

**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 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance & Fiscal Management

SUBJECT:

Presentation by Strategic and Legislative Affairs and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) on an awarded U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Communities LEAP Technical Assistance Grant and upcoming energy resilience projects.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

NREL has decades of focused leadership in clean energy research, development, and deployment. NREL has more than 1,100 active partnerships with industry, universities, foundations, and governments and a budget of \$783.5M in Fiscal Year 2023. In March of 2024, the DOE awarded the City of El Paso a Communities LEAP Technical Assistance Grant for The Intersection of Community and Commerce (ICC) Initiative. As part of the grant, NREL will work with the City of El Paso as a project development partner for 12 months.

The City of El Paso has identified energy resilience projects related to City-owned facilities, international ports of entry, the El Paso International Airport, the Advanced Manufacturing District and Innovation Factory, and other projects with utilities, EPCC, UTEP, and other partners.

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:

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ian Voglewede

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