

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY MILLION (\$20,000,000) DOLLARS, FOR PROJECTS WITHIN THE COACHELLA PROSPERA PROPOSED PROJECT AREA AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“Grantor”), through the Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, has heretofore invited public agencies, including the City of Coachella (“City”) to submit applications to the Grantor for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program (“Grant”) via a Notice of Funding Availability (“Notice”) dated November 21, 2024 (updated February 12, 2024); and

WHEREAS, in response to this Notice, the City wishes to apply to the Grantor for, and receive an allocation of, the Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interests to submit an application for Grant funds to transform the city of Coachella, a disadvantaged community, into a healthy, climate resilient, and thriving community for its current and future residents. The Community Change Grants will fund community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City shall submit an application to the Grantor to participate in the Grant program and for an allocation of funds not to exceed twenty million (\$20,000,000) dollars for clean energy in and around the City’s proposed 5-square mile area; and

WHEREAS, the City is familiar with the terms, conditions and limitations of such Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing and able to conform to each of the terms, conditions, and limitations imposed upon any such Grant to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the Grantor must approve said application and will require the City to execute a Grant Agreement and other necessary documents upon approval; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of applying for the grant, the Grantor requires a partnership agreement be in place between all the partner applicants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an application for Grant funds for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through its Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.

SECTION 2: The City of Coachella hereby agrees to comply with each and all of the terms, conditions, and limitations imposed by the Grantor upon said Grant, and the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any applications, agreements, assurance, extensions, amendments or other documents as may be necessary in connection with acceptance and implementation of said Grant as may be required by the Grantor.

SECTION 3: That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to enter into a partnership agreement between all partner applicants consistent with the intent and form of the draft agreement included as Exhibit A to this resolution with modifications, if needed, as to exact wording for updates and to conform and clarify the agreement for consistency with the intended purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2024.

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-03 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at its regular meeting thereof, held on the 24th day of April, 2024, by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk