


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-401	Meeting:	September 23, 2019
	Agenda Item:	38	Roll Call:	19-1506
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations for federal fiscal year (FY) 2019/2020 between the USGS (being an agency of the United States Department of the Interior) and the City of Des Moines. Joint Funding Agreement provides for operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations within the Raccoon River and Des Moines River watersheds. Shared funding for the Joint Funding Agreement is provided for in a 28E agreement (Roll Call No. 15-1787) between the City of Des Moines, the City of West Des Moines, and Des Moines Water Works.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The total cost for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 is \$54,720.

Funding Source: The funding distribution is as follows:

- City of Des Moines \$36,000
- City of West Des Moines \$11,520
- Des Moines Water Works \$ 7,200

City of Des Moines' share is provided in the 2019-2020 Operating Budget, Flood Early Warning System Maintenance Fund, PW248425.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Annually, the USGS and the City of Des Moines execute a Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations, which provides for operation and maintenance of river and stream gaging stations located at 63rd Street on Walnut Creek, Easton Boulevard on Four-Mile Creek, Fleur Drive on the Raccoon River, 63rd Street on the Raccoon River, and 2nd Avenue on the Des Moines River. This year, the Van Meter gage on the Raccoon River is again fully federally funded and not included in this agreement. The Joint Funding Agreement for federal FY 2019/2020 covers the operations and maintenance for the five (5) gages for which the City of Des Moines is obligated to pay \$54,720, which is the same as the cost from FY2019.

- Under Roll Call No. 15-1787, dated October 26, 2015, the Des Moines City Council approved a separate 28E funding agreement with the City of West Des Moines and Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) to proportionally share the City of Des Moines cost for certain gauges. Based on this 28E Agreement, the City of Des Moines share of the \$54,720 will be \$36,000; the City will invoice the City of West Des Moines for \$11,520 and DMWW for \$7,200.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 24, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1590](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) with the U.S. Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations located at 63rd Street on Walnut Creek, Easton Boulevard on Four Mile Creek, Fleur Drive on the Raccoon River, 63rd Street on the Raccoon River, and 2nd Avenue on the Des Moines River. ([Council Communication No. 18-469](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 14, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1388](#)

Action: [Cooperative](#) Agreement with Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to Fund 50% of the Easter Lake Watershed Improvement Project. ([Council Communication No. 17-596](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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