


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	36	Roll Call:	23-0043
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AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution Approving \$100,000 forgivable loan to the Street Collective for the maintenance and expansion of the B-Cycle program in Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

The forgivable loan in a principal amount of \$100,000, at an interest rate of 0%, shall be used to obtain goods and services for the maintenance and further expansion of the B-Cycle program in Des Moines.

Examples of such eligible expenses for goods and services include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase of individual docks or docking stations and the shipping and installation of same
- Software for docks or docking stations
- Spare batteries for docks, bicycles, e-bikes, and/or GPS trackers
- Additional bicycles or e-bikes
- Accessories for bicycles or e-bikes
- Shipping and assembly of bicycles or e-bikes
- Global Positioning System (“GPS”) tracking systems and service plans therefore
- Sales, property, or use tax for any eligible goods and services
- Other goods and services as approved by the City

The City will forgive the principal amount of the loan in an amount equal to the eligible expenses for which the Street Collective provides supporting documentation required by the City including but not limited to invoices, receipts, lien waivers, bank statements, and other documentation as may be requested by the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$100,000

Funding Source: A sub fund of the general fund made possible by American Rescue Plan Act funding, and subject to approval by the City Manager, Finance and Legal departments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In addition to grants and sponsorships, the Des Moines B-Cycle is a fee and membership-based bike sharing system that is physically enabled through a network of self-service wireless

stations that allow both checking out and returning of bikes throughout the public sharing system. The current system has 160 bicycles spread among 27 total kiosk stations, of which 23 are located in Des Moines.

- Des Moines B-Cycle is a membership-based bike sharing system that is physically enabled through a network of self-service wireless stations that allow both checking out and returning of bikes throughout the public sharing system.
- To expand the network of B-Cycles in downtown Des Moines and extend the system to Drake University, on January 9, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-0044, Council authorized an economic development grant of \$36,000 over three (3) years. The City commitment provided a portion of the matching funds needed to secure a Wellmark Foundation grant of \$75,000. With this fund-raising and private development commitments to include B-Cycle stations with redevelopment projects, the system of kiosks in the City nearly doubled over the next two (2) years.
- On March 9, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-0432, the City Council authorized an additional 3-year grant for of \$36,000 over three (3) years plus the option to add an additional \$3,000 per year if four (4) or more additional stations were installed in Des Moines. One (1) additional station was installed in Des Moines during this 3-year period.
- The Street Collective prepared a preliminary budget for the use of these funds and anticipates purchasing an additional 20 3.0 Connected Docks, 15 B-Cycle Ebikes, 10 Ebike spare batteries, five (5) 3.0 dock spare batteries, 75 GPS trackers, and all associated software, taxes, shipping, installation, accessories, and assembly costs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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