

Resolution approving EPA Community Grant Partnership agreement between Habitat for Humanity for the Greater La Crosse and the City of La Crosse.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Change Grants utilize approximately \$2 billion dollars in federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges and;

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse (Statutory Partner) desires to enter into a partnership agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the Greater La Crosse Region (Lead Applicant) in order to implement significant climate mitigation strategies in critical areas of the City and;

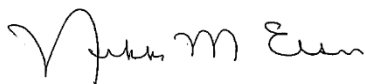
WHEREAS, this agreement between the City of La Crosse and Habitat for Humanity for the Greater La Crosse Region creates a contractual partnership that will lead to addressing significant portions of the city's adopted climate action plan with \$9,348,781.00 of funding through the EPA Community Change Grants and;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the agreement will lead to immense sustainability improvements with significant amount of staff costs offset through the 3-year life of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the City of La Crosse to enter and execute grant agreements with Habitat for Humanity for the Greater La Crosse Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of La Crosse staff are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on November 14, 2024.



*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*