

STAFF REPORT UTILITY MEETING

AGENDA DATE: October 29, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Manager Office

TITLE:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR), Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

SUMMARY:

The City is seeking approval to proceed with the EPA OEJECR Partnership Agreement with Extraordinary Charities. This agreement is required to be submitted with the grant application.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

In February 2024, the City of Lake Worth Beach received Commission approval to apply for the EPA OEJECR grant. This grant offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform disadvantaged communities across the United States into healthy, climate resilient, and thriving communities for their 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. The historic levels of support provided by these grants will enable communities and their partners to overcome longstanding environmental challenges and implement meaningful solutions to meet community needs now and for generations to come.

To be eligible for funding, the City must include in the application a copy of a written and signed Partnership Agreement with the Statutory Partner that is legally binding.

The Partnership's primary purpose is to efficiently and effectively ensure the Community Change Project elements funded by the EPA are completed as proposed in the application and in accordance with the programmatic, technical, administrative, managerial requirements of the grant funding, and to properly manage the grant consistent with all applicable federal regulations and requirements including those in 2 CFR 200, in order to achieve the project objectives within the three-year grant performance period.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove the City's Partnership Agreement with the Statutory Partner Extraordinary Charities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Extraordinary Charities Inc EPA Partnership Agreement