

18 May 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: 23-02

Grant Program on Environmental Justice and Climate Change Resilience in North America (EJ4Climate)

THE COUNCIL:

RECALLING Council Resolution 21-04 that established the Grant Program on Environmental Justice and Climate Change Resilience in North America (EJ4Climate);

RECOGNIZING the Parties' sustained commitment to work together with underserved and vulnerable communities, and Indigenous communities, in Canada, Mexico, and the United States to prepare them for climate-related impacts;

EMPHASIZING that continuing with the EJ4Climate grant program will allow the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) to directly fund community-based organizations to help them develop community-driven solutions to adapt to the impacts of climate change while addressing environmental justice concerns;

CONVINCED that our governments can spur transformational innovations, conserve nature, build resilience, strengthen climate adaptation, and drive economic growth for communities across North America;

NOTING that on 29 June 2023, during the 30th Council Session, the United States will announce its intention to transfer US\$500,000 to the CEC to continue the EJ4Climate grant program;

CONSIDERING that Article 12 of the Agreement on Environmental Cooperation states that the annual budget may be supplemented through funding or in-kind contributions from the Parties, unless the Council decides otherwise;

NOTING that Canada and Mexico support the United States' intention to supplement the budget of the CEC;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Executive Director of the CEC will sign an agreement for the transfer of funds;

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

INSTRUCT the Secretariat to allocate the United States' supplemental contribution to the EJ4Climate grant program;

AUTHORIZE, consistent with the CEC Council Rules of Procedure and the Financial Rules, that an amount not to exceed US\$1,500,000 be transferred from the unrestricted CEC surplus funds to further support the EJ4Climate grant program; while

REAFFIRMING that at the end of the grant program, the use of any unspent funds will require approval from the Council;

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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