



**Roll Call Number**

24-1266

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** September 16, 2024

**RATIFYING ACCEPTANCE OF INFLATION REDUCTION ACT GRANT AGREEMENT  
WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE, FOR \$2,500,000.00 OF GRANT  
FUNDING FOR URBAN CANOPY EXPANSION PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING AND  
DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE RELATED AGREEMENTS  
WITH TREES FOREVER AND URBAN AMBASSADORS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines, through its Forestry Division, requested federal Inflation Reduction Act grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA) in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for a grant period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2029, to be used for the City's urban canopy expansion project with a goal of planting and providing aftercare for 4,000 to 6,000 trees in City right-of-way within disadvantaged communities ("Project"), through work to be completed by the City's non-profit partners, Trees Forever and Urban Ambassadors; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDA selected the City of Des Moines to receive a \$2,500,000.00 grant for use for the Project and requested that the City approve and comply with a Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grant 24-DG-11094200-208 between the City of Des Moines and the USDA, Forest Service Eastern Region, State, Private and Tribal Forestry ("Grant Agreement"), on file in the office of the City Clerk, pursuant to which Grant Agreement the USDA 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**, said Grant Agreement requires the City to comply with federal grant funding requirements and to require the same of non-profit organizations Trees Forever and Urban Ambassadors, which will respectively be completing the Project work on behalf of the City, and the Public Works Department Director was requested by the USDA to execute said Grant Agreement prior to September 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the granted funds received by the City pursuant to the Grant Agreement will be deposited into fiscal year 2025 and future fiscal years and attributed to a newly created grant special revenue fund, USDA Forestry Grant, S737; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish the Project and use the grant funding, the City must amend its existing Agreement for Tree Planting Services Between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, and Trees Forever, Inc., approved on January 14, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0060 ("Trees Forever Agreement") to incorporate \$2,200,000.00 of grant funding and federal grant requirements to the ongoing Trees Forever Growing Futures Program, and must negotiate and execute an Agreement for Neighborhood Outreach and Tiny Trees Neighborhood Program with Urban Ambassadors to provide \$275,000.00 of grant funding and federal grant requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Procurement Administrator has determined that Municipal Code Section 2-726(a)(5), which exempts contracts for the procurement of goods and/or services through which nonprofit associations, established to aid or assist governmental bodies or other governmental agencies have secured special rates or provisions for the purchase of goods and/or services for the benefit of governmental bodies or agencies, applies to the proposed amendment to the Trees Forever Agreement and to the proposed agreement with Urban Ambassadors.



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

1. The Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grant 24-DG-11094200-208 between the City of Des Moines and the USDA, Forest Service Eastern Region, State, Private and Tribal Forestry, on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved; the acceptance and execution thereof by the City Public Works Department Director is hereby ratified; and said Director is directed to administer said Grant Agreement on behalf of the City.
2. The City Manager, by the City Public Works Director and the City Forester as designees, are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate an amendment to the Agreement for Tree Planting Services Between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, and Trees Forever, Inc., approved on January 14, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0060 to incorporate \$2,200,000.00 of grant funding and federal grant requirements to the ongoing Trees Forever Growing Futures Program; the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute said amendment following approval as to form by the Legal Department; and said Director and the City Forester are directed to administer said amendment on behalf of the City.
3. The City Manager, by the City Public Works Director and the City Forester as designees, are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate an Agreement for Neighborhood Outreach and Tiny Trees Neighborhood Program with Urban Ambassadors to provide \$275,000.00 of grant funding and federal grant requirements; the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute said amendment following approval as to form by the Legal Department; and said Director and the City Forester are directed to administer said amendment on behalf of the City.
4. The Public Works Department is authorized to use the remaining \$25,000.00 in grant funding for the City purchase of tree watering devices pursuant to the terms and budget proposal set forth in the Grant Agreement.

(Council Comm. No. 24-375)

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT.

SECOND BY Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

**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.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen

Mayor

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk