



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. T
12/31/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution authorizing submission of an application and supporting technical documents, to make the required certifications, and to accept the Environmental Protection Agency grant in the amount of \$1,000,000; authorizing City staff to submit internet acceptance, requests for funds, provide reports as required, and to administer the grant; and authorizing the City Treasurer to receive and deposit the funds in the Grants Management Fund, NE 23rd Street and Martin Luther King Avenue. Ward 7.

Purpose:

To authorize the Mayor and City staff to execute all application documents and subsequent grant-related documents as needed to accept and implement the Environmental Justice Government to Government (EJG2G) Grant funded through US Environmental Protection Agency.

Background:

In January 2023, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) announced the availability of funding and proposal guidelines for EJG2G Grant funds. In April 2023, City staff submitted a proposal for the funds to aid in redevelopment of the site located on the Northeast corner of NE 23rd and Martin Luther King, which is currently owned by the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority. On July 8, 2024, the US EPA notified the City of its selection to receive \$1,000,000 based on the proposal and requested submittal of application documents. The Grant provides funding for programmatic support, site preparation (e.g., slab removal, clearing, grading, etc.), for community involvement, and for the development of a Request for Proposal for redevelopment of this site. The proposal submitted to the US EPA provided for partners, the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority, and the Oklahoma City Redevelopment Corporation, as subgrantees to perform these activities, with City staff in an oversight role for Grant compliance.

The EJG2G Grant is funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022. IRA provided EPA with \$2.8 Billion in grant funding for the program to benefit disadvantaged communities. Under the provisions of this legislation, no matching funds are required.

Term:

The estimated start date of the grant is January 1, 2025, to extend through December 31, 2027.

Revenue:

\$1,000,000 to be deposited in ENVIR PROTECT AGCY-RSTR-EPA Environmental Justice Government to Government Grant (EJG2G)- (1914-2409505-G95029).

Review:
Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.