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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Date: June 2, 2026

Subject

Memorandum of Agreement Among Coalition Partners for the Resilient Facilities Coalition for the City of Cupertino to participate with other partner agencies for the purpose of pursuing grant funds to support installation of various improvements in public buildings within their jurisdictions to enhance resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Recommended Action

Adopt Resolution No. 26-XXXX authorizing the City Manager to sign the Resilient Facilities Coalition Memorandum of Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Cupertino, as a partner with other partner agencies, for the purpose of pursuing grant funds to support installation of various improvements in public buildings within their jurisdictions to enhance resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Background

Jurisdictions across Santa Clara County have facilities that serve as resiliency centers to provide services and shelter to the public in times of extreme weather, poor air quality, or other events that result in a need for shelter. Many of these facilities need repair and upgrades to better meet those needs. There are also opportunities to transition those facilities to electrified heating and cooling, battery backup systems, and installation of more efficient equipment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by transitioning away from equipment fueled by natural gas. In 2024 jurisdictions and agencies joined together to form the Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project (approved by Cupertino City Council in June 2024), establishing a coalition Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of applying for a federal grant that would have provided funding for public facility upgrades. That grant was not secured, but the group continued working together and now desires to form a new coalition to continue to pursue grant funding.

Reasons for Recommendation and Available Options

While the federal grant landscape has shifted since 2024, grants funded by Proposition 4 in California (the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024) continue to support climate resilience, environmental protection, water, wildfire prevention, nature-based solutions, and related community benefits. Grant funding from other sources may also become available. Collaborative, multi-jurisdictional coalitions

improve competitiveness for state grant funding and support coordinated regional strategies that advance greenhouse gas reduction, climate adaptation, and equitable community outcomes. Additionally, partnering with other agencies reduces the burden of the grant application and management process. In order to be positioned well for consideration of award, staff recommends joining the Resilient Facility Coalition by executing the Memorandum of Agreement (Attachment A). The draft resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City (Attachment B).

The Memorandum of Agreement allows each participating agency to choose whether or not to participate in any particular grant application, does not require any financial contribution to be part of the coalition, and allows other jurisdictions, agencies, and community groups to join.

Should Council choose not to authorize execution of the agreement on behalf of the City, the City may not be able to participate in grant-related opportunities available through the coalition membership. The City would still have the option to join the coalition at a later date.

Any grant applications that Cupertino decides to be part of would be conducted in adherence to the City's Grant Policy, including Council approval when needed.

Sustainability Impact

The proposed grant activities support the City's Climate Action Plan building electrification goals, reducing greenhouse gas emissions through eliminating the use of natural gas. Additionally, combustion of natural gas has negative air quality impacts, so enhanced public health and safety is a co-benefit.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

City Work Program (CWP) Item/Description

None

Council Goal:

Environmental Sustainability and Fiscal Strategy

California Environmental Quality Act

No California Environmental Quality Act impact.

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Attachments:

A – Draft MOA – Resilient Facility Coalition

B – Draft Resolution