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Agenda Item Number

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Date November 17, 2025

APPROVING URBAN FOREST IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUSTAINABLE FOREST INTIATITIVE INC. FOR A GRANT OF $75,000 TO SUPPORT AND ASSISST THE CITY IN PURSUIT OF URBAN & COMMUNITY FOREST SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, through its Forestry Division, requested federal grant funding from Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. (SFI) in the amount of $75,000.00 for a grant period of September 24, 2025 through September 30, 2029, to be used for the City's Community Roots Program with a goal of auditing and implementing the framework under the SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard to support the City's efforts to ensure sustainable urban forest management and long-term health and viability of the City's urban and community forests ("Project"), through work to be completed by the City's hired service providers, to be determined on a later date; and

WHEREAS, SFI selected the City of Des Moines to receive a $75,000.00 grant for use for the Project and requested that the City approve and comply with a Urban Forest Improvement Subaward/Subrecipient Agreement ("Grant Agreement") and additional, attached terms of the USDA, Forest Service State, Private and Tribal Forestry, Cooperative Forestry Grant No. 24-CA-11132544-009, on file in the office of the City Clerk, pursuant to which Grant Agreement the SFI will provide one-hundred percent (100%) advance and reimbursable funding for the Project based on assurance from the City that the entirety of the Project work and funding will benefit disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the granted funds received by the City pursuant to the Grant Agreement will be deposited into fiscal year 2026 and future fiscal years and attributed to a newly created grant special revenue fund, OP225 and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department Director recommends approval of the Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Urban Forest Improvement Subaward/Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Des Moines and SFI, on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved; and the Public Works Department Director and designee, the City Forestry Division, are directed to administer said Grant Agreement on behalf of the City.

(Council Communication No. 25-419)

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT.

Approved as to Form:

SECOND BY _____.

/s/ *Chas M. Cahill*
Chas M. Cahill, Assistant City Attorney

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BOESEN				
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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

_____ Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk