

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR THE CALIFORNIA AUTOMATED PERMIT PROCESSING PROGRAM AND IF AWARDED TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 379 (Wiener, 2022) requires the City of Albany to implement an online, automated permitting platform that issues permits in real time for a residential solar energy system by September 30th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 129 (Skinner, Budget Act of 2021) appropriated \$20 million in funding to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to provide financial assistance to jurisdictions for integration of SolarAPP+ or similar software compliant with SB 379 and the CEC has created a grant program called the California Automated Permit Processing Program, or CalAPP; and

WHEREAS, Grants are awarded on a first come, first-serve basis until the deadline of May 1, 2023. Grant funds are reserved when an application is accepted and are then released to the City as reimbursements for invoiced expenses and are available for liquidation until June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Funds may be used for the following expenses:

- Ongoing in-house staff labor costs associated directly with adoption and maintenance of the platform;
- Ongoing third-party or consultant time associated directly with adoption and maintenance of the platform;
- Ongoing staff training and education, specific to the platform;
- Ongoing training events for local installers, specific to the platform;

- Essential hardware or equipment necessary to support adoption of the platform; and
- Hardware or software maintenance in support of adopted permitting platform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or their designee to submit a grant application to the California Energy Commission for the California Automated Permit Processing Program and if awarded to execute a grant agreement.

AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 17th day of April, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, López, Miki and Mayor

Tiedemann

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

18th day of April, 2023.

Anne Hsu

CITY CLERK