



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 25-2275, **Version:** 1

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**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

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>				
Service Name	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expense
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Existing Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request</b> ( <i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i> )				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requ	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Grants - Proposed Budget</b> ( <i>For Grants Items only</i> )				
	<b>Labor</b>	<b>Non-Labor</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>No. of Grant Years</b>
Local Match Source - Existing Bu	\$	\$	\$	
Local Match Source - Additional	\$	\$	\$	
Grant Funds Applied for/Awa	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Personnel</b> ( <i>Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs</i> )				
Current Position Count for Set	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**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

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Lisa Lin, Director of Sustainability, Office of County Administration

**Attachments** (if applicable): Court Order, Program Agreement