

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: September 3, 2025

Agenda Item #: 2 – D

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Longmont to increase staff capacity by creating two new positions focused on reducing building-related climate pollution emissions through local building policy in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

The City of Longmont's Jurisdictional Subaward will increase staff capacity by creating two new positions focused on reducing building-related climate pollution emissions.

Background

In August 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 Longmont is requesting their full allotted formula amount of \$900,000 to increase staff capacity by creating two new positions focused on reducing building-related climate pollution emissions through ambitious local policy adoption and implementation. These staff will promote consistent and high-performing building energy code through the current code cycle and future cycles, to organize processes for education and engagement on new code requirements, and to conduct new construction plan reviews and inspection/enforcement for more successful compliance.

DRCOG staff evaluated Longmont's 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



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Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Longmont to increase staff capacity by creating two new positions focused on reducing building-related climate pollution emissions through local building policy in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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