


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-520	Meeting:	November 20, 2023
	Agenda Item:	25	Roll Call:	23-1621
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Trees Forever – Growing Futures Program Extension

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines has had a successful partnership with Trees Forever and the Growing Futures program since 2019. The original contract is complete on November 30, 2023, with an option to renew for two (2) one (1)-year periods. This action is to extend the contract for one (1) year, accompanied by a unit price increase due to inflation and cost increases over the four (4)-year contract period. During the following year, contract negotiations will be carried out for another four (4)-year contract with various stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000

Funding Source: City Tree Replacement Fund (CTRF) & Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Trees Forever has successfully installed and maintained many thousands of trees throughout the City of Des Moines since 2019. To install and maintain these trees, Trees Forever engaged thousands of volunteers to plant the trees and employed local students to oversee these events and maintain the trees for two (2) years after planting. Throughout this program, many people living and working in the City of Des Moines have been involved in helping grow the urban canopy of the City. Currently the CTRF and LOSST are used for funding the program, and these funds have already been accounted for going forward.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 14, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0060](#)

Action: [Exception](#) to procurement ordinance competitive bid process for good cause and approving an agreement with Trees Forever, Inc. for planting and watering of trees. ([Council Communication No. 19-023](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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