

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item #: 2 – F

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Jefferson County to increase their staffing capacity and streamline their permit system to improve compliance with decarbonization goals in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

Jefferson County's Jurisdictional Subaward will support the increase of local staffing capacity, updated permit systems, and align local efforts to regional initiatives.

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. Jefferson County is requesting their allotted formula to hire new staff to support energy code compliance and building performance policy and update their permitting system to inform future decarbonization regulations and adopt near-zero emission policies.

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 to negotiate and execute a contract with Jefferson County to increase their staffing capacity and streamline their permit system to improve compliance with decarbonization goals in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.



Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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