



# CITY OF TUALATIN

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Nic Westendorf, Deputy Public Works Director

**DATE:** January 13, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Resolution No. 5860-25 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration Accepting a \$15,000,000 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Award.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend approval of Resolution 5860-25.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On August 28, 2024 the City was selected to receive a \$15,000,000 grant award under the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This grant award will be paired with \$3,800,000 in matching funds from Portland General Electric (\$200,000) and a to-be-selected electric vehicle charging vendor (\$3,600,000) for a total project budget of \$18,800,000.

This project, known as Tualatin and Neighbors Charging Up (TANC-UP), will deploy up to 1,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports throughout Tualatin and 16 neighboring Cities in the Northern Willamette Valley. The project aims to deploy half of the chargers in publicly accessible facilities such as libraries, parks, and community centers. The other half will be aimed at multifamily housing units. The intended target is low- and moderate-income residents who may otherwise not have access to charging, creating a barrier to electric vehicle adoption. In addition to installing chargers, the project will also include extensive engagement and education efforts to build familiarity with electric vehicles and help increase EV adoption and create demand for the new chargers.

The partner Cities include Beaverton, Forest Grove, Gresham, Hillsboro, King City, Lake Oswego, McMinnville, Milwaukie, Newberg, Oregon City, Portland, Salem, Sherwood, Tigard, Woodburn, and Wood Village.

Additional partners include Portland General Electric (PGE), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Metro, Salem-Keizer, Metropolitan Planning Organization, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and Hacienda Community Development Corporation. Other partners will likely be added as the project moves forward.

The project will begin once the grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration is executed and will span 5 years. It's anticipated the grant agreement will be executed within the next 2 months. Staff are working to sign the grant agreement as soon as possible. Receiving Council authorization now will allow staff to sign the agreement as soon as all requirements are met, including adding the project to relevant transportation planning documents.

This project aligns with the City's Climate Action Plan Strategy 6.1 – Fuel switching. (Actions 6.1.2, 6.1.4, 6.1.6, & 6.1.8)

This project also supports two Council priorities – Environmental and Transportation.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

If approved, the City will execute the Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and begin work on the TANC-UP project.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

Council could not approve the resolution and the City could decline the grant award.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

If approved, the City will receive a \$15,000,000 federal grant award. The grant includes funds to cover existing City staff time supporting the project, dedicated project management support to lead the project, and other associated costs such as equipment and supplies as well as funding for an enhanced single audit to ensure financial compliance with grant requirements.

It is anticipated this will have minimal impacts on the General Fund.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution 5860-25
- Power Point Presentation
- Draft Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Agreement
- Supplemental Detailed Budget Form