



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution amends the 2023 adopted Mayor's Office Sustainability Improvements capital project budget to accept a \$429,746 grant award from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to implement the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project. The resolution also authorizes the execution of the associated grant agreement with the U.S. EPA and authorizes non-competitive contracts with the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Inc., the Latino Health Council, the Hmong Institute, Inc., and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The grant funds will be used to support installation of a network of air quality sensors throughout the City of Madison to identify areas experiencing particulate matter (PM) air pollution and support community engagement to provide greater awareness, education, and action to address air quality and health disparities. Partnering with the City are the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, the Latino Health Council, the Hmong Institute, and the University of Wisconsin, each receiving \$50,000 with the exception of the University of Wisconsin which will receive \$37,019. The grant period runs from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026. No tax levy is required.

Title

Amending the 2023 Adopted Mayor's Office Sustainability Improvements Project Capital Budget to accept a \$429,746 grant award from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA); authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the associated grant agreement with U.S. EPA; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk enter into a non-competitive contracts with Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Inc., Latino Health Council, The Hmong Institute, Inc., and the University of Wisconsin-Madison to implement the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is committed to providing a healthy environment for all residents and advancing environmental justice; and,

WHEREAS, air pollution poses serious risks to community respiratory and cardiovascular health; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that low to moderate income residents, BIPOC communities, people with disabilities, children, and the elderly face greater exposure and vulnerability to air pollution in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, research also shows that BIPOC and low-income Wisconsinites are disproportionately burdened by respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WI DNR) ambient air quality monitoring network includes two high-tech air quality sensors on Madison's East and West sides to monitor for compliance with national air quality standards across our region; and,

WHEREAS, while Dane County is in compliance with federal air quality standards, WI DNR sensors in Madison have recorded some of the state's highest concentrations of particulate matter in recent years; and,

WHEREAS, air quality can vary significantly on small scales within a city and even short-term or localized

peaks in air pollution can lead to increased health risks; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison successfully applied for funding through the U.S. EPA's Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities grant program for a project titled "Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality in Madison, Wisconsin"; and,

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to support installation of a network of air quality sensors throughout the City of Madison to identify areas experiencing particulate matter (PM) air pollution and support community engagement to provide greater awareness, education, and action to address air quality and health disparities; and,

WHEREAS, project partners Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Latino Health Council, The Hmong Institute, and the University of Wisconsin collaborated with the City of Madison to develop the grant proposal and are committed to their roles and actions as described in the grant proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the City and PHMDC have successfully worked with all Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Latino Health Council, and the Hmong Institute to deliver health-focused community education campaigns, programming, and support services in the past; and,

WHEREAS, under MGO 4.26(4) a contract for purchase of services of more than \$50,000 that was not competitively selected must be approved by the Common Council and, for the reasons given in the attached Noncompetitive Selection Forms, these contracts meet the exception in MGO 4.26(4)(a) 2 for a particular service is available from only one firm, because these contractors were identified by name in the approved grant application to the funding agency, so in order for the City to comply with the terms of the grant, only those firms can do this work. Further, the contract with UW-Madison meets the exception in MGO 4.26(4)(a)4. for services rendered by a university, college or other educational institution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with U.S. EPA and formally accept the \$429,746 award described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor's Office Sustainability Improvements Project 2023 Adopted Capital Budget is amended to appropriate \$429,746 for implementation of the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a non-competitive contract with Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Inc. for the amount of \$50,000 effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026 to provide services for the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project and funded by the U.S. EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a non-competitive contract with Latino Health Council, their fiscal agent Vivent Health, Inc., or both in a form approved by the City Attorney for the amount of \$50,000 effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026 to provide services for the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project and funded by the U.S. EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a non-competitive contract with The Hmong Institute, Inc. for the amount of \$50,000 effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026 to provide services for the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project and funded by the U.S. EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities grant award.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a non

-competitive contract with the Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the amount of \$37,019 effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026 to provide services for the Building Sensor and Community Partnership Networks for Air Quality project and funded by the U.S. EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities grant award.