



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 † FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER
**RE: RESOLUTION 24-30, SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE ENERGY IMPACT ASSISTANCE FUND**
DATE: AUGUST 27, 2024

Summary and Background: The Town of Frisco owns a wide variety of buildings. Structures vary in age and use type, each with specific energy uses and requirements. While some energy audits have been performed in the past, Town staff struggles to keep up with latest technology while performing routine maintenance and planned upgrades for all Town-owned buildings.

The State of Colorado offers an Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) program that provides technical and contracting assistance to interested municipalities. In June 2023, staff enrolled in this program and were able to gain access to resources to assist with a Request for Proposals (RFP) and contracting process. Council approved a contract with McKinstry to begin the EPC process through Investment Grade Audits (IGA) in November, 2023. The final IGA Report, to be expected in December 2024, will outline the projects chosen for Town buildings based on energy savings and associated greenhouse gas reduction, and fulfillment of other Town goals. Before staff brings an EPC contract to Council, McKinstry is assisting Town staff to search and apply for grant funding.

While funds are budgeted for this project, grant funding from DOLA will allow the Town to maintain the current scope of the Energy Conservation Measures, keeping momentum toward Council, community, and Town goals.

Analysis: McKinstry staff identified the DOLA EIAF grant as a good match for the Energy Performance Contract implementation. Frisco staff submitted the application on August 1, 2024 with a request for \$1,000,000 of grant funding, which would partially fund the suggested Energy Conservation Measures. The final part of the application is an Official Action by Town Council to approve the grant application and commit to expenditure of required matching funds in the amount of 100%.

Financial Impact: A requirement of the grant award is to commit to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of 100%. Staff plans to apply for additional funding through several other grants. The 2025 budget includes \$250,000 from the Capital Fund for this project. Remaining required funds can be financed. Success in the grant application will allow for the current scope of implementation.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Application to the DOLA EIAF grant is supported by the following strategic objective and associated pillar: Core Services: Environmental stewardship and reducing

the effects of climate change.

Staff Recommendation: Staff requests Council approval of Resolution 24-30, supporting the application by the Town for the grant application to DOLA EIAF to be utilized to support Energy Performance Contract implementation.

Reviews and Approvals:

Tom Fisher, Town Manager

Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager

Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments:

Resolution 24-30