


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the City of Des Moines' Agreement with Open Contracting Partnership for up to \$30,000 in Lift Funding.

SYNOPSIS:

The Open Contracting Partnership (“OCP”), a global independent non-profit public charity, has selected the City of Des Moines and six (6) other cities around the world to participate in its 2021-22 Lift Impact Accelerator Program which helps teams of procurement reformers propel their ambitious plans toward systematic change. The program is an 18-month commitment that includes 200 hours of tailored technical assistance to the City and an implementation grant in the amount of \$30,000.

OCP has proposed a Memorandum of Agreement to use Lift funding in the amount of up to \$30,000, with \$11,253 to be initially provided as a match to the City’s funds of \$11,253 to use towards implementation and software licensing for an electronic government procurement system. The City Manager’s Office recommends the acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms of future additional funding to be provided by OCP to the City if any.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Up to \$30,000 revenue to be received from OCP, where the initial \$11,253 is to be used towards an electronic government procurement system.

Funding Sources: \$11,253 local match included in Finance Department Operating Budget, Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Operating Budget, FN082000, Page 70.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In June of 2021, The City of Des Moines was selected from over 100 proposals from 45 countries to participate in the Lift Impact Accelerator Program (“Lift”). The program focuses on supporting cities to enhance public procurement by providing technical assistance on change management, inclusion, open contracting strategies and more. Des Moines is one (1) of seven (7) cities selected to make procurement more community-centered and effective for all. Other selected organizations include the European Metropolis of Lillie, France; CivicDataLab in India; Mexico City, Mexico; Ekiti State, Nigeria; National Directorate of Public Procurement, Paraguay; and El Paso, Texas.

- During the 18-month partnership, the City will designate a team of staff who will participate in bi-weekly calls with Lift representatives. The focus will include leveraging public procurement to achieve greater social inclusion, increase environmental sustainability, and deliver more equitable government services.
- The initial \$11,253 to be provided to the City from OCP Lift funding has a City match requirement of \$11,253 and will be used toward implementation and software licensing for an electronic government procurement system.
- The City may be eligible for an additional \$18,747 to fund activities based on program goals between the City and OCP. Suggested uses include, but are not limited to:
 - Trainings internally and externally about the City's procurement process.
 - Outreach engagements between the City and vendors.
 - Resources that enhance the procurement process to be more community centered.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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