

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works Operations Division – Forestry Section

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Category of Request

New Grant

Grant Continuation

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Change in Previously Approved Grant

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Project/Program Title: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Improving Resiliency of Milwaukee's Street Trees

Grantor Agency: USDA Forest Service

Grant Application Date: _____

Anticipated Award Date: _____

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):
Improving Resiliency of Milwaukee's Street Trees will further restore Milwaukee's street tree canopy at risk of EAB to deliver Great Lakes protection. The project will remove 900 poor-to-fair quality ash street trees and replace with alternative tree species that will treat stormwater runoff. In addition, gravel holding beds will be installed at each of 3 Forestry District yards. *Improving Resiliency of Milwaukee's Street Trees* allows the City to target ash street tree removals to minimize the loss of street tree canopy benefits and allows diversification of replacement tree canopy. Replanting is critical to maintaining a healthy, functional tree canopy that provides long-term ecosystem benefits.
2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:
Improving Resiliency of Milwaukee's Street Trees supports the goal of increased tree canopy through urban forest preservation and restoration. Critical to tree canopy preservation and restoration is improving the diversity of the street tree population and limiting loss of existing tree canopy. Removal of poor-to-fair condition ash street trees and replacement with alternative tree species achieves greater diversity and directs resources to preservation of high quality ash tree canopy. The City will continue to treat the existing 28,000 ash street trees.
3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):
The grant will fund \$200,000 with the City providing \$50,000 in-kind match for ash street tree removals and stump grinding. The grant will fund planting of 900 ash street tree replacements and installation of gravel holding beds at each of 3 Forestry District yards to build holding capacity for bare root trees. Holding bare root trees harvested in spring for 4-6 months in gravel beds allow for further development of fine root mass which leads to improved transplant success in fall planting.
4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):
5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021
6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:
7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.