

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION 23-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH TOWNSEND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, INC. TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND GRANT WRITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, City Council Goals include action items under the Governance goal area related to engaging with State and Federal partners to ensure the City receives its fair share of funding and developing a preliminary legislative platform that outlines legislative priorities and interests and provide general authority and direction to staff regarding advocacy efforts on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, after an evaluation of multiple firms to assist the City in achieving these goals, the City Council approved an agreement with Townsend Public Affairs on June 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Townsend Public Affairs has performed satisfactorily over the past 12 months, helping the City establish a legislative platform, providing legislative advocacy services, and performing grant writing services; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the agreement ends on June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the agreement allows for one, 12-month extension by mutual agreement of both parties; and

WHEREAS, the City and Townsend Public Affairs wish to execute said agreement amendment to allow for these services to continue in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. to provide ongoing legislative advocacy and grant writing services, not to exceed \$180,000 in accordance with the Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. proposal in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to the agreement, subject to any minor, technical, or non-substantive changes to the agreement, approved by the City Attorney, and consistent with Council's intent.

Section 3. The City finds that the execution of the amendment to the professional services agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. to provide ongoing legislative advocacy and grant writing services, is not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b). In the alternative, the execution of the professional services agreement is exempt from CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment (State CEQA Guidelines, section 15061, subd. (c)(3).)

APPROVED this 20th day of June 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

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ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

John Hamon, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Melissa Boyer, City Clerk