


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-029	Meeting:	January 26, 2026
	Agenda Item:	23	Roll Call:	26-0116
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### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the city manager or designee to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for tree planting activities using inflation reduction act (IRA) funds.

### SYNOPSIS:

The Public Works Department, Urban Forestry Division, has applied for and been awarded grant funding through the IDNR IRA Iowa tree planting grant program. The grant will support tree planting activities on public land within the city of Des Moines, with a focus on expanding and enhancing community tree canopy and addressing canopy loss from insect, disease, and other natural impacts.

The proposed agreement provides reimbursement funding in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$30,000 (Reimbursable)

Funding Source: OP225—DNR Tree Grant Project

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The grant agreement is a reimbursement-based agreement with a project period from January 1, 2026, through December 1, 2027. Eligible expenses include tree purchasing, contracted watering services, and watering materials, consistent with the approved grant budget.
- The city will be responsible for administering the project, complying with all applicable state and federal grant requirements, submitting quarterly progress and reimbursement reports, and maintaining trees planted under the program for the required establishment period. No expenditures will be incurred prior to execution of the agreement.

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

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- Upon council approval, staff will finalize and execute the grant agreement and proceed with tree planting activities in accordance with the grant requirements. Staff will submit reimbursement requests to IDNR on a quarterly basis and manage all reporting and compliance obligations associated with the grant.

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