

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing a Grant Agreement Amendment with the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Federally funded Residential Utility Arrearages assistance program.

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Washington State Department of Commerce Energy Division opened a grant funding opportunity in the amount of \$100,000,000.00 awarded by the United States Department of Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the grant is to provide funding for public and private utilities to address residential customer arrearages compounded by the COVID pandemic and the related downturn that were accrued between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima entered into Grant Agreement 22-56104-035 with the Washington State Department of Commerce on December 6, 2022 for \$450,927.95; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima entered into Grant Agreement 22-56104-035 Amendment Number: 1 with the Washington State Department of Commerce on December 19, 2022 for an additional \$53,298.98; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Commerce Energy Division extended an additional funding opportunity in the amount of \$454,751.61; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds must be accepted and awarded by June 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required for the City and the Department of Commerce to enter into an agreement outlining the conditions, requirement and terms for allocating the funding; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into Grant Agreement 22-56104-035 Amendment Number: 2 with the Washington State Department of Commerce, to fund the Utility Residential Customer Arrearages proviso; is authorized to accept the grant to be applied as outlined in the contract

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Janice Deccio, Mayor

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Rosalinda Ibarra, City Clerk