



DATE: July 26, 2023

TO: Energy Council

FROM: Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director
Miya Kitahara, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Contract

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting Energy Council approval to enter into a contract of \$240,000 with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for a scope of work funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. The scope of work includes local government engagement across the Bay Area and technical support on identifying and refining Climate Action Plan measures.

DISCUSSION

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is a recipient of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), a new program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funded through the Inflation Reduction Act. The CPRG supports states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement Climate Action Plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program has two phases:

- 1) Planning: non-competitive funding for development of a targeted priority climate action plan and a more comprehensive climate action plan.
- 2) Implementation: competitive funding for projects to implement the measures in the targeted priority climate action plan (total \$4.6 billion).

The Air District has received \$1 million from the planning phase to lead the effort for the 5-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) referred to by the EPA as "San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley" that includes the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo. As deliverables for this grant, the Air District will develop a Priority Climate Action Plan by March 2024 and a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan by September 2025. The Priority CAP is limited in scope to immediately actionable measures, whereas the Comprehensive CAP must include all sectors and strategies to achieve climate action outcomes defined by the MSA, such as GHG reduction targets consistent with the State's targets. The implementation grant is expected to be opened for competitive proposals in September 2023. To be eligible for implementation funding, proposed projects must be included in a Priority Climate Action Plan developed through the planning phase grant.

The Bay Area is unique among MSAs in its advanced climate action planning efforts. Whereas other recipients of the CPRG planning grant may be developing a climate action plan for the first time, the 5-county Bay Area MSA contains dozens of local government climate action plans, including those from each Alameda County local government. Therefore, the planning process in the Bay Area seeks to leverage these existing plans to develop opportunities for more effective regional collaboration and potential fund seeking through the CPRG implementation grant phase. The Advisory Workgroup will meet regularly, provide technical advising, and be a conduit to engage Bay Area local governments.

The Air District has convened an Advisory Workgroup to guide the process to develop the Priority and Comprehensive Climate Action Plans. The Advisory Workgroup includes staff representatives from the five counties, the three cities named in the MSA (San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley), and regional agencies including the Bay Area Regional Collaborative, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and Association for Bay Area Governments for its work on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN).

StopWaste staff have been monitoring the CPRG funding opportunity in close collaboration with the Air District. Staff have provided updates on the process and presented opportunities for input to the StopWaste Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the BayREN Coordinating Circle which includes the other MSA counties. Due to this active role, StopWaste staff are serving as representatives for Alameda County and BayREN, and have been requested by BayREN to undertake a scope of work for technical planning tasks and passing through of funding to enable participation by other Advisory Workgroup members.

The scope of this contract includes tasks for engaging local governments on identifying measures to include in the climate action plans and to develop for potential implementation grant proposals. The scope also includes participation by other BayREN county representatives and cities in the Air District's CPRG Advisory Workgroup for the duration of the planning grant.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and other related actions.

Attachments:

Energy Council Resolution #EC 2023-05
Attachment A: Summary of Energy Council Scope of Work

**ENERGY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #EC 2023 –05**

**MOVED:
SECONDED:**

AT THE MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CLIMATE
POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Energy Council recognizes that it is in the interest of local, regional, state, and federal agencies to stimulate the economy, create and retain jobs, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council was formed to seek funding to develop and implement programs and policies that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources, and help create climate resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program that provides one million dollars in a climate action planning grant to each eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is the lead agency for the five-county Metropolitan Statistical Area that includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties for the purposes of the CPRG planning grant; and

WHEREAS, the Air District has established an Advisory Workgroup to guide this effort that includes a representative from each of the five counties, three cities, and regional agencies including the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); and

WHEREAS, the Air District has requested ABAG to support the CPRG planning process with a scope of work with a budget of \$240,000; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council partnered with the ABAG and eight other county representatives to implement the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN); and

WHEREAS, with ongoing input from the Energy Council Technical Advisory Group (TAG), the Energy Council represents Alameda County jurisdictions within BayREN; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has requested the Energy Council to represent BayREN within the CPRG process and undertake the scope of work related with associated budget; and

WHEREAS, ABAG intends to issue a contract to Energy Council for the budget and scope of work as described in Attachment A;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Council hereby authorizes the Executive Director to:

1. Enter into all necessary contracts and agreements with ABAG and make any necessary changes to the FY 24 budget and create a new project to house these contracts.

2. Approve any required time extensions, modifications, or amendments thereto.
3. Allocate the necessary resources to implement and carry out the scope of work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director as the Board President's designee, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Energy Council all contract-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, payment requests, agreements (including the hiring of temporary staff), and amendments necessary to secure contract funds and to implement the approved contract projects;

ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2023, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

I certify that under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution #EC 2023 – 05

ARLISS DUNN
Clerk of the Board

Attachment A
Summary of Energy Council Scope of Work

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Planning Process Engagement and Technical Services

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) Advisory Workgroup Participation

Energy Council staff will participate in the CPRG Advisory Workgroup (AWG), which will meet regularly to discuss and make decisions on key aspects of the project including coordination and engagement with other agencies and stakeholders, measure selection, and development of deliverables, as well as providing information and data and advising on technical analyses. Air District (AD) staff will work with Energy Council staff and other AWG members, with support of a contractor/consultant, to collect the necessary information for the GHG emissions reduction quantification estimation of the selected measures for the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). This task includes passing through funding to other Advisory Workgroup participants as needed.

Support Stakeholder Engagement during development of the Priority Climate Action Plan

The Air District will lead public and stakeholder engagement for the PCAP, working closely with the Advisory Workgroup and other partners with the support of an engagement consultant. Energy Council staff will support the process through the following tasks:

- Lead a review of existing local government climate action plans and other relevant plans
- Partner with Air District staff to review local government suggestions for PCAP measures and conduct follow up interviews/focus groups to develop written recommendations to AWG of program focus areas for the PCAP
- Partner with Air District staff to co-develop and host local government workshops for up to four sets of program design
- **Support Stakeholder Engagement during development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**

Energy Council staff will continue to support the Air District after the completion of the PCAP with advising on engagement efforts and design of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). Engagement on the CCAP will begin during the PCAP development phase and build upon the PCAP engagement. Whereas the PCAP is limited in scope to immediate action for implementation, the CCAP process may include a visioning process for the region for 2030 and 2045, a broader assessment of opportunities and assets, as well as barriers, to achieve the vision, and engagement on the GHG target selection, and identification of performance indicators.

Budget

Task	Labor	Expenses	Total NTE Budget
1 Advisory Workgroup Participation & Technical Support	\$25,000	\$120,000 (stipends)	\$145,000
2 PCAP Stakeholder Engagement Support	\$55,000	-	\$55,000
3 CCAP Stakeholder Engagement Support	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000
Total	\$95,000	\$145,000	\$240,000