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Title: Request for approval to accept an agreement with the U.S. Green Building Council, Inc. to participate in the LEED for Cities Certification Cohort Program.

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4/10/2025	1	Commissioners Court		

Primary Department: County Administration

Primary Department Head/Elected Official: Diana Ramirez, County Administrator

Secondary Department: Choose an item.

Secondary Department Head/Elected Official:

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Memorandum of Understanding

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):

MWBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWBE Current Participation (if applicable):

Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable):

Justification for 0% Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable): N/A - Not a grant item

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval to accept an agreement with the U.S. Green Building Council, Inc. to participate in the LEED for Cities Certification Cohort Program.

Background and Discussion:

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has served as a green building and sustainable development resource to local governments since the founding of the non-profit organization. Through the LEED for Cities

Certification Cohort Program, USGBC convenes local governments in an accelerator program to deliver targeted solutions and support to cities and counties in a trusted peer to peer learning community.

The LEED for Cities rating system was built by and for local governments pursuing a more resilient future. It is intended to serve as a roadmap and guide for local efforts while accelerating progress at the jurisdictional scale. An independent, third-party verification provides transparency and accountability toward sustainability and climate commitments. LEED for Cities provides a baseline assessment of where local governments are currently - addressing topics as diverse as natural resource protection, resilience planning, renewable energy, land use planning, public health, economic growth, material recovery, and more. Over 100 U.S. local governments, representing over 40 million people, have participated in the LEED for Cities Certification Cohort to date.

Expected Impact:

With Harris County participating in this cohort, the County will gain insight into common metrics and benchmarks that local governments use to measure environmental performance and sustainability, which will support the Strategic Plan’s measurable results and community indicators work as well as other climate planning efforts.

Alternative Options:

To not accept the agreement and not participate in the cohort.

County Strategic Plan Goal: 5. Minimize the impact of climate change and disasters.

County Strategic Plan Objective: S: Equitably reduce the health, economic, and other impacts of climate change and disasters.

Justice/Safety Initiative (Goal 1): Choose an item.

Infrastructure Initiative (Goal 2): Choose an item.

Economy Initiative (Goal 3): Choose an item.

Health Initiative (Goal 4): Choose an item.

Climate/Resilience Initiative (Goal 5): Choose an item.

Housing Initiative (Goal 6): Choose an item.

Additional notes related to the Strategic Plan:

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expense
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Existing Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants - Proposed Budget (<i>For Grants Items only</i>)				
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	No. of Grant Years
Local Match Source - Existing Budget	\$	\$	\$	
Local Match Source - Additional	\$	\$	\$	
Grant Funds Applied for/Awarded	\$	\$	\$	
Personnel (<i>Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs</i>)				
Current Position Count for Selected	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 4/10/2025

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): 4/10/2025

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Court Order, Program Agreement