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Participant Agreement Form

The City of Columbia, MO has been selected by the National League of Cities (NLC) to join the 2020 Leadership in Community Resilience program.¹

Resilience has increasingly been embraced as a comprehensive, proactive framework to reduce risk and improve operations within the private sector and at all levels of government. The purpose of this program is to develop and advance the emerging city-level models for pursuing resilience objectives.

As one of eight cities in the 2020 program cohort, NLC is excited to work with your local elected officials, city staff and community partners. The program includes four main components:

Policy and Practice Exchange: Each month, NLC staff will spend time with you individually to discuss and plan your project. NLC will also host quarterly calls or webinars which will allow you to discuss your goals and solicit feedback from the other participants in the group, gain knowledge and expertise in urban resilience issues, and connect you to outside expertise and national/local partners who may be able to provide additional no or low-cost services.

Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to support your project, which will include one (or more, if relevant) local resilience event. The event should be designed to catalyze action or engage the public as you move through your resilience planning process. Depending on your project focus and needs, the funding may be used towards public engagement, staff trainings, or project implementation. NLC staff will be available to help you formulate the scope of the event(s), will travel to your city to participate, document the project, and promote the outcomes to local media (if relevant).

Invitations for an elected official from your city and one key staff member to attend a resilience summit, (date/location TBD) hosted in partnership with the Urban Land Institute.

New research, leadership training, and education materials: The lessons learned and case studies from this program will be collected to share with other cities across the country. At the conclusion of the program, lessons from project case studies will be curated into a written report as well as workshop curricula for in-person conferences.

¹ This program is supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Roles and Responsibilities

NLC will:

- Engage with each of the eight cohort cities regularly and provide team leaders with partnership opportunities, resources, and other services as needed.
- Host quarterly webinars and calls to facilitate network connectivity and foster peer learning.
- Provide insights and lessons learned from previous cohort cities and from case studies across the US.
- Provide \$10,000 in grant funding to support project planning or implementation and a local resilience event, and help identify and confirm potential speakers, facilitators, and other participants as necessary.
- Perform a site visit to support and participate in the city's resilience event.
- Provide an invitation to an elected official and one staff member to attend an NLC-organized resilience summit (date/location TBD), hosted in partnership with the Urban Land Institute.

2020 Cohort Cities will:

- Designate a lead point person responsible for corresponding with NLC staff throughout the technical assistance period.
- Act as a peer resource to cohort cities when relevant and whenever possible.
- Share information, as requested by NLC, on topics that address the learning goals for this project.
- Participate fully in quarterly cohort webinars or calls, as well as individual technical assistance calls. NLC staff will be available for more communication if desired.
- Use \$10,000 in grant funding provided by the NLC to host one or more local resilience events that substantively contribute to your local climate preparedness or adaptation goals. Suggested uses include, but are not limited to:
 - Cross-departmental resilience workshops for senior city staff
 - Public engagement with historically underrepresented communities
 - Regional resilience workshops to coordinate planning or implementation across jurisdictions
- Provide a summary report upon conclusion of the grant on the outcomes of the program, its effectiveness, as well as lessons learned and recommendations that will aid future work in this area.

Endorsement and Points of Contact

By signing below, the City of Columbia agrees to the above participation expectations for the Leadership in Community Resilience project.

1. Mayor, City Manager, or another Senior Executive:

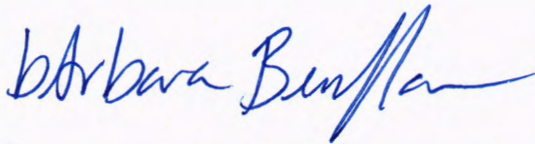
Signed:

Email address:

Phone number:

2. Lead point of contact:

Signed:



Approved as to form:

City Counselor AK

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By accepting this grant, both NLC and the City of Columbia agree to the roles and responsibilities enumerated above.



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