

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 6, 2025

Agenda Item #: 2 – B

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Lakewood to support the development, adoption, and implementation of an energy benchmarking and Building Performance Standard (BPS) policy in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

This Jurisdictional Support Subaward will support the development, adoption, and implementation of an energy benchmarking policy and future building performance standard policy for commercial, multifamily, and public buildings between 10,000–50,000 square feet. The City of Lakewood is the first jurisdiction to apply under DRCOG's formula-based Round 1 subawards, which are part of the broader Building Decarbonization Program funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG).

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 BPC, DRCOG is distributing \$34.8 million in formula-based subawards to eligible jurisdictions through round one of a two-round process. The City of Lakewood is requesting its full formula allocation of \$1,500,000 to develop and implement a benchmarking and performance standard program covering approximately 630 buildings. This initiative is projected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 3,364 metric tons of CO₂e by 2030 and includes hiring staff, drafting ordinances, procuring database and software systems, establishing a customer help center, and providing data analysis support.

DRCOG staff evaluated Lakewood's proposal based on Board 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 Lakewood to support the development, adoption, and implementation of an energy benchmarking and Building Performance Standard (BPS) policy in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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