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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>17-1900</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>17-774</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorization to apply for Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Water Quality Initiative Urban Conservation Projects grant for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This action authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to submit an IDALS Water Quality Initiative Urban Conservation Projects grant for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. The grant application will request funding to assist in the construction of the green infrastructure features that are planned as part of the streetscape project.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The 6th Avenue Streetscape Project will have a transformational impact on this key gateway corridor into downtown and will further the ongoing revitalization efforts already underway there.
- The streetscape project is planned to be built over three (3) phases from Hickman Road to I-235. Phase 1 will include Hickman Road to College Avenue. Phase 2 will include College Avenue to University Avenue. Phase 3 will involve University Avenue to I-235.
- In 2013, the City of Des Moines received technical assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the design firms of Vireo and BNIM to incorporate sustainable and green infrastructure best management practices into the streetscape project.
- In 2014, the City Council approved a contract with Confluence to lead the overall design development for the streetscape project.
- In 2015, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 6AC to partner on the planning, fundraising, and implementation of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project.
- It is anticipated that Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project will be constructed starting in calendar year 2018.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: November 9, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1874](#)

Action: [Memorandum](#) of Understanding with the 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. for the implementation of Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. ([Council Communication 15-590](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal Council action for administration of construction contracts.

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