

RESOLUTION #R-__ - __
**ALLOCATION OF CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR CLIMATE
PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS SERVICES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000**

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 residential sector, including small businesses and non-profits; and

WHEREAS, homeowners and renters are often challenged to identify and understand improvements that could be made to their homes to save money and energy and to navigate programs and incentives available to them to support making those improvements; and

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

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Program issued a notice of funding opportunity seeking a non-profit partner to deliver energy efficiency programs that help Charlottesville homeowners and renters access and navigate various home energy improvement programs through energy audits, technical assistance, and financial support, 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 Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP);

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 \$130,000 from the Office of Sustainability's FY27 operating budget and \$270,000 from the Climate Action Initiative Fund (Fund 426, IO 100028), both which have been previously appropriated, as a grant award to LEAP for the delivery of residential energy improvement services in support of the Climate Program.

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