



Legislation Text

File #: 1574-2022, Version: 1

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to accept the award of the 2022 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$61,864.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and the 2022 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant to G602100 in the amount of \$101,126.00. The expenditure of these EcoSmart Grant Funds in the amount of \$162,990.00 is permitted for use in the SMART Street Lighting Project. The EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant program was instituted by AMP to return unused funds to participating members. Sustainability Grants are thus intended to recognize EcoSmart Choice participating communities that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability through the promotion of environmentally focused, community based grant projects.

The Department of Public Utilities has been awarded the EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant funds in the past to utilize for sustainability efforts in the City of Columbus. This reallocation of funds has been approved by AMP.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding in the amount of \$101,126.00 is available from the EcoSmart Grant award of 2021 which will be used in conjunction with the 2022 award of \$61,864.00 for a total of \$162,990.00. These funds are to be expended by the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power for the SMART Street lighting project and utilized as necessary.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to accept the EcoSmart Choice Grant for 2022 in the amount of \$61,864.00 and the 2021 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$101,126.00 for a total amount of \$162,990.00 to G602100; and to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$162,990.00 by the Director of Public Utilities for the SMART Street Lighting Project.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities has established project 670878 for SMART Street Lighting, replacing High Pressure Sodium luminaires (HPS) to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting and connecting them to a central control system, reducing response time to outages, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and saving in electric energy; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to accept \$61,864.00 from American Municipal Power for the 2022 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant and \$101,126.00 from the 2021 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant to G602100 within Fund 6316 (Electricity Grant Fund) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to expend up to \$162,990.00 from the 2021 and 2022 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grants from the Electricity grant fund (6316) for use on the SMART Street Lighting project (670878); and

WHEREAS, American Municipal Power, Inc. has approved the proposed usage change to the established grants; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities and the Division of Power to authorize the City Auditor to transfer the necessary funds and to authorize the expenditure of said funds by the Director of Public Utilities for the SMART Street Lighting Program; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to accept \$61,864.00 from

American Municipal Power for the 2022 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant and \$101,126.00 from the 2021 EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant to G602100 within Fund 6316 (Electricity Grant Fund) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into the Electricity Grant Fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the term of the grant, the sum of \$162,990.00 is appropriated per the accounting codes in the attachments to this ordinance. Appropriation is effective upon receipt of the executed grant agreement.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$162,990.00 for the SMART Street Lighting Project (670878), or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from G602100 in Fund 6316 Electricity Grant Fund, Dept 60, 6007 Division of Power in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper grant accounting numbers as appropriate.

SECTION 7. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all grants, projects, contracts, or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.