

Background:

The City of Lee's Summit developed a Sustainability Action Plan, finalized in 2012, that was accepted, but not adopted, by the City Council at that time. The plan is attached for reference.

The City adopted a Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan, Ignite!, in 2021; which also includes environmentally related, climate and sustainable objectives and strategies. The Ignite! Comprehensive Plan Element Sustainable Environment, <https://cityofls.net/comprehensive-plan/documents>, aligns with numerous goals of the Regional Climate Action Plan. The Ignite! Strategic Plan, <https://cityofls.net/ignite-your-ideas-our-future>, also contains a variety and multitude of identified action items associated with mitigating the effects of climate change in support of plan strategies and objectives across several critical success factors; particularly City Services and Infrastructure.

The City of Lee's Summit, its Staff, participated in the development of a regional climate action plan managed through the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and Climate Action KC partnership.

Information about the Regional Climate Action Plan, <https://www.marc.org/environment/environment-plans/climate-action-plan>, and the plan document is attached for reference as adopted by the MARC Board.

In consideration of available federal funding opportunities that target sustainable infrastructure and programs through the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, the City is advised to have an adopted climate action plan or demonstrate its support under the "umbrella" of a similar climate action plan for the region. As exemplified, the Inflation Reduction Act provides \$5 Billion for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program administered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>, to states, local governments, tribes, and territories for the development and implementation of plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. This federal funding opportunity, \$250M for non-competitive planning grants and \$4.6B for nationwide competitive implementation grants, requires a Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) prior to April 29, 2023, and an applicable plan for implementation project applications. The City of Lee's Summit does not have an adopted climate action plan (or relevant plan in compliance with program criteria). Support for the Regional Climate Action Plan and participation in MARC climate/environmental planning initiatives is a recommended alternative for local eligibility of these implementation grant applications. MARC submitted a NOIP prior to the April 28, 2023 deadline on behalf of the bi-state region to include eligible potential participating agencies.

The attached resolution will provide sufficient demonstrated support for inclusion in the Regional Climate Action Plan, and intent to participate in related regional planning initiatives for compliance with CPRG program criteria, so that the City of Lee's Summit is eligible for associated project grant applications and/or inclusion of any regional project applications.

Impact/Analysis:

Eligibility of Federal Funding Applications related to the Inflation Reduction Act funded Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program.

Other Information/Unique Characteristics:

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