

★ Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

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Date May 22, 2023

AUTHORIZING INFLATION REDUCTION ACT GRANT APPLICATION SEEKING \$5,000,000 FOR FORESTRY DIVISION TREE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Public Works Department, Forestry Division, wishes to enhance its existing Trees Forever tree planting and maintenance program through additional funding for the primary purpose of planting and two-year maintenance of trees in vacant locations situated in underserved areas (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Division desires to seek a grant funded by the federal Inflation Reduction Act, as administered through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program, for up to \$5,000,000.00 in financial assistance for the development of the Project, which grant application is due to be submitted by June 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Public Works Department Director and City Forester recommend Council approval for submission of such grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Public Works Department and Forestry Division are hereby authorized and approved to submit the grant application, in an amount of up to \$5,000,000.00, to the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program for Inflation Reduction Act funding, and further to return any grant agreement to City Council for consideration and approval if funding is awarded.

(Council Communication No. 23-263)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Boesen.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SHEUMAKER				✓
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Frankin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk