

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE BY THE CITY MANAGER AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE ENERGY PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITIES COMMUNITY DECARBONIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Energy Programs in Communities (EPIC) Community Decarbonization Program, which is operated by the Washington State Department of Commerce, aims to reduce energy burden on communities, improve access to renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies, and advance environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, EPIC has made available approximately \$84 million in grant awards appropriated by the Washington State Legislature to promote Washington’s commitment to equitable, clean energy development through planning, design, and construction of clean energy projects, with a focus on solar paired with battery storage for community facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan identifies installing solar panels on public buildings as an important strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia’s Comprehensive Plan identifies investing in technologies and alternative energy sources in City buildings as an important strategy to reach established greenhouse gas reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia intends to reopen the Armory as a Creative Campus, repurposing the Armory into a dynamic hub for local artists and community remembers and serve as an Emergency Management Services facility during times of need; and

WHEREAS, to support the sustainability of the Creative Campus, the City intends to utilize the EPIC grant to implement solar and battery storage systems to enable the facility to generate renewable energy while storing excess energy in batteries for use during peak demand periods or emergencies. For this award, the City will receive a \$1,542,000 reimbursement for costs incurred for installation and other eligible expenses; 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 Grant Agreement between the City of Olympia and the Washington State Department of Commerce Energy Programs in Communities Community Decarbonization Program for the Olympia Armory Solar Construction Project 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 Grant Agreement, and any other documents necessary to obligate funds for the Olympia Armory Solar Construction Project, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Grant Agreement, or to correct any scrivener’s errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY