

RESOLUTION NO. 27-15

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS ALTERNATIVE FUELS INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AWARDED FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs ("City Council") has an interest in encouraging the diversification of the fleet of vehicles operated and maintained by its enterprise, Colorado Springs Utilities ("Utilities"); and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado through a partnership between the Colorado Energy Office, the Regional Air Quality Council, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs ("DOLA") is providing grant opportunities for development of alternate fuel vehicles and related resources to encourage the use of alternate fuels; and

WHEREAS, DOLA administers an Alternative Fuels Initiative, under which local governments may seek grant funding for alternative fuels projects, including but not limited to compressed natural gas fueling stations; and

WHEREAS, Utilities intends to construct a compressed natural gas fueling station at its John Pinkerton Service Center in order to support Utilities' diversity of fleet and to further encourage the use of alternative fuels within the City of Colorado Springs by other governmental agencies, commercial fleets, and private individuals; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined it is in the best interests of the City of Colorado Springs that Utilities pursue grant funding opportunities under DOLA's Alternative Fuels Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. City Council hereby approves the submission of a grant application for funding in the amount of \$402,412 under the Colorado Department of Local Affairs by the City of Colorado Springs on behalf of its enterprise, Colorado Springs Utilities, for the purpose of developing a compressed natural gas fueling station.

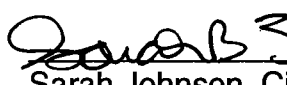
Section 2. In the event that the Colorado Department of Local Affairs approves an award of grant funds to the City of Colorado Springs on behalf of its enterprise, Colorado Springs Utilities, for the purposes stated in Section 1 of this Resolution, City Council hereby authorizes the execution of a grant agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney's Office with terms agreed to by the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee.


Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 24th day of March, 2015.


Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:


Sarah Johnson, City Clerk





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Colorado Department of Local Affairs Alternative Fuels Initiative

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The DOLA Alternative Fuels Initiative will fund three types of projects:

- Buy-downs on alternative fuel vehicles (electric, propane, CNG), with grant recipient paying the base model cost and DOLA grant covering the alt-fuel upgrade cost. (Roughly a 3:1 ratio.)
- Fueling stations that benefit local government fleets. (This could be a behind-the-gate station used solely by a large government fleet, or a public-private station where local government fuel purchases will be a measurable share of station sales volume, or where certain equipment is installed that is generally only used by governments, such as slow fill stations.)
- DOLA would be willing to discuss other alternative fuel ideas, such as methane capture, and determine if they would be a good fit for the initiative.

DOLA's intent is to partner with the Colorado Energy Office, which is offering an Alt Fuels Colorado grant to help fund CNG fueling stations across Colorado.

- Consultation with CEO is required.
- CEO's grant cycle will be twice a year over a three-year period, and will fund up to \$500,000 toward the cost of CNG fueling stations that are open to the public.
- DOLA's funding can only be used for local government purposes, but can be built into a public station. DOLA's share of grant funds for a station open to the public can be determined on a case-by-case basis, using a reasonable comparable share.

DOLA Alternative Fuels Initiative details

- Total funding available for the DOLA Alternative Fuels Initiative: \$20 million
- The initiative is being offered separate from DOLA's regular Energy Impact Assistance grant cycles. Governments can apply for an initiative grant and still seek funding for other projects through the regular grant cycles.
- Grant applications will be accepted on the same deadlines as the Energy Mineral Impact grant cycles: Aug. 1, Dec. 1 and April 1. Applicants will use the standard DOLA Energy Impact Assistance application form. Advance consultation with the DOLA regional manager is essential.

- Grant periods can be for two years. This allows local government entities to plan for vehicle purchases in the following fiscal year.
- The local government will be asked to include in its grant application the types and numbers of vehicles it intends to purchase.
- Expenses covered by the grant would be reimbursed on at least a quarterly basis.
- Multi-entity applications will not be considered. The cost of energy coaching will not be funded by the initiative.
- Entities in communities covered by the Refuel Colorado Fleets pilot project can request free energy coaching and fleet analysis through the project, which has been extended to December 2014.