



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: June 23, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Resilient Facilities Coalition and Proposition 4 Climate Bond Grants**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Finding That the Action Taken and Activities Approved Herein are Not Projects Subject to California Environmental Quality Act Procedures, and Authorizing the City Manager or Their Designee to: (1) Enter Into a Memorandum of Agreement With the Resilient Facilities Coalition (RFC), a Multi-Organization Coalition for Climate and Community Resilience Projects; and (2) Apply for Grant Funds Available Under California Proposition 4 and Related Programs in an Amount Estimated to be a Maximum of \$35.0 Million, Including as a Lead or Partner Agency, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

In July 2024, the California Legislature authorized a \$10.0 billion bond measure, the "Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024." The bond measure, Proposition 4, was approved by voters on the statewide ballot in November 2024. The state is authorized to spend \$3.5 billion of the funds in fiscal year 2025-26, and the Governor has proposed appropriating \$2.1 billion for fiscal year 2026-27. The bond authorizes spending in several categories, including clean energy and extreme heat mitigation.

Staff seeks City Council approval to join the Resilient Facilities Coalition (RFC), a local multi-organization coalition, and to apply for Proposition 4 Grants and related climate programs with the coalition. City Council approval is required to join the coalition and apply for grants.

ANALYSIS

Proposition 4 Climate Bond and RFC

Proposition 4, the "Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024," or "Climate Bond," is a significant opportunity to fund high-impact climate mitigation and climate adaptation projects. The bond funds will be

administered by 30 state agencies, departments, and other bodies, primarily through competitive grant opportunities.

Mountain View can increase its competitiveness for Proposition 4 grants by applying for the grants collaboratively with other agencies. Multi-jurisdictional applications demonstrate proactive coordination and a larger, more impactful project scale, which can result in higher application scores.

Mountain View collaborates regularly with other Bay Area agencies and has previously completed joint grant applications to support climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. For example, on [March 26, 2024](#), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 18878, which authorized the City's participation in the Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project (PFRIP) group to apply for a competitive United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. The coalition was comprised of local jurisdictions including the cities of Cupertino and San Jose, as well as local nonprofit partners. The EPA grant was not awarded and the Memorandum of Agreement committing Mountain View's participation in the PFRIP group has since expired.

The multi-organizational group has continued to meet to share information on grant opportunities. The group is now seeking formalization as the RFC to allow participating organizations to jointly advance climate resilience, environmental protection, and community-focused infrastructure projects. The City may choose to join the coalition and jointly apply for Proposition 4 Climate Bond grants, as well as other relevant grants related to clean energy, climate adaptation, and climate mitigation. By joining the coalition, the City does not give up its right to apply for grants individually as a City.

RFC Memorandum of Agreement

The proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes the RFC, a collaborative partnership currently being considered among the cities of Mountain View, Cupertino, Morgan Hill, San José, and Sunnyvale, in conjunction with Prospect Silicon Valley¹. The purpose of the RFC is to establish a formal framework for regional collaboration on projects to improve the sustainability, resilience, and energy independence of publicly owned facilities. Through this coalition, participating agencies can coordinate planning efforts, share technical expertise and best practices, and jointly pursue external funding opportunities that support climate action and emergency preparedness objectives.

¹ Prospect Silicon Valley is a nonprofit focused on advancing clean energy, decarbonization, transportation electrification, and resilient infrastructure solutions through collaboration with local governments, industry partners, and research institutions. They support grant applications, pilot programs, and climate-action initiatives.

The activities of the RFC may include:

- Building decarbonization projects, such as the electrification of heating, cooling, and water-heating systems.
- Installation of renewable energy and battery storage systems.
- Development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for public fleets.
- Workforce development and training programs.
- Creation of shared policies, design standards, and guidance documents.

The coalition will also document and share lessons learned from member projects to help accelerate the implementation of greenhouse gas reduction and resilience measures across participating jurisdictions. Initial efforts will prioritize support for disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, as well as facilities critical to emergency response and disaster recovery.

The MOA establishes a mechanism for coalition members to collectively seek grants, rebates, incentives, and other external funding sources. Participation in any specific funding opportunity remains voluntary, and each agency is responsible for securing any required matching funds or cost-share contributions that may be required related to projects they choose to participate in. The MOA clearly states that it does not create a partnership, joint venture, or legally binding obligation to commit funding or resources beyond those separately approved by each participating agency. Any project-specific responsibilities, financial commitments, or grant administration requirements will be addressed through separate agreements as necessary.

Under the governance structure established by the MOA, each participating organization is represented by a designated representative and receives one vote in coalition decisions. Most actions are determined by a majority vote of the members present and are advisory in nature. The MOA also includes provisions related to indemnification, confidentiality, the admission of new members, and withdrawal from the coalition. Participation in the RFC allows Mountain View to continue collaborating with regional partners on resiliency and decarbonization initiatives while maintaining local control over project selection, funding decisions, and resource commitments.

Potential Grant Opportunities

The set of grants the RFC will pursue is not yet finalized; the coalition is assessing Proposition 4 grant opportunities as more information becomes available.

One promising grant opportunity identified by the coalition is the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The TCC Program funds community-driven climate projects that are expected to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The TCC Program's objectives, as stated in the Round 6 Program Guidelines posted in April 2026, are to reduce emissions, improve public health and environmental benefits, and expand economic opportunity and shared prosperity. The Notice of Funding Availability for the TCC program was released in May 2026, and the program will be open for applications in summer 2026.

