



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve Contract Amendment Extension with Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for Climate Action Planning Grant (\$50,000.00)

This resolution approves an extension to the City's Climate Action Planning Grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE). The grant has three primary tasks:

1. Develop an updated Climate Action Plan for the City of Ann Arbor
2. Run a residential climate competition (the recently completed February 2011 Energy Challenge Month)
3. Study carbon neutrality in municipal operations with the University of Michigan Center for Sustainable Systems

The extension changes the grant end date from September 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012. This allows staff to complete the Climate Neutral City Facilities study (Task 3) according to the timeline that was originally proposed to MDNRE, and also allows the Climate Action Plan (Task 1) work plan to include the hiring of a new consultant for the project, as the original project partner for that task, Energy Works Michigan, has left the project. MDNRE is amenable to this change.

Funds for the project will continue to be available from Fund 00MG without regard to fiscal year, and grant administration services will continue to be provided by the Energy Office.

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Approved By: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor set ambitious renewable energy and climate protection goals at the May 1, 2006 City Council meeting in Resolution R-172-5-06; and

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor accepted a \$50,000.00 Climate Action Planning Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) to advance climate planning and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in resolution R-10-326 on September 7, 2010; and

Whereas, This grant advances the attainment of Ann Arbor's renewable energy and climate protection goals by funding the development of strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and piloting a neighborhood-based greenhouse gas reduction program; and

Whereas, An extension to the original grant period is necessary to complete the project as originally proposed to MDNRE, and also to accommodate changes to the project timeline; and

Whereas, The Energy Office will continue to provide grant management services for this grant.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the grant amendment after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney;

and

RESOLVED, The City Administrator be authorized and directed to take the necessary administrative action to implement this resolution.