formula to increase local staffing capacity to deliver local building electrification programs, training to support the upskilling of existing staff, technical assistance to update their emissions inventory and building codes, and the development of an energy benchmarking programming for low-income housing.

DRCOG staff evaluated the proposal based on adopted criteria, including project eligibility, budget alignment, feasibility, anticipated impact, and monitoring and reporting. The proposal received a favorable review and is recommended for funding. This subaward will be fully funded through the CPRG award and will advance DRCOG's regional goals to reduce climate pollution from the building sector.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None



Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Aurora to increase their staffing capacity, update their emissions inventory, and develop a low-income benchmarking program in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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