

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: January 16, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Electric Utility

TITLE:

Resolution No. 07-2022 – approve and authorize the submission of an application to EDA for grant funding under the ARPA Good Jobs Challenge

SUMMARY:

The resolution authorizes the submission of the City’s application to the Economic Development Administration for grant funding under the American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge to implement an apprenticeship training program for prospective line workers for the City’s Electric Utility.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) has announced the availability of funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Good Jobs Challenge. This program is designed to get Americans back to work and increase wage growth. It is further intended to develop demand-driven systems that will continue to support Americans in securing and retaining quality jobs. A quality job is considered to be a job that exceeds the local prevailing wage for an industry in the region, includes basic benefits and/or is unionized, and helps the prospective employee develop the skills and experiences necessary to advance along a career path.

Resolution No. 07-2022 approves and authorizes the submission of an application to the EDA for grant funding in the amount of 07X under the ARPA Good Jobs Challenge program to implement a successful workforce training program that responds to industry needs today and into the future. Specifically, this funding will be used to conduct an apprenticeship training program for prospective line workers that will be registered by the Florida Department of Education Division of Career and Adult Education for Apprenticeship. A minimum of four qualified apprentices will be engaged in learning this recognized skill trade through actual work experience under the supervision of journey workers, in combination with properly coordinated studies of related and supplementary subjects over a term of four years.

Grant funding is essential to the implementation of the apprenticeship program as no funding is currently budgeted for this purpose. The City is requesting \$1,000,000 in grant funding and is proposing an in-kind local cost share of \$250,000. The only remaining option to funding this program in whole would be to raise rates for the provision of electricity to the Utility’s customers.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 07-2022 to approve and authorize the submission of an application to EDA for grant funding under the ARPA Good Jobs Challenge.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis
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FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Funding of the local cost share in the amount of \$250,000 will be in-kind labor costs over four years through the Electric utility Transmission and Distribution Division.

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Expenditures	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	0
External Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0	0	0
In-kind Match	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	0
No. of Addn'l Full-Time Employee Positions	0	0	0	0	0

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Account Number	Account Description	Project Number	FY22 In - Kind Salary	Current Balance	Budget Transfer	Agenda Expenditure	Balance
401-6034-531-12-10	Salaries & Wages/Regular	TBD	\$62,500	\$1,756,609	N/A	-\$62,500	\$1,694,109