

**RESOLUTION NO. 79-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT  
AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS**

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**WHEREAS**, cities across the United States, including Richmond, are developing efforts to address climate change by prioritizing policies, resources, and regulatory tools to specific areas experiencing high levels of cumulative pollution and negative health impacts to advance environmental justice and community revitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, disadvantaged communities in Richmond experience significant economic and health disparities, as well as disproportionate impacts of pollution, urban blight, and the adverse effects of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond recognizes that the built environment is an important determinant in community health and is committed to improving the safety, resiliency, and health of all Richmond residents; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2012, the City Council adopted the Richmond General Plan 2030 to guide the City's sustainable growth and development, which includes a comprehensive element dedicated to community health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2017, the City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan, serving as a framework of policies and programs on how the City will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change on public health, infrastructure, ecosystems, and public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA's Community Change Grant program provides funding through the Inflation Reduction Act for projects that aim to advance environmental justice, reduce pollution, build capacity, and increase community climate resilience, focusing on the needs of overburdened and low-income residents, people of color, youth, people with disabilities, and seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2024, the City Council directed city staff to explore opportunities provided by the EPA Community Change Grant to support projects that advance environmental and climate justice, reduce pollution, and enhance community resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond, along with partners including but not limited to the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), is applying for the EPA Community Change Grant to implement projects that align with the city's strategic plans, including the Climate Action Plan, Health in All Policies Report, and the General Plan 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA requires a formal resolution from the local government to authorize the grant application and demonstrate the city's commitment to the project's goals and requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

**Section 1.** That the City Council of the City of Richmond authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute all related documents as necessary to apply for the grant and execute all documents as necessary to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with co-applicants.

**Section 2.** The City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, as approved to form by the City Attorney, with project partners to facilitate the grant application and verify the partners' commitments toward project implementation.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held July 2, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers McLaughlin, Willis, Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: Councilmember Bana and Vice Mayor Jimenez.  
RECUSED: Councilmember Robinson.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        } : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 79-24**, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 2, 2024.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond