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Recommendation for Ann Arbor to Apply for 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge Grant

Whereas, The Rockefeller Foundation has launched the 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge, a \$100 million effort to build urban resilience around the world;

Whereas, The 100 Resilient Cities Challenge is designed to take a hundred cities globally, and link them around the world, not only so they can share best practices, but so they can receive a suite of services that will be provided by the Rockefeller Foundation;

Whereas, the Foundation invites municipal government leaders from across the globe to register to apply on behalf of their city;

Whereas, one hundred cities from across the globe will be selected to receive technical support and resources for developing and implementing plans for urban resilience;

Whereas, selected applicants must agree to work with The Rockefeller Foundation's partners to establish the suite of financial and technical assistance support to develop and implement the resilience plan;

Whereas, selected applicants must become an integrated member of the 100 Resilient Cities Network;

Whereas, selected applicants must create or expand the role of a Chief Resilience Officer within the municipal government;

Whereas, applications are due by the deadline of October 14, 2013;

Whereas, the application is process short and staff time to support the application is minimal;

Whereas, there is a shared interest among key staff and local non-profits in applying for this grant opportunity;

Whereas, this grant opportunity would help to further the current efforts to create a more resilient community under the Sustainability Framework and Action Plan and Climate Action Plan;

RESOLVED, that the Environmental Commission recommends that City Council direct the City Administrator to apply to the Rockefeller Foundation for the Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge and authorizes the City Administrator to execute all documents required for or incidental to the application process.