

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE FOR A MULTIFAMILY EV CHARGING PROJECT

WHEREAS, climate change is an existential crisis posing one of the most serious threats to the existence of humanity and all species on the planet; a threat that intersects and compounds all other crises facing humanity and our earth; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Olympia City Council passed a Resolution Expressing a Commitment to Protect the Youth of this Community from the Risks of Climate Destruction (Resolution No. M-2045) and to achieve net zero emissions by 2040; and

WHEREAS, transportation is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Olympia, making up more than 34% of inventoried emissions; and

WHEREAS, it will take many decades to achieve the land use and transportation infrastructure changes that will make walking, rolling, biking, or taking transit the best choice for most trips in Olympia. In the meantime, electric vehicles (EVs) and other types of electric micromobility, such as e-bikes, play an important role in reducing transportation-related GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, adequate charging infrastructure is needed to support the transition to electric vehicles. Ensuring equitable access to low-cost charging stations for all community members, regardless of where they live or work, is a critical step to support the transition to electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, renters and residents of multifamily housing face additional barriers to accessing low-cost EV charging at home, and the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan includes Policy PT5.4, "Encourage and incentivize the provision of low-cost EV charging for multifamily housing"; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Institute, supported by a grant from General Motors, wishes to award a \$25,000 subgrant to the City of Olympia and a \$25,000 subgrant to the City of Tumwater, for a joint project to install EV charging stations to serve residents of affordable multi-family rental housing in the Cities of Olympia and Tumwater; 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 RESOLVES as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the Grant Agreement between the City of Olympia and Rocky Mountain Institute for a Multifamily EV Charging Project and the terms and conditions contained therein.

2. The City Manager is hereby 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 Multifamily EV Charging Project, and 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 _____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY