


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-375	Meeting:	September 16, 2024
	Agenda Item:	59	Roll Call:	24-1266
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Accepting Inflation Reduction Act Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$2,500,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Ratifying the acceptance of the Inflation Reduction Act Grant Agreement with the USDA, Forest Service, for \$2,500,000 of grant funding for the urban canopy expansion project and authorizing and directing City Manager to negotiate and approve related agreements with Trees Forever and Urban Ambassadors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,500,000 in revenue

Funding: Forestry Operating Budget, PW245500

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- With the funds from the Inflation Reduction Act, Des Moines' tree canopy will receive an additional 4,000 – 6,000 trees within underserved communities highlighted by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST).
- Helping to meet Des Moines' tree canopy goals per the 2020 Urban Forestry Master Plan and to meet Iowa's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) goal of an overall three percent (3%) canopy increase by the year 2045.
- Partnering with two (2) local non-profits, Trees Forever and Urban Ambassadors, will be helping to plant a variety of tree sizes from 1.5" caliper inch trees to tree seedlings within public space.
- This project will be run over a period of five (5) years. The project will be administered by the Forestry Division, with oversight provided by other City departments (Finance, City Manager's Office, Legal, etc.).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 22, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0749](#)

Action: [Inflation](#) Reduction Act Grant Application seeking \$5,000,000 for Forestry Division Tree Planting and Maintenance Program. ([Council Communication No. 23-263](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

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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