

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
Date: September 30, 2024
Subject: Energy Future Grant Project Management and Technical Services Proposal

In the fall of 2023, Energy Sciences was engaged in developing the City of Madison Heights' Sustainability Plan when we learned of a federally funded grant opportunity from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). We requested Energy Sciences to shift their focus to assist Madison Heights, in collaboration with Ferndale, Oak Park, and the Lamphere School District, in applying for the DOE Energy Future Grant (EFG). In April 2024, our project, "Evolve: A Regional Decarbonization Plan for Southeast Oakland County," was selected by the DOE as one of only forty projects nationwide—and two in Michigan—to receive funding.

Energy Sciences will continue to support us throughout the award negotiation process, including drafting necessary technical documents and ensuring compliance with all requirements. As the primary contractor and overall project manager, Energy Sciences will facilitate seamless coordination among the City and the various jurisdictions, ensuring effective stakeholder engagement throughout the project. By leveraging their expertise in communications and outreach, they will maintain consistent messaging while addressing each jurisdiction's unique needs and developing strategies to effectively engage local communities. Additionally, Energy Sciences will provide technical and engineering support, particularly in facility operations and fleet analysis, to ensure the project's success.

Since Madison Heights is leading this initiative and is the recipient of the \$500,000 EFG, we recommend that the City approve the Energy Futures Grant Project Management and Technical Services Proposal from Energy Sciences for a total not to exceed \$500,000, given their involvement, they are the only contractor that can manage this project.

Therefore, the staff recommends that the City Council make two motions:

1. Motion to amend the budget for Federal Grant Revenues 101-021-528-5288 and Contractual Services Expenses – Federal 101-265-818-0044 both by \$500,000. This will need to be approved by a supermajority of City Council
2. Motion to approve a contract with Energy Sciences Resource Partners, LLC for Energy Futures Grant Project Management and Technical Services for a total not to exceed \$500,000.