

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: July 16, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: No 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution supporting an Application by the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso (HOME) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Community Change program requesting funds in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 for the development and renovation of low-income housing through a third phase of construction at Patriot Place ("Project"); and authorizing City participation in the Project during planning and implementation activities, with no match required from the City.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Project includes the development and renovation of low-income housing through a third phase of construction at Patriot Place (9500 Kenworthy St, El Paso, TX 79924), which will add 274 units (104 in Phases IIA & IIB; and 170 in Phase III). The Project also includes pollution reduction and community health improvements within multiple environmental justice neighborhoods. The key elements and improvements to be included in the proposal will be tailored to respond to the ideas and feedback collected during the community engagement and outreach. These may include but are not limited to:

1. Energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to the existing development and zero net energy units in the new construction part of the project
2. Pollution reduction via stormwater protections, heat protection via and tree planting, as well as building renovations and new construction features to minimize indoor air pollution
3. Job training and workforce development in the energy efficiency and clean energy sectors.

The proposal will also include applying these measures to nearby communities, such as Desert Sun Apartments, Munoz Manor, Henderson Heights, Western Crosby Apartments, North Mountain Village Apartments, and the Fred Harvey Complex (the properties included in the application are subject to change). These properties may be eligible for the Department of Energy (DOE) High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA) incentives for electric heat pumps and water heaters, expected to be available this winter.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Strategic and Legislative Affairs

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ian Voglewede

Stephen Ian Voglewede

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)