



Department Source: City Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 17, 2020

Re: Appropriating funds from the National League of Cities for climate action

Executive Summary

The City of Columbia has been selected by the National League of Cities (NLC) to join the 2020 Leadership in Community Resilience program. Staff intends to utilize the NLC's Leadership in Community Resilience program technical support and \$10,000 grant to develop and pilot a neighborhood climate action ambassadors program – CAAPtains – with a group of community stakeholders.

Discussion

The Columbia City Council unanimously adopted a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) in June 2019. Implementing the CAAP requires motivating staff, finding funding for strategies, involving community members to make key changes and sustaining momentum.

The City of Columbia has been selected by the National League of Cities (NLC) to join the 2020 Leadership in Community Resilience (LRC) program. The goal of the LRC is to improve the capacity of local governments as they identify and achieve their climate resilience and disaster preparedness benchmarks. City staff applied to the LRC program for the development and support of a neighborhood climate action ambassadors program – CAAPtains (CAAP I-3.3.4). The proposed “CAAPtain” project helps us build capacity, through community engagement, for the implementation of Columbia's ambitious plan.

Funds will be appropriated for program development and pilot program expenses.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$10,000

Long-Term Impact: n/a

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
03/16/2020	R39-20 Authorizing a participant agreement with National League of Cities for membership in the 2020 Leadership in Community Resilience program relating to climate action activities.
06/17/2019	Policy Resolution 89-19 Adopting the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan

Suggested Council Action

Appropriate grant funds from the National League of Cities for community resilience efforts.