


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-321	Meeting:	June 26, 2023
	Agenda Item:	37	Roll Call:	23-0916
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Agreement with Trees Forever, Inc. for Supplemental Tree Planting Services.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of agreement for \$2,500,000 to build the Growing Futures program within all four (4) wards, thereby increasing the urban canopy across the City. A systematic approach has been provided by Trees Forever on how the funding will be allocated, with strong oversight from the City Forestry Division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,500,000

Funding Source: ARPA Funding

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The ARPA funding will complement the Growing Futures program, providing for additional planting in all four (4) wards. Building on the area's Growing Futures have been working in, the ARPA funding will allow for a substantial increase to the urban canopy across the City in line with the Urban Forestry Master Plan. Advance planning and strategy will be overseen by the Forestry Division, with quarterly reporting provided by Trees Forever and audited by the City.
- Overall, the project will serve the public purposes of creating better environmental, economic and social conditions in Des Moines, including improvement of development and employment of youth on their paths to productive adulthood, progress in city-wide economic development, and developing safer, more sociable and cohesive neighborhoods, as well as aiding the mitigation of stormwater runoff and improved air quality.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 6, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0169](#)

Action: [First](#) amendment to agreement to transfer and develop potential carbon and environmental credits with Trees Forever, Inc. ([Council Communication No. 23-071](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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