

**CITY OF FLORENCE
RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES 2024**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LANE COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE EPA'S COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT THE PROJECT TO LANE COUNTY FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTYWIDE GRANT APPLICATION

RECITALS:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting grant applications for the Community Change Grant Program.
2. Lane County will partner with a community-based organization to apply for the EPA grant to create resilience hubs throughout Lane County.
3. Resilience Hubs are community-serving facilities augmented to support residents, coordinate communication, distribute resources, and reduce carbon pollution while enhancing quality of life. Resilience Hubs can meet a myriad of physical and social goals by utilizing a trusted physical space such as a community center, recreation facility, or multi-family housing building as well as the surrounding infrastructure such as a vacant lot, community park, or local business.
4. Lane County's strategy for this grant application is to focus on: funding retrofits to improve resilience of publicly owned buildings (4-6 across Lane County); supporting and collaborate with a local community-based organization to bolster emergency preparedness through education, supplies, programming and otherwise working to build the resilience of the communities they serve; and community engagement and collaborative planning.
5. Lane County has identified capital projects in several communities based on their "shovel-readiness," and the magnitude/cost of needed retrofits to provide services during an emergency such as cleaner air (e.g., smoke-grade HVAC system, weatherization, air purifiers), power availability (e.g., generator, microgrid), water availability and food storage, and sheltering space.
6. The Florence Senior and Activity Center facility is owned by the City of Florence and operated through a management agreement by the Florence Senior Center Boosters.
7. The Florence Senior and Activity Center Board (Senior Center Boosters) has been fundraising for a future expansion of the facility since 2015 that would expand the existing facility by 1,800 square feet.
8. The Florence Senior and Activity Center facility has been identified by local emergency management personnel as a location for use during an emergency, for either members of the public or emergency management personnel depending on the incident need.
9. Lane County has identified the need for a Florence area location for smoke, heat, and/or cold weather events to provide respite shelter during these events. The Florence Senior and Activity Center could provide for that need with the facility expansion.
10. The existing expansion plans for the facility include adding 1,800 square feet of space to the extend the building to the west. The expansion would include additional multipurpose space, two single-occupancy restrooms, an office, a conference room, and storage closets.

11. If funded, the expansion plans would be modified to also include parking lot expansion with solar and/or wind powered lighting, emergency generator, solar panels, HVAC upgrades for smoke filtration, and electric vehicle charging stations.
12. This capital project is dependent on the City of Florence desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of enhancing the resiliency of the Florence area through partnerships with Lane County.
13. If successful, Lane County will contract with the City of Florence to disperse the funds to the City and execute the capital project final engineering and construction following the guidelines and timelines of the grant.
14. Should the grant be awarded, a supplemental budget would be required to both receive the grant funding from Lane County and expend the funds on the project.
15. The City of Florence will provide adequate funding for on-going maintenance of the facilities should the grant funds be awarded.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council demonstrates its support for the City's participation in the Lane County submittal of a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Community Change Grant Program to engineer and construct the expansion of the Florence Senior and Activity Center.
2. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTION:

This Resolution is passed and adopted on the 5th day of February, 2024.


Rob Ward, Mayor

Attest:


Lindsey White, City Recorder