

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

**AGENDA DATE:** January 2nd, 2024

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Nicole Ferrini (915) 212-1659

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 8 – Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

**SUBGOAL:** Develop and implement a comprehensive climate action plan

**SUBJECT:**

Approve a resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign and enter into a subrecipient agreement with Workforce Solutions Borderplex to assist with the Climate Fellowship program and workforce development analysis as a key deliverable under EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The City's EPA-approved workplan includes the creation of a Climate Fellowship program comprised of 9 teams of three fellows each that will participate in outreach and community engagement activities related to the development of the Climate Action Plan. The fellows will receive a monthly stipend up to \$625/month for the duration of the program (2 years).

The intention behind the creation of the Fellowship program is to provide opportunities to students to develop their professional skills in all things related to climate change and sustainability, laying the foundation to pursue a career in those fields. Regional opportunities in those fields are limited and the program aims at building up the experts' pool in the El Paso del Norte region.

Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) will collaborate with the City to identify, recruit and process the enrollment of the fellows, leveraging its knowledge and connections in the region related to workforce development.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

None

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

NA

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?**  YES  NO

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** Office of Climate and Sustainability – Nicole Ferrini

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:**

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), Congress provided many tools to pursue greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution reductions, including the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program;

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), as one of the 67 most populous metropolitan areas, and with the City of El Paso as the lead entity, was awarded a planning grant under CPRG to develop a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP);

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso and its regional partners of the Paso del Norte Community Climate Collaborative (PDNC3) included the creation of the Climate Fellowship Program as part of the workplan approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop professional skills related to climate and sustainability among the young regional population;

**WHEREAS**, Workforce Solutions Borderplex is one of the PDNC3 partners and the regional workforce development agency;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

- 1. THAT**, the El Paso City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with Workforce Solutions Borderplex relating to the Climate Fellowship Program and the workforce solutions component of the CPRG Grant;
- 2. THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to accept, reject, alter and/or terminate the sub-recipient agreement;
- 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork or documents needed to execute the sub-recipient agreement.

*(Signature Page to Follow)*

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2024.

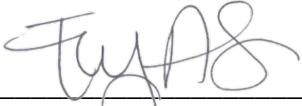
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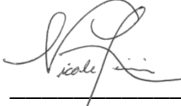
ATTEST:

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Laura D. Prine City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Evy A. Sotelo  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Nicole Alderete-Ferrini  
Climate and Sustainability Officer