

2024-R-102

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$6,666,000.00, WITH NO MATCH FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE TERM PERIOD STARTING ON DATE OF AWARD AND A PERIOD OF PROJECT PERFORMANCE NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS, FOR A TOTAL GRANT AWARD OF UP TO \$19,998,000.00, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE AWARD OF THIS GRANT. ANY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF THIS APPLICATION WILL BE APPROPRIATED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT-PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo Health Department wishes to apply for the funding opportunity by The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be considered for funding through the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program; and,

WHEREAS, through this award, Laredo Public Health will be able to effectuate community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. The programs will support comprehensive community and place-based approaches to redressing environmental and climate injustices for communities facing legacy pollution, climate change, and persistent disinvestment. The concentrated local investments will drive change-making projects that center collaborative efforts for healthier, safer, and more prosperous communities.

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

Section 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program in the estimated amount of \$6,666,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period starting the date of award and a period of project performance not to exceed three years, for a total grant award of up to \$19,998,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant. Any funding as a result of this application will be appropriated in the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant - Public Health Department fund.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
_____ DAY OF _____, 2024.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
DOANH T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY**

**AMBER R. HOLMES
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**