

**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 enter into a non-binding memorandum of understanding with all members of the Leadership Steering Committee relating to EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City's EPA-approved CPRG workplan includes the creation of a Leadership Steering Committee.

The committee will function as a senior level advisory group charged with guiding the scope of work led by the City of El Paso. The LSC will be comprised of multiple public entities committed through a mutual cooperation agreement. Each entity will assign a point of accountability as an official representative. This Committee will participate in (i) data collection and sharing (ii) stewardship of engagement and outreach activities within their region, and (iii) review and comment regarding CPRG deliverables.

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:

*****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) have the purpose of building a partnership to accelerate the work of the El Paso MSA addressing environmental justice and climate empowering community-driven solutions in overburdened and underserved areas across the region;

WHEREAS, the Leadership Steering Committee (LSC) committee will function as a senior level advisory group charged with guiding the CCAP scope of work led by the City of El Paso;

WHEREAS, the LSC will be comprised of multiple public entities committed through a mutual cooperation agreement. Each entity will assign a point of accountability as an official representative; and

WHEREAS, the LSC will participate in data collection efforts, engagement and outreach activities within their region, and review and comment regarding CPRG deliverables.

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

THAT, the El Paso City Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into a non-binding memorandum of understanding with all members of the Leadership Steering Committee relating to the CPRG Program;

(Signature Page to Follow)

APPROVED this ___ day of January, 2024

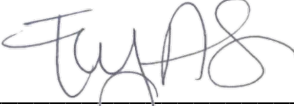
CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

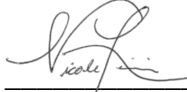
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole Alderete-Ferrini
Climate and Sustainability Officer