

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board

From: Maureen Goulet, Principal Program manager

CC: Matthew Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: September 28, 2022

Subject: Resolution to Approve Agreement with CIRCA to Provide Funds for Resilient 2.0 Connecticut Program

Background: Since 2008, CRCOG and our member towns have put together a regional natural hazard mitigation plan, to identify hazards in each of our member towns, develop plans to mitigate those hazards, and implement the mitigation plans. The Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) is partnering with CRCOG for a regional vulnerability assessment and climate adaptation planning process and is providing \$40,000.00 in funding to work with CRCOG towns to support the municipal and CRCOG regional natural hazard mitigation plan update for 2024-2029.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:

In order to receive funds from FEMA in the event of a natural hazard, a FEMA approved natural hazard mitigation plan must be active and current. CRCOG's Regional Natural Hazard mitigation plan will be updated over the next two years, and these funds will be used to the support the municipal engagement process, inventory and prepare GIS data for the vulnerability and resiliency planning process, provide feedback on the regional vulnerability assessment, mapping analysis, review potential adaptation and resilience projects, results of the climate vulnerability assessment, and review reports developed as a result of the Resilience 2.0 Connecticut.

Financial/Operational Impact:

The funds and services provided by CIRCA will supplement the \$189,000 in Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation plan update funds earmarked for CRCOG from Senator Murphy's office, and the \$63,000 cost share funds that will come from the Regional Services Grant. CRCOG and CIRCA will work together to complete the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation plan update for 2024-2029.

Project Schedule:

Resilient 2.0 Connecticut is expected to begin in October of 2022, which allows us to begin the engagement and planning process while we wait for the earmark funds. Work will continue through 2023 and an approved plan should be in place by June of 2024.

Recommendation: Move to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Agreement and acceptance of funds from the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation for Resilience 2.0 Connecticut

Attachments:

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds from the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation for Resilience 2.0 Connecticut

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE
CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION FOR
HAZARD MITIGATION AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments has received an earmark of \$189,000 from Senator Chris Murphy to conduct an update to the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) has provided an award of \$40,000 to supplement our earmark of \$189,000 and \$63,000 from the Regional Services Grant to perform a regional vulnerability assessment and climate adaptation process to support the 2024-2029 regional update of our current FEMA approved Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Natural Hazard Plan update is to set forth mitigation strategies that will reduce the loss of life and property, economic disruptions and the cost of post-disaster recover for the Capitol Region communities, and is required to apply for FEMA funds in the event of a disaster; then

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, CRCOG's Executive Director, Matt Hart, is authorized to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in accepting the funds and executing all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with CIRCA for the purpose of performing the tasks included in the scope of work.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at it's meeting held on September 28, 2022.

By: _____ Date: _____

Jason Bowza, Secretary