

Finance and Budget Committee

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Agenda Item #: 2 – E

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Westminster to increase their staffing capacity, enhance training, update planning tools and systems, and research embodied carbon all to accelerate building decarbonization, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

The City of Westminster's Jurisdictional Subaward will increase their internal and external staffing capacity, enhance training, update planning tools and systems, and research embodied carbon all to accelerate building decarbonization.

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 Westminster is requesting their full allotted formula amount of \$1,200,000 to hire new staff and contractors to support building decarbonization policy adoption and energy code plan review and inspection; provide targeted training and certification opportunities for City staff to build internal expertise in advanced building standards and decarbonization strategies; update key planning documents to embed decarbonization policies and create supporting resources; update decarbonization software and administrative system to track electrification rates and climate pollution reductions; and conduct research on embodied carbon policies and their effects on Westminster's building stock.

DRCOG staff evaluated Westminster'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



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Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Westminster to increase their staffing capacity, enhance training, update planning tools and systems, and research embodied carbon all to accelerate building decarbonization, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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