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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-1644**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE ARIZONA BORDER ALLIANCE (ABA) IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM THROUGH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS (OEJECR).**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Douglas recognizes the importance of addressing environmental and climate justice issues to promote the health, well-being, and sustainability of its communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) has established the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program to support initiatives that reduce environmental pollution, mitigate climate impacts, and promote sustainable practices in communities facing environmental challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Border Alliance (ABA) has expressed a commitment to partnering with the City of Douglas in applying for the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant to advance the city's Climate Action Strategy, mitigate pollution, and support environmental justice for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ABA establishes a framework for collaboration that clearly defines the responsibilities of both parties in pursuing, managing, and implementing the grant program and ensures compliance with all EPA guidelines and federal regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the MOU, the City of Douglas will serve as the lead applicant responsible for grant proposal development, funding of essential water and sewer infrastructure, and managing grant activities, including reporting requirements, while ABA will be responsible for implementing specific grant activities, adhering to the city's Climate Action Strategy, and complying with the EPA's Subaward Policy and all federal regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, as follows:

- 1. Authorization to Enter into MOU:** The City Council authorizes the city to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Border Alliance (ABA) to collaborate in applying for the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program through the EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR).
- 2. Responsibilities:** The City of Douglas will undertake the role of lead applicant, responsible for proposal development, funding essential water and sewer infrastructure to the west for the Port of Entry (POE), grant administration, and compliance with grant management requirements. ABA will focus on implementing grant activities, aligning with the Climate Action Strategy, and ensuring adherence to federal regulations, including the EPA's Subaward Policy.
- 3. Effective Date:** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, this 13th day of November 2024

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Donald C. Huish, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Alma Andrade, City Clerk

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