



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: September 12, 2023

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Authorization of an Agreement with Strategic Energy Innovations to Host Two Climate Corps Fellows**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement with Strategic Energy Innovations in an amount not to exceed \$137,100 to host two Climate Corps Fellows.

BACKGROUND

On October 22, 2019, the City Council adopted Sustainability Action Plan 4 (SAP-4) as a road map for strategic investment in sustainability. SAP-4 contains actions and goals across seven sectors: Transportation, Buildings and Energy, Land Use, Zero Waste, Water, Parks and Ecosystems, and Core Sustainability Program and Governance. The City Council also funded a \$7.5 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for projects to make measurable improvements across all sustainability areas with a focus on greenhouse gas emissions reductions. On May 30, 2023, the Council Sustainability Committee was briefed on updates to SAP-4 that were made to bring heightened focus to decarbonization and resiliency initiatives.

Strategic Energy Solutions is a nonprofit organization that hosts Climate Corps, a fellowship program that provides professional development opportunities to emerging climate leaders through implementation of sustainability and resiliency projects with local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit businesses. Since 2010, Climate Corps has worked with over 600 partners and 800 Fellows on 1,300 high-impact projects. Mountain View has hosted Climate Corps Fellows since 2017.

ANALYSIS

Authorization of the Strategic Energy Solutions contract would allow placement of two Fellows in the Sustainability Division of the City Manager's Office. The full-time fellowship would last 10 months, from September 2023 through June 2024. The Fellows would support implementation of SAP-4 and other initiatives related to sustainability, climate resiliency, and community engagement.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 will be the sixth year Mountain View participates as a host organization with the Climate Corps Fellows Program. Since the contract to host two Fellows exceeds \$100,000, staff seeks Council authorization to enter into the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contract for participation in the fellowship program as a host to two Fellows totals \$137,100. In the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Budget, the City Council approved \$110,000 of operating funds to support placement of two Climate Corps Fellows. The remaining \$27,100 will be funded with remaining budgets from SAP-4 (CIP 20-99). No additional appropriation is being requested at this time.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not authorize the agreement with Strategic Energy Innovations for the placement of two Climate Corps Fellows.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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