

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 58, 2025

A 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.

Whereas, DRCOG received a \$199.7 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to implement a regional building decarbonization initiative; and

Whereas, within this larger program lies the Building Policy Collaborative (BPC), includes \$34,800,000 USD to support jurisdictions by providing subaward funding for new staff capacity, providing training and professional development related to decarbonization policies, enhancements to permitting processes, technical assistance on policy development and adoption, community engagement support, and any other activities designed to reduce climate pollution from the building sector; and

Whereas, subawards will be allocated through two rounds, with Round 1 allocating \$34.8 million as formula funds across all jurisdictions in the DRCOG area, which opened June 2, 2025 and will close October 31, 2025 at 5pm Mountain time; and

Whereas, the City of Aurora submitting their application 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; and

Whereas, these subawards match the eligibility criteria of the EPA grant and will advance Decarbonize DRCOG's goals of reducing greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes 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.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of November 2025, at Denver Colorado.

Jeslin Shahrezaei, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director