In 2023, the City of Mountain View applied for a different SGC grant program, the Community Resilience Centers Program. The proposed project included installing solar arrays and battery storage at the Mountain View Senior Center, launching workforce development programs, and distributing heat-resilience kits. During the grant evaluation process, the City's application scored highly on project scope and readiness. However, the project scored lower on metrics related to Mountain View's demographics, as many parts of the City were not formally considered disadvantaged communities under SGC's evaluation framework. Applying for grants as a part of a larger coalition representing greater geographic and demographic diversity could make a Mountain View grant application more competitive for opportunities such as those administered by SGC.

Potential Projects and Programs Under Consideration

The RFC is evaluating a range of potential projects and programs that may be competitive for Proposition 4 grant opportunities. These projects are intended to accelerate building and transportation electrification, expand clean energy infrastructure, improve community resilience, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. While the coalition has historically focused on upgrading public facilities, it is exploring expanding its scope to implement community projects. Pursuing external funding opportunities would help the City leverage limited resources, accelerate high-priority initiatives, and expand the scale and reach of decarbonization efforts citywide and regionally.

Examples of qualifying projects that may be submitted for the upcoming TCC Program may include:

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) installation
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- HVAC system replacements
- Appliance electrification
- Battery energy storage
- Electric bicycle programs
- Community microgrids
- Community-based programs, such as home retrofit programs or incentives

These potential projects align with the City's goal of achieving community-wide decarbonization by 2045. They also align with the draft actions that the City Council supported for the upcoming Five-Year Decarbonization Plan on [May 26, 2026](#). These actions include building and transportation electrification. Additionally, the City can choose not to participate in grant opportunities that do not align with its adopted goals and policies.

Use of Grant Funds to Support the City's Five-Year Decarbonization Plan

Grant funding is particularly important for both community and municipal projects that require significant upfront investment to transition away from fossil fuels.

For municipal operations decarbonization, grants could support projects such as expanding EV charging infrastructure to advance the City's fleet electrification efforts over the next five years in compliance with the Greenhouse-Gas-Free Fleet and Landscaping Equipment Policy, which was adopted by Resolution No. 18993 of the City Council on [June 10, 2025](#). Grant funding could offset some or all of these initial capital costs, helping the City accelerate implementation while reducing reliance on limited local funding sources. In addition to long-term fuel and maintenance savings, grant-supported projects could enable the City to pilot innovative technologies and operational strategies, modernize municipal facilities and infrastructure, and accelerate sustainability initiatives at a larger scale.

Grant funding could also significantly expand the City's ability to advance community decarbonization initiatives by supporting innovative pilot programs, increasing participation in sustainability programs, and accelerating the deployment of clean energy technologies. These funds would enable the City to reach a broader range of residents and property owners, including low- and moderate-income households and multifamily residents that may otherwise face financial or technical barriers to electrification. Grant resources could also support demonstration projects and partnerships that test scalable approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Anticipated Grant Funding Amounts

Staff expects to apply for grants up to \$35.0 million, either individually as the City or in partnership with the RFC. Grants submitted collaboratively as part of the Coalition would likely be for a larger total dollar amount, because a single application would comprise several projects from multiple organizations. Grants applied for solely by the City are likely to be smaller in scope and cost.

Grants are expected to be reimbursement-based and may include reporting, compliance, and cost-share requirements. Grants may require the City to make a financial commitment in the

form of matching funds. Staff will bring any awarded grants to the City Council for review and authorization to accept and administer them.

Next Steps

If the attached Resolution is adopted by City Council, the City Manager or their Designee will sign a Memorandum of Agreement, joining the Resilient Facilities Coalition and working with the coalition to submit grant applications.

Staff may begin applying for grants in late summer or fall 2026. If grants are awarded, staff will return to City Council to seek permission to accept and administer the grants, providing the Council with an opportunity to review grant terms before committing to them.

CONCLUSION

Joining the RFC will position the City of Mountain View to pursue significant state and other external funding opportunities that support the City's climate, sustainability, and resilience objectives. Through collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and regional partners, the City may improve its competitiveness for grant programs, including Proposition 4-funded opportunities, while maintaining local control over project selection, funding commitments, and policy decisions. The proposed MOA provides a framework for cooperation without creating any obligation to participate in specific projects or commit City resources beyond those separately approved by the City Council.

Participation in the RFC aligns with the City's adopted sustainability goals and ongoing efforts to develop a Five-Year Decarbonization Plan. Grant funding secured through the Coalition could help accelerate implementation of municipal and community decarbonization initiatives, including building electrification, renewable energy deployment, transportation electrification, and resilience infrastructure, while leveraging limited local resources.

For these reasons, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the Memorandum of Agreement establishing the Resilient Facilities Coalition and to apply for Proposition 4 and related grant opportunities, with any future grant awards returning to the City Council for consideration and authorization prior to acceptance and implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended actions authorize the City to participate in the Resilient Facilities Coalition and apply for grant funding under California Proposition 4 and related programs in an estimated amount of up to \$35.0 million. There is no direct fiscal impact associated with entering into the Memorandum of Agreement, as participation in the coalition does not

require membership fees or commit the City to any specific financial obligation. Some grant opportunities may require a local match or other financial commitment.

Approval of the recommended actions does not authorize acceptance or expenditure of any grant funds. Staff will return to the City Council for authorization to accept, appropriate, and administer any grant awards, including any required local matching funds or ongoing fiscal commitments.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a “license, permit, or other entitlement for use” if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information, see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

- Contract between two or more state or local government agencies
- Contract where no party receives financial compensation

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not authorize the City Manager or their designee to join the RFC and apply for California Proposition 4 grants and related programs.
2. Request staff to seek permission to apply for grants on a case-by-case basis.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution