



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 09/26/23

**REQUESTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**PRESENTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-67: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS' PUBLIC FLEET CONVERSION GRANTS FUND.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 1, 2023, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) announced a Clean Air Grant For Public Sector Fleets using the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Two years each of CMAQ and CRP funds will be available during this call for Projects, representing approximately \$4 million.

ACOG Clean Air Grants for Public Sector Fleets will allow public entities to access CMAQ funds for fleet conversions to clean fuel technology to include light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty alternative fuel vehicles, hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles, off-road equipment, and alternative fuel vehicle refueling infrastructure. Selected projects need to be paid in full, and the awarded entity will submit for reimbursement following project completion. Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Projects may be funded at a ratio of *up to* 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent local funds for installation costs and capital investments in alternative fuel refueling/recharging infrastructure.

Application submission is due by 4:00 p.m., September 29, 2023. Award notifications will be distributed in November, and notices to proceed will be sent out in December 2023.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Norman Alternative Fuel Program, adopted in February 2009, was one of the first such municipal programs in Oklahoma and cemented Norman as a leader in the implementation of alternative fuel technology. In 2009, Norman found that investment in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) infrastructure and technology was the best course of action until other technologies developed enough to be effective and pervasive methods. Electric vehicle (EV) technology has

reached this point now. Additionally, sales of electric vehicles are expected to increase 127% over the next 5 years.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve Resolution R-2324-67 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a grant application to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Grants for the installation of three off-grid electric vehicle charging stations.