

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

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

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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: 2023 Urban Forestry Grant Program – Milwaukee Urban Forestry Workforce Development and Training

Grantor Agency: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Grant Application Date: October 3, 2022

Anticipated Award Date: December 2022

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

The 2023 Urban Forestry grant will assist in funding the development and implementation of an Electrical Hazard Awareness Training Program (EHAP) for all City of Milwaukee Forestry employees which may include First Aid/CPR and Aerial Rescue Training. This grant will also provide Teaching Methods and Technology – Apprentice training/certification for a limited amount of staff in order to expand the Forestry Sections ability to provide qualified instructors for the Urban Forestry Arborist Apprenticeship Program. These training programs will enable the Forestry Section and its employees to stay in compliance with OSHA and ANSI safety standards and State of Wisconsin Apprenticeship Standards while safely delivering forestry services to all neighborhoods and citizens throughout the City of Milwaukee using best management practices.

2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

The Forestry Section is responsible for maintaining a healthy urban forest while following industry safety standards and best management practices. Electrical Hazard Awareness is required training for all Arborists and is part of the preparation for working safely near energized conductors. In addition, all personnel are required to complete First Aid/CPR and Emergency Response training. These training programs are part of an overall Arborist training program with the Forestry Section and provide employees with the skill sets needed to remove, prune, and plant trees safely while providing a safe environment for the public.

Entry level training and workforce development with the Forestry Section includes the Urban Forestry Arborist Apprenticeship Program. This approximately 4 year program is a Registered Apprenticeship Program through the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. The Forestry Section has been endorsed by the State to be a qualified instructor of the program for its employees. This endorsement requires some employees to get certified in the Teaching Methods and Technology – Apprentice course in order to be qualified instructors. Currently the Forestry Section has 15 qualified instructors and is looking to get more employees certified in order to provide more flexibility and expertise to the program.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

The WDNR grant of \$11,000 (50%) will be used to develop and implement an effective EHAP training program which may include First Aid/CPR and Aerial Rescue training using qualified outside instructors. These funds will also be used to train and certify more qualified instructors for the Forestry Sections Arborist Apprenticeship Program through the Wisconsin Technical College System. The City match of \$11,000 (50%) will be funded using DPW/Operation/Forestry operating funds.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:

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January 2023 – December 2023

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.