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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-63 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Lan Sena, by request

RESOLUTION

Approving And Authorizing The Filing Of The A Grant Application For The Light Duty Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Program Grant With The New Mexico Environment Department's Volkswagen Settlement Trust And Providing An Appropriation To The Environmental Health Department In Fiscal Year 2020 (Sena, by request)

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE ATTACHED GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE LIGHT DUTY ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT PROGRAM GRANT WITH THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT'S VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT TRUST AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2020.

WHEREAS, understanding and dealing with climate change impacts is an imperative for major cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, traditional gasoline-powered vehicles are a source of greenhouse gas emissions and, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists, account for approximately 20 percent of all emissions in the United States, with almost 20 pounds of heat-trapping emissions arising from tailpipes for every gallon of gas utilized by cars and trucks; and

WHEREAS, the use of electric, alternative fuel, and hybrid vehicles has five benefits for our community: (1) reduced ground level ozone; (2) reduced greenhouse gas emissions; (3) improved community health outcomes; (4) continued compliance with the Clean Air Act; and (5) reduced dependence on petroleum; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Department has a performance measure that it will protect and enhance air quality for current and future generations and thereby protect public health, economic well-being and aesthetic values for the community (Bernalillo County); and WHEREAS, the operation of the Sustainability Office of the Environmental Health Department provides the programmatic means of accomplishing these goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque wishes to apply for State Trust funding for which City matching funds of \$211,035 are required as the City's contribution to the effort of the grant and which are available in the Transfer to Operating Grants Fund Program in the General Fund (110); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's settlement with the Volkswagen Company (VW) has provided the New Mexico Environment Department with special funding to address vehicle replacement and electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects designed to enhance public health by reducing air pollution.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. That the attached application for the Light Duty Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (LDEVSE) Program in the amount of \$390,809 for the period of May 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, is hereby approved and its submission and filing with the appropriate official or office of the New Mexico Environment Department is in all respects approved.

Section 2. That in the event the grant is awarded, funds in the amount of \$390,809 consisting of \$179,774 from the VW Settlement Trust and matching funds of \$211,035 from the Transfer to Operating Grants Fund Program in the General Fund (110) are hereby appropriated to the Environmental Health Department for the Sustainability Office in the Operating Grants Fund (265) for Fiscal Year 2020.

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