

**RESOLUTION 1870-B**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH EAST CENTRAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATION (ECIA) FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2500 RELATED TO THE VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT GRANT FOR AN ELECTRICAL VEHICAL CHARGING STATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation is offering grant funds from the Volkswagen Settlement which will seek funding grant requests from communities along the I-80 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Branch could benefit from the economic opportunity of being a “fast charger corridor site” which would encourage visitors to enjoy the West Branch community; and

**WHEREAS**, ECIA has experience providing grant writing services with successful outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, ECIA can provide grant writing services to the City of West Branch for the purposes of applying for the \$900,000 Volkswagen Settlement Grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to the City of West Branch will not exceed \$2,500; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to approve said agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa that the aforementioned funding agreement not to exceed \$2500 between the City of West Branch and East Central Intergovernmental Association is approved. Further, the City Administrator is directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

**Passed and approved this 6th day of January, 2020.**

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Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Redmond Jones II, City Administrator / City Clerk

**VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT MONEY:** The Iowa Department of Transportation is accepting grant applications through Feb. 17 for two Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust funding programs.

The first funding program will offer \$4.9 million across the three eligible project categories: school bus, shuttle bus or transit bus; freight trucks and port drayage trucks; and nonroad transport and equipment. Private organizations, public transit system operators, cities, counties and schools that own and operate diesel fleets and equipment in Iowa are eligible to sponsor projects for these projects. State agencies are not eligible.

The second program will offer \$1.1 million for zero emission vehicle supply equipment. A total of \$900,000 will be available for publicly accessible direct current fast charger corridor sites along Interstates 80 and 35. The sites will help fill gaps in the charging equipment infrastructure network.

The remaining \$200,000 in this program will fund applications for conveniently located and publicly accessible community charging sites across the state.

In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency filed a complaint alleging Volkswagen violated the Clean Air Act with the sale of motor vehicles from 2009 to 2016 equipped with “defeat devices” that performed differently during normal vehicle operation than during emissions tests.

The company agreed to settle some of the allegations with the creation of an Environmental Mitigation Trust to fund strategies that will reduce the emission of nitrogen oxides.

Iowa will receive about \$21 million for mitigation projects over the next several years.