

RESOLUTION #R-__ -__

**ALLOCATION OF CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF
A SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$125,000**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, having established the Climate Action Initiative Fund for projects and programs in support of the City's Climate Action goals; and

WHEREAS, approximately 95% of Charlottesville's greenhouse gas emissions are attributable to non-municipal, community-based activities, of which approximately 30% derive from the non-residential sector, including small businesses and non-profits; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and non-profit organizations often operate on very thin financial margins and often lack the technical expertise needed to make energy improvements, even if it could lower their utility bills and positively impact their operating costs;

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Program recognizes that this sector can benefit from targeted support in reducing emissions from their buildings through energy saving strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Program issued a notice of funding opportunity seeking a non-profit partner to develop and deliver a pilot Small Business Energy Efficiency Incentive Program, which aims to support businesses and non-profit organizations located in the City of Charlottesville in reducing their energy use through energy audits, technical assistance, and financial subsidies for energy efficiency improvements, thereby lowering utility costs and contributing to the City's community climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Grant Committee received and reviewed responses to the notice of funding opportunity, and voted unanimously to recommend award of the grant to the Community Climate Collaborative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, having received and considered the recommendation of the Climate Action Grant Committee regarding award of the grant, that \$125,000 is hereby allocated from the Climate Action Initiative Fund (Fund 426, IO 100028), previously appropriated as part of the FY2026 Capital Improvement Program, as a grant award to the Community Climate Collaborative for the establishment and administration of the Small Business Energy Efficiency Incentive Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement consistent with this resolution.