

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item #: 2 – G

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Lafayette to increase their staffing capacity, obtain technical assistance to better communicate new energy code requirements, and evaluate building performance standards for buildings 25,000 to 49,999 square feet in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

The City of Lafayette's Jurisdictional Subaward will support the increase of local staffing capacity, increased educational outreach and materials on new code requirements, and the exploration of building performance standards.

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. The City of Lafayette is requesting their allotted formula amount to hire new staff to support energy code compliance and plan review, increased educational outreach and materials on new code requirements, and the exploration of building performance standards. This project will allow the City to strengthen its leadership in the built environment by refining code implementation, exploring strategies to reduce emissions from existing buildings, and developing incentive programs that encourage builders to exceed baseline code requirements.

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 the City of Lafayette to increase their staffing capacity, obtain technical assistance to better communicate new energy code requirements, and evaluate building performance standards in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 with a term ending September 30, 2029.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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