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Local governments are eligible to participate in a grant opportunity with the Ohio Department of Development. This funding opportunity is available through the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) and was established to encourage communities to partner with each other to find creative solutions to share in the delivery of services.

As many Central Ohio communities are exploring the benefits of alternatively-fueled vehicles to save money and clean up the environment, partners have found a need to participate in collaborative discussions around the installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support alternatively-fueled fleet vehicles and equipment.

The City of Columbus, COTA, MORPC, Clean Fuels Ohio and other area entities would like to pursue an application for a grant to the LGIF, with MORPC as the lead applicant. The maximum award for the grant is \$100,000 and can be used for planning, feasibility studies and other "soft costs." If awarded the grant, MORPC will lead an effort to engage a consultant to achieve two goals. First, to conduct a market survey of public and private fleet managers in the region to determine their short and long term needs for CNG fueling and vehicles. Second, based on results of the market survey, the consultant(s) will help the consortium develop a plan for location of CNG stations and other infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no immediate fiscal impact anticipated for the City of Columbus. A cash match is not required; however, we must be willing to commit staff time as part of the planning effort. If awarded, monies will be granted to MORPC for the purpose of seeking a vendor to conduct the feasibility study.

To support a partnership with COTA, the City of Dublin, MORPC, Clean Fuels Ohio and other area entities for the purpose of applying for State funds through the Ohio Department of Development for the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) to study and plan for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled vehicle projects and infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, in partnership with COTA, the City of Dublin, MORPC, Clean Fuels Ohio and other area entities, is eligible to apply for a grant through the Ohio Department of Development for the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF); and

WHEREAS, the grant requires that local governments collaborate in order to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has agreed to serve as the lead applicant on this application, with support from the City of Columbus and other partners; and

WHEREAS, funding through the LGIF grant would enhance Columbus' alternatively-fueled vehicles and CNG infrastructure projects by providing valuable planning and policy information through a feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects would reduce the consumption of petroleum and reduce vehicle emissions; Now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That Columbus City Council supports the city's efforts to collaborate with COTA, the City of Dublin, MORPC, Clean Fuels Ohio and other area entities to apply for a Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) grant

through the Ohio Department of Development to study and plan for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled vehicle projects and infrastructure.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.