

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item #: 2 – E

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Commerce City to increase staffing capacity while providing training and certification opportunities and provide technical assistance to pursue and promote building decarbonization policies that improve building energy efficiency and reduce climate pollution in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

Commerce City's Jurisdictional Subaward will support the increase of local staffing capacity, provide educational training to help upskill their staff, and obtain technical assistance with a consultant to ensure new code adoptions meet new state legislation.

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. Commerce City is requesting their allotted formula to hire two new staff, provide educational training to help upskill their staff, and obtain technical assistance with a consultant to ensure new code adoptions meet new state legislation. This funding will allow Commerce City to increase access to technical assistance and subject-matter expertise, while adding in-house expertise that will aid their team in reducing building-related climate pollution emissions through local policy change.

DRCOG staff evaluated the proposal based on adopted criteria, including project eligibility, budget alignment, feasibility, anticipated impact, and monitoring and reporting. The proposal received 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 to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Commerce City to increase staffing capacity while providing training and certification opportunities and provide technical assistance to pursue and promote building decarbonization policies that improve building energy efficiency and reduce climate pollution in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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