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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL***

AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND
ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD FOR THE CLIMATE POLLUTION
REDUCTION GRANTS PROGRAM: IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS GENERAL
COMPETITION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$200,000,000.00 FROM THE UNITED
STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (US EPA) FOR THE PERIOD
OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2029, AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET
AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT**

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WHEREAS, as part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program will provide 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, in August 2023, the city received \$1,000,000.00 for the CPRG non-competitive planning grant. The city is currently utilizing these funds to update the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and determine new science-based reduction targets, reprioritize mitigation strategies, and develop a new implementation plan. The funds are also being used to complete a regional greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) 13-county service delivery area and develop and prioritize GHG reduction strategies that can be implemented on a regional scale; and

WHEREAS, to proactively pursue the available \$4.6 billion dollars in competitive implementation grants, the city will be applying for \$200,000,000.00. The full application package is due April 1, 2024. If awarded, the city, in partnership with CPS Energy and SAWS, will apply these grant funds toward the construction of a large-scale solar PV and energy storage project aimed at addressing the energy-water nexus and local energy burdens. This will provide renewable electricity for SAWS, provide community solar for low-income San Antonio residents, may utilize battery storage as backup power for SAWS, and serve as a virtual power plant to support the grid during periods of high demand. The overall project objectives are to demonstrate how cities and utilities can collaborate to enhance regional water and energy resilience while reducing energy costs in our most energy burdened neighborhoods. These grant funds will also be used for local workforce development as a direct benefit of installing local utility-scale solar. The estimated size of this project will be between 50MW (megawatts) to 100MW and will target greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the electricity sector; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance request authorization for the Office of Sustainability to apply for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: Implementation Grant General Competition in an

amount up to \$200,000,000.00. and a budget and personnel complement of two (2) positions;
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 \$200,000,000.00 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program to implement a large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the period of October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2029. A copy of the original grant application is on file with the Office of Sustainability.

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. Should funding be awarded, upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount up to \$200,000,000.00 will be appropriated from the US EPA, will be appropriated in said funds. The budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment III, is approved and adopted for entry in the City books.

SECTION 4. The personnel complement of one (1) position, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment III, 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 Fund Numbers, Project Definitions, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, Fund Centers, Cost Centers, Functional Areas, Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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