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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL***

AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR A US ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG) IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION**

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WHEREAS, as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, the USEPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) provides significant resources to state, territory, local, and tribal governments to develop ambitious climate action and air pollution reduction plans and to implement measures from those plans. The CPRG is a two-phase program – with \$250 million in non-competitive planning grants, followed by \$4.6 billion of competitive implementation grants; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Antonio (COSA) submitted a Notice of Intent to Participate on April 27, 2023 with letters of support from AACOG, CPS Energy, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO), San Antonio Water System (SAWS), San Antonio River Authority (SARA), and VIA Metropolitan Transit. During the May 10, 2023, Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee meeting, the Office of Sustainability provided a briefing on the CPRG grant opportunity. The full application package was due on May 31, 2023, and was submitted on May 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio's first climate action and adaptation plan, SA Climate Ready, was adopted by City Council on October 19, 2019. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) commits the community to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Development of the PCAP and CCAP will accomplish three inter-related goals: 1. As the SA Climate Ready Plan is required to be updated every 3 to 5 years, CPRG funding will support a refresh of the City of San Antonio Climate Action & Adaptation Plan and determine new science-based reduction targets, reprioritize mitigation strategies, and develop a new implementation plan with a focus on priority strategies and funding opportunities; 2. Broaden the geographical scope of climate planning and complete a regional GHG inventory for AACOGs 13-county service delivery area; and, 3. Develop and prioritize GHG reduction strategies that can be implemented on a regional scale; and

WHEREAS, COSA, led by the Office of Sustainability, will work with AACOG to develop the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA; and

WHEREAS, Stakeholder and community engagement will be core to the process of developing the PCAP and CCAP. COSA and AACOG will leverage their deep, local community connections and varied programs to identify those leaders and engage underserved communities, such as elderly, disabled, low income, BIPOC, and linguistically isolated;

WHEREAS, upon award of the funding, the City of San Antonio will immediately proceed with obtaining contracts for professional services and hiring a grant-funded grant administrator/plan coordinator to meet the March 1, 2024, deadline for the phase I PCAP. The coordinator will work to ensure deliverables are being met on time to ensure that phase I, development of the Priority Climate Action Plan, is positioned to compete for a phase II implementation grant. Coordinator will also assist with scheduling internal and external stakeholder meetings and interagency cooperation, assist with community engagement coordination, and tracking of quarterly performance reports and the final report required by the EPA. Council authorization will be requested before pursuing any CPRG competitive implementation grants; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Office of Sustainability to apply for, and if granted accept, a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 million to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies for the San Antonio-New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Office of Sustainability or designee is hereby authorized to apply for and accept grant funds upon award in the amount up to \$1,000,000.00 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to develop and implement strong climate pollution reduction strategies for the San Antonio-New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area for a period beginning September 2023 through August 2027.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Office of Sustainability or designee is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said application and acceptance.

SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of this award, a new fund and internal order number will be created, upon which the award amount up to \$1,000,000.00 will be appropriated from the USEPA, is hereby authorized. A formal budget will be submitted by the department upon receipt.

SECTION 4. The personnel complement of one (1) position for the Priority Climate Action Plan, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, is hereby approved.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED and APPROVED this 22nd day of June 2023.

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RON NIRENBERG

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney