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SUBJECT: Resolution – Grant Acceptance – February 25, 2025
DATE: February 3, 2025

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution accepting a grant as required by City of Tacoma Purchasing Policy, 4.10 Grant Funds, and providing information relating to supplemental project funding received from the Department of Commerce (DOC), in the amount of \$727,500, and depositing said sum into the Capital Project Fund, for the Tacoma Fleet Maintenance Building decarbonization project. Purchasing Policy requires Council approval for acceptance of grant funding if the City is providing matching funds or services over \$500,000 or if the terms of the grant require governing body approval.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the City applied for State funding through the Member Requested Local Community Project process, seeking supplemental funding for clean energy investment in the City's Fleet Maintenance Building to replace natural gas HVAC units with zero-emission electric units to reduce carbon emissions. In December 2024, the City was notified through the Department of Commerce that a direct appropriation was received through the Clean Building Performance Grants program.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The Tacoma Fleet Maintenance Building decarbonization project advances the Tacoma Climate Action Plan goals to reduce the City's municipal carbon footprint by restricting the use of natural gas for existing City buildings and future City capital investments. The community was engaged in the development of Tacoma's climate goals and policies, including 2050 net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal (Climate Action Plan, 2021), the 2021 Decarbonization Resolutions (Res. 40776, U-11193), 2019 Climate Emergency Resolution (Res. 40509), as well as the 2020 Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution (Res. 40622).

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

According to the City's Equity Index map, the Fleet Maintenance Building is located in a very low opportunity area and low environmental health index, demonstrating a need for more investment. This project will reduce the City's municipal carbon footprint, minimizing adverse impacts to the community and improving our overall environment.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score: Low Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

Livability: *Equity Index Score: Very Low Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.



Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

This resolution will enhance the public perception related to the economy and overall quality of life by providing grant funding to implement Climate Action Plan goals to reduce municipal carbon emissions and improve Tacoma’s built and natural environment.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Return grant funding.	None.	Funding requiring Council approval cannot be accepted, and funds may need to be returned; requiring the project to be postponed until future City funding is identified.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Project scope, schedule, and budget are tracked to ensure successful delivery of project meeting grant timelines and other milestones. Project implementation will be documented and provided through the Buildings & Infrastructure Section of the Tacoma Climate Action Progress Report.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is to approve the proposed resolution to accept grant funding to support implementation of Tacoma’s Climate Action Plan goals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Resolution will provide for State funding to implement decarbonization measures at the City’s Fleet Maintenance Building.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
3211 Capital Project Fund	GNF-00007- FS-AD-03	4334360	\$ 727,500
TOTAL			\$ 727,500

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

There is no City match requirement for the grant. This funding will be deposited into the Capital Project Fund.

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

Revenues and expenditures for this grant will be budgeted at the next budget process opportunity.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

NO



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Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No