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Members of the Common Council  
City of Milwaukee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Honorable Members of the Common Council:

Attached please find a resolution for introduction relating to the application, acceptance and funding of a USDA Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Assistance grant titled "Strengthening Diversity in Urban Forestry Service Delivery." This grant will increase diversity and relevancy of urban forestry within the minority community and engage people of color in the green economy by conducting a 6-month training program targeted at low-income Milwaukee residents and linking successful participants with green jobs in arboriculture, horticulture or landscape construction and maintenance. The City will partner with Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership/BIG STEP and the Tree Care Industry Association.

Please direct questions to Kimberly Kujoth, Environmental Policy Analyst at x5453. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PRESTON D. COLE  
Environmental Services Superintendent