



STAFF REPORT
10/11/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation in the Amount of \$40,000.00 for the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Center Grant Program – Round 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the preparation of the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Center (CRC) Grant Program – Round 1.

BACKGROUND:

Created by Senate Bill (SB) 155 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 258, Statutes of 2021), the CRC program will provide “funding...for the construction or retrofit of facilities to serve as community resilience centers that mitigate the public health impacts of extreme heat and other emergency situations exacerbated by climate change.” Assembly Bill (AB) 211 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 574, Statutes of 2022) directs the program to ensure applicants demonstrate collaboration with community members; involvement with community-based organizations and local residents in governance and decision-making; multi stakeholder partnerships; and accessible CRCs providing eligible services and amenities year round to community residents. AB 211 also authorizes Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to provide advance payment to specific grantees and directs CRC program staff to prioritize projects in and benefitting under resourced communities and to ensure statewide geographic diversity. Funding for CRC Program Round 1 is through the General Fund’s Climate Budget. Funds available include a total of approximately \$5 million for Planning Grants, \$9.6 million for Project Development Grants, and \$84 million for Implementation Grants, totally approximately \$98.6 million in total CRC Round 1 awards across the 3 CRC grant types.

In the 2021–2022 Climate Resilience budget, SGC was allocated \$100 million to implement the Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program. Trailer bill language from Senate Bill 155 (2021) specified that \$25 million would be available in the 2022–2023 fiscal year and \$75 million in the 2023–2024 fiscal year. SGC kicked off the program guidelines development process in July 2022 and is committed to robust stakeholder engagement and interagency collaboration in the program

design and implementation phases.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The CRC Program administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) establishes a new framework for achieving California’s climate goals by concentrating significant resources to accelerate local greenhouse gas emission reductions and uplift the State’s most disadvantaged communities. The Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program will fund neighborhood-level resilience centers to provide shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies, as well as year-round services and programming that strengthen community connections and ability to withstand disasters. CRC takes a holistic approach to building community resilience by bringing together a comprehensive set of infrastructure upgrades, service delivery, and supportive programming that are developed and implemented in partnership with neighborhood residents.

KOA Corporation (KOA) respectfully requests the City of Coachella to consider providing a budget addendum to our existing contract. The contract was approved in the amount of \$25,000, with approximately 141 consultant hours allocated to the contract. We request that an additional \$15,000 in budget, or approximately 119 additional consultant hours, be added to the existing contract for the following tasks mentioned below:

Budget:

Task 1: Attendance of SGC Office Hours	\$3,000.00
Task 2: Development of Partnership Agreements	\$8,000.00
Task 3: Coordination of City and Co-Applicant Components	\$4,000.00
Task 4: Prepare CRC Grant Application	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total:	\$40,000.00

These additional tasks will position the City of Coachella most competitively for Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Center (SGC CRC) grant funding. While these tasks were not originally part of the scope of the approved contract at the time of contract signing, these tasks are all key additional components of the final SGC CRC grant. If this addendum is approved by the City of Coachella, KOA’s contract will be adjusted to \$40,000 for approximately 260 hours of consultant work.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Preparation of the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Center (CRC) Grant Program – Round 1.
2. Not authorize this request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City’s General Fund will be reduced by \$40,000.00 if the City Council approves this request.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. KOA Professional Services Agreement
2. KOA CRC Proposal – Exhibit A