



Date January 26, 2026

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Public Works Department, Forestry Division, has applied for and been awarded grant funding to support urban forestry initiatives within the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter “IDNR”) selected the City of Des Moines Forestry Division to receive a grant of \$30,000.00, subject to approval of and compliance with a grant agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) on file in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to support tree planting and related urban forestry activities consistent with City goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement includes programmatic and compliance requirements that must be reviewed and approved prior to execution; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement does require the City to indemnify and hold harmless the IDNR and its designees from damages, claims, and liabilities associated with the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Public Works Department Director recommends approval of the Agreement and authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate final terms of the Agreement and to execute such Agreement, including the indemnification provision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The Grant Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and as further described above, is hereby approved.
2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the grant agreement including the indemnification provisions, subject to approval by the Legal Department as to form.

(Council Communication No. 24-029)

Approved as to form:

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

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____.



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

23

Date January 26, 2026

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
BARRON				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

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