



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Grant Project Ordinance for FY21-22 Orange County Community Climate Action Grant Funding

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to adopt the Project Ordinance authorizing the Town Manager to accept two grants from the FY21-22 Orange County Community Climate Action Grant Fund and enter into agreements with Orange County for grant administration.

DEPARTMENT: Planning Department, Finance Department

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INFORMATION: During the FY21-22 round of funding, the Town of Carrboro submitted two applications to the Orange County Community Climate Action Grant Program. Orange County awarded \$40,567.50 to the Town for the installation of a green roof and a photovoltaic (PV) solar array on the west roof of the 203 South Greensboro Street Project and \$3,765 for a part-time staff member to monitor food waste collection at the Carrboro Farmers' Market for one year.

Food Waste Collection Program

Orange County Solid Waste Management has been providing free food waste collection on Saturdays at the Carrboro Farmers' Market since 2016. Participants can bring all food scraps for collection, including those which are not recommended for backyard compost. The organic waste is collected weekly by Brooks Contractors, a local commercial composting company.

The food waste collection program requires a monitor who sets up the collection station, changes out full bins, counts patrons, helps avoid bin contamination, and provides guidance to program participants. Orange County Community Climate Action Grant funding will be used to pay a part-time employee to perform these duties for one year. This program helps the Town fulfill Community Climate Action Plan Ecosystem Recommendation #3, which recommends accelerating efforts to study and implement a comprehensive organics collection and composting program. The program will also help the Town reach its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal of an 80% reduction in 2010 emissions levels by 2030.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The Town has been awarded two grants from Orange County through the FY 2021-22 Community Climate Action Grant Program in the amount of \$44,332.50, for the installation of a green roof and a PV solar array on the west roof of the 203 South Greensboro Street Project and for a part-time employee to monitor food waste collection at the Carrboro Farmers' Market for one year.

These grant revenues are appropriated as follows:

PV Solar Array Project	\$ 40,567.50
Part-time monitor for food waste collection	\$ 3,765.00
Total	\$ 44,332.50

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council consider adopting the resolution provided (Attachment A), authorizing the Town Manager to accept two Community Climate Action Grant awards from Orange County and permitting the Manager to enter into agreements with Orange County for grant administration.