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Title: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 2021 to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) in the amount of \$271,290.00, with no matching funds and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2024 annual budget for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$271,290.00. Funds will be utilized for upgrading the decorative street lighting and solar trash compactors in downtown. Funding is available under Environmental Services Fund.

Attachments: 1. [EECBG 2023 ORD](#)[History \(1\)](#) [Text](#)**SUBJECT**

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

Passage of Resolution 2023-R-127 on 6/20/2023

BACKGROUND

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 appropriated \$550 million for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program assists local and tribal governments in planning and implementing programs and policies to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency. Under the EECBG program the City of Laredo is eligible to receive \$271,290.00 in funding. The Environmental Services Department has developed a general plan for distribution/use of these funds in the following categories: Replacement of downtown decorative street lighting and solar trash compactors.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

NA

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Introduction of the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year: 2024
 Budgeted Y/N?: Y

Source of Funds: Environmental Services Fund
Account #: See below.
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: N

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding is available under Environmental Services Fund, accounts:

Revenues

249-0000-321-2007

\$271,290.00

Expenses

249-3874-XXX-XXXX

\$271,290.00

Ordinance 2024-O-022

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM - BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW 2021 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271,290.00, WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS. AND AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO'S FY 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271,290.00. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR UPGRADING THE DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING AND SOLAR TRASH COMPACTORS IN DOWNTOWN.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has issued a request for proposes of funding energy efficiency projects through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo's Environmental Services Department is applying for the grant to implement more energy efficient downtown decorative lighting and solar trash compactors; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has awarded the City \$271,290.00 in funding to implement these projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1. Accepting the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) by the United States Department of Energy in the amount of \$271,290.00 with no matching funds. And amending the City of Laredo's FY 2024 Annual Budget for Environmental Services by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts.

Section 2. The City of Laredo will comply with the provisions of the financial assistance program and the fiscal reimbursement and reporting requirements of the United States Department of Energy for this grant.

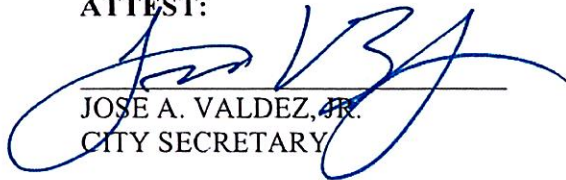
Section 3. The City of Laredo hereby agrees that the funds received from the United States Department of Energy will only be used for the purpose of implementing approved projects under this grant.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 20th
DAY OF February, 2024.



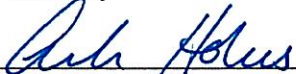
DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

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CITY SECRETARY

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