

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** June 13, 2022

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**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager  
 Nicholas Geis, Property and Facilities Management Director  
 Helen Peplowski, Director of Sustainability

**Council Action Requested:**  
 Resolution to Pursue Grant Funding Opportunities for Alternative Fuel and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Projects

**Strategic Focus Area:** Healthy Environment  
**Strategic Objective:** Support Green Initiatives  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** Reinvigorate Sustainability Programs  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**  
 Across federal, state, and regional levels, multiple funding opportunities exist for projects addressing alternative fuel and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure needs. Specific opportunities include the Clean Fuels Advanced Technology (CFAT) grant available through the NC Clean Energy Technology Center, VW Settlement funding available through the NC Department of Environmental Quality, and eventually the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding. The Office of Sustainability and Property & Facilities Management departments propose the best strategy for maximizing opportunity for funding in to apply for each opportunity at different scales.

Staff is seeking approval to apply for CFAT funds to convert additional city fleet vehicles to run on propane, like what was done with the award received in 2018. Staff also requests approval to apply for public EV charging station projects on government-owned property through VW Settlement funds. The deadline for CFAT projects is July 1, and the VW Settlement funds are being disbursed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 6/13/22	<b>Action</b>	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**

The CFAT grant requires a 20-24% cost share for applicants, while the NC VW Settlement funds will reimburse funds up to \$5,000 per EV charging port for projects on government-owned property. Details for IIIA funding have not been released yet.

Through this approach, staff hopes to increase the likelihood of acquiring funding as well as the opportunity to enhance alternative fuel vehicle usage, in turn improving the City's local air quality by reducing vehicle emissions.