


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number: 24-354	Meeting: September 16, 2024
	Agenda Item: 56	Roll Call: 24-1263
	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 (FFY) 2024/2025 between the USGS, being an agency of the United States Department of the Interior, and the City of Des Moines. The Joint Funding Agreement provides for operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations within the Raccoon River and Des Moines River watersheds. 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 the Des Moines Water Works.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total cost for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 is \$64,220.

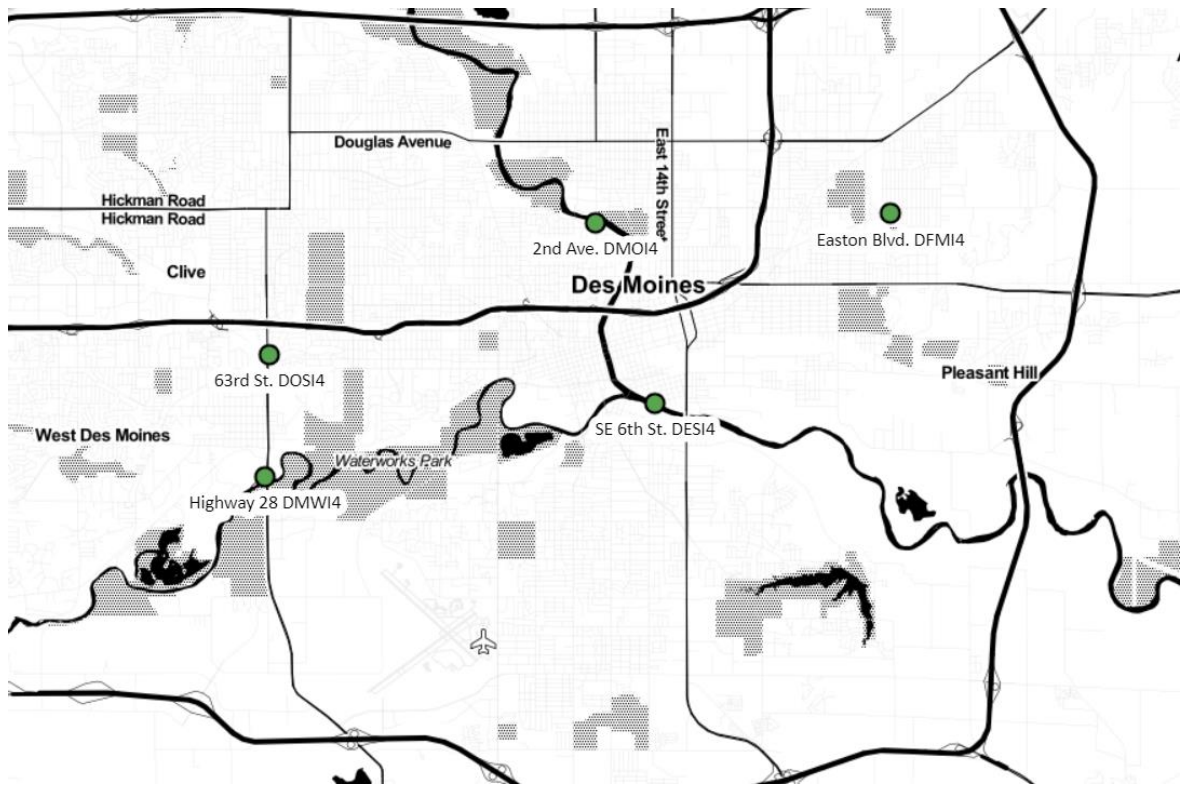
Funding Source: Funding distribution is as follows:

City of Des Moines	\$42,650
City of West Des Moines	\$13,420
Des Moines Water Works	\$ 8,150

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 which are 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 FFY 2024/2025 covers the operations and maintenance for the five (5) gages for which the City of Des Moines is obligated to pay \$64,220, which is a \$4,000 increase from FY24.
- 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 the Des Moines Water Works to proportionally share the City of Des Moines cost for certain gages. Based on this 28E

Agreement, the City of Des Moines share of the \$64,220 will be \$42,650; the City of Des Moines will invoice the City of West Des Moines for \$13,420 and the Des Moines Water Works for \$8,150.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 2, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1344](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) with the USGS for the operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations. ([Council Communication No. 23-448](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: October 26, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1787](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) with the USGS, U.S. Department of Interior, for the operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations, and authorization for City Manager to negotiate a Joint Funding Agreement with West Des Moines and Water Works to share the cost of the gaging stations. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Mahaffey.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Agreements for continued stream gage operation will be presented annually for Council approval.

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