



Legislation Text

File #: 1966-2024, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to modify the service agreement for the Columbus MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Engagement and Plan Development with Planning Communities, LLC. The work under this modification includes a deliverable for the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Workforce Planning Analysis (WPA). This analysis will cover the ten counties within the Columbus MSA. The primary objectives are to identify workforce gaps, devise strategies to address these gaps, and foster partnerships necessary for achieving the goals of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) with emphasis on equity.

This modification No. 2 is necessary to add additional funding and extend the utilities agreement. These additional funds are necessary for the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

PROCUREMENT: Request for proposals (RFP026245) were formally advertised on the Vendor Services and Bonfire websites in accordance with the procedures set forth in Columbus City Codes, Chapter 329 from October 31, 2023 to December 1, 2023. Five Hundred Thirty Two (532) vendors were solicited. The city received three (3) (MAJ) responses. The proposals were deemed responsive and were fully evaluated by the Evaluation Committee on December 18, 2023. The committee felt that Planning Communities, LLC submitted the strongest proposal overall for the following reasons: 1.) The team has depth of experience with similar projects. 2.) Demonstrated clear understanding of the tasks related to the project and how to execute the project. 3.) Project manager exhibited a strong with similar work experience

ORD 2503-2023 authorized acceptance of the award for the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) 66.046. The grant project period is from June 1 2023 through May 31, 2027. The City grant number is G602301.

The term of this contract is from date of execution to May 31, 2027. The original contract term was from date of execution through March 1, 2025, which was extended to May 31, 2027 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 0483-2024 on March 18, 2024.

SUPPLIER: Planning Communities, LLC, V#20500 CC Expires 2/2/2026 (MAJ)

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

1. Amount of additional funds: Total amount of additional funds needed for this contract modification No.2 is ADD \$52,000.00. Cumulative total contract amounts including this modification No. 2 is \$222,000.00.

2. Reason additional funds were not foreseen: The need for additional funds were known at the time of the initial contract. This modification No. 2 is to extend time and provide the funding for the Columbus MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Engagement and Plan Development.

3. Reason other procurement processes were not used: Work under this modification No. 2 is a continuation of services included in the scope of the original contract. No lower pricing/more attractive terms and conditions are anticipated at this time.

4. How was cost determined: The cost, terms, and conditions are in accordance with the original agreement. The cost for this modification is \$52,000.00.

Fiscal Impact: Funding will come from the grant award. Its appropriation and expenditures were authorized under Ord. 2503-2023.

\$0.00 spent in 2023

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to modify a service agreement with Planning Communities, LLC for the Columbus MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Engagement and Plan Development (G602301); and to authorize the expenditure of \$52,000.00 from the Electricity Grants Fund. (\$52,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to modify and increase PO430351 with Planning Communities LLC for consulting services for the Columbus MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Engagement and Plan Development with Planning Communities, LLC to provide additional funding for the payment of services through May 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the vendor has agreed to modify PO430351 at current prices and conditions, and it is in the best interest of the City to exercise this option; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to modify and increase the current contract for the Columbus MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Engagement and Plan Development with Planning Communities, LLC; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into a planned modification for consulting services with Planning Communities, LLC; **NOW, THEREFORE;**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to modify and increase contract No. PO430351 consulting services for the Columbus MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Engagement and Plan Development with Planning Communities, LLC, in accordance with the terms on file in the office of the Department of Public Utilities. This modification No. 2 is to ADD \$52,000.00 to the contract. Total contract amount including this modification is \$222,000.00.

SECTION 2. That this modification No. 2 is in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code, Chapter 329, relating to contract modifications.

SECTION 3. That the funds for this contract modification were appropriated under the authority of Ordinance No. 2503-2023.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.