


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	29	Roll Call:	25-1545
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### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving \$75,000 Grant Agreement with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) to assist in achieving certification under the Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard.

### SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines, through its Forestry Division, has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the SFI to support certification of the City's urban forestry program under the SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard. The grant will fund consultant services to assess current practices, benchmark against the national sustainability indicators, and prepare the City for third party certification. Achieving certification will demonstrate Des Moines' commitment to sustainable management, equity, biodiversity, and long-term stewardship of its urban forest.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$75,000 (Reimbursable)

Funding Source: OP225—SFI Operating Project

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City will front project costs for consultant services associated with the SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard certification process. The grant provides 100% reimbursement for eligible expenses up to \$75,000 award amount.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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