



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. S
9/26/2023

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution approving submittal of an application to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments for an Air Quality Small Grant for up to \$1,000,000 to implement six bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects, including: installation of sidewalks along the north I-240 service road from South Byers Avenue to South Santa Fe Avenue; installation of sidewalks along the north I-240 service road from South Walker Avenue to South Western Avenue; installation of sidewalks along the east side of North Meridian Avenue from NW 36th Street to NW 50th Street; installation of sidewalks along the west side of North Pennsylvania Avenue from W.P. Bill Atkinson Q Boulevard to NW 133rd Street and along the north side of NW 140th Street from Quail Springs Mall to North Kentucky Avenue; installation of sidewalks along the north side of NE 16th Street from the Katy Trail to Redbud Drive; and bike lanes on NE 4th Street from North Lottie Avenue to North Martin Luther King Avenue, and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents. Wards 2, 4 and 7.

Background:

On August 1, 2023, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) issued a request for applications for the Air Quality Small Grant competitive grant program. The program is made possible with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

Awarded projects will include active transportation infrastructure and improvements, transit improvements, and congestion reduction efforts that strive to improve regional air quality by reducing reliance on single-occupancy vehicle trips. This application requests grant funding for sidewalks and on-street bicycle infrastructure and associated signage for six (6) projects identified by or consistent with the City's bicycle-pedestrian master plan, bikewalkokc.

Grant guidelines state that the maximum award amount is \$1,000,000 and that a local match of at least 20% is required, if awarded. No City funds are committed by applying for the grant. If selected for funding, City Council will be asked to receive the award and the match portion will be funded by the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Fund.

The deadline for applications is September 29, 2023. As part of the application process, ACOG requires an adopted resolution stating the submitting agency's commitment to the project. ACOG is expected to notify applicants of award status in November 2023.

Source of Funds:

If the project is successfully selected for funding from ACOG, an item will be brought to Council to accept the award and commit at minimum the required 20% match, to be funded by CIP funds.

Review:

Planning

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.