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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp
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AGENDA HEADING:

Agreement for Des Moines Parks and Recreation aquatic education programming.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department to provide and hire a fishing and aquatic educator to develop and execute a fishing and aquatic resource outreach program in Des Moines parks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,000 (estimated)

The DNR will pay the City for actual cost in an amount of ten dollars (\$10) per each hour the educator works to provide services contemplated by the agreement not to exceed \$5,000.00. Payments shall be received through submitted monthly invoices from the City to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Funding Source: 2008 Operating Budget, Park and Recreation Department, GE001, PKS101000, Summer Playground Program, page 231.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Upon approval of this agreement by the City Council, the Park and Recreation Department will recruit and hire a fishing/aquatic resource outreach educator to develop a fishing and aquatic resource program in Des Moines' parks, wading pools, Gray's Lake, and other natural water sources. The program will, at a minimum include:

1. Instructional activities for the participants to engage in; including fishing, pond studies, and other activities that are age/situation appropriate to teach aquatic resources and recreation.
2. Information related to aquatic organisms, aquatic habitats, aquatic ecology, and human impact.

The educator will also coordinate the DNR free fishing equipment rental program at Archie Brooks Community Center and Gray's Lake Park and work closely with the wading pool and Rec in the Parks summer programs to help reach a broad demographic of youth throughout the City of Des Moines.

This position will aid the Park and Recreation Department in its continuing effort to promote and develop environmental education programs based on water quality, conservation and protection of the environment.

The staff person hired by the City to coordinate this effort will develop the curriculum and offer the services throughout the summer months at the City's wading pool locations, ponds and parks.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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