

RESOLUTION NO. M-2558

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR A STATE HOME ELECTRIFICATION AND APPLIANCE REBATES (HEAR) PROGRAM GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) Program, administered by the Washington State Department of Commerce, provides grants to eligible third-party administrators to provide rebates and incentives to households to purchase and install high-efficiency electric equipment and appliances; and

WHEREAS, the HEAR Program is supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and the CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia applied for and was awarded \$481,483.00 of HEAR Program grant funding to administer rebates for heat pumps and other high-efficiency electric equipment. With this funding, the City will provide time-of-sale electrification rebates for low- and moderate-income households through the Energize Olympia Program, with an emphasis on heat pump installations and enabling electrical upgrades; and

WHEREAS, as electricity is increasingly produced by non-emitting renewable sources, such as wind and solar, retrofitting existing residential buildings with highly-efficient electric equipment will substantially reduce Olympia’s community-wide greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and Olympia’s 2021 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategy Analysis both identify the importance of accelerating energy efficiency and building electrification retrofits in order to achieve local and regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 study by ACEEE and Energy Efficiency for All, low-income, Black, and Latinx communities spend a much higher share of their income on energy; and

WHEREAS, providing energy efficient heat pump retrofits to low- and moderate-income households directly supports energy equity by removing the barrier of high up-front costs for equipment and installation, reducing long-term energy bills as well as providing co-benefits such as access to cooling and improved indoor air quality; and


WHEREAS, per Olympia Municipal Code Subsection 3.16.020.C, it is necessary for the City Council to approve the Grant Agreement and authorize the signature of all documents necessary to obligate funds for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the Interagency Agreement between the City of Olympia and the Washington State Department of Commerce for the State Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program, and the terms and conditions contained therein.


2. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the attached Interagency Agreement, to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Grant Agreement, and to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 17th day of September 2024.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY