

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

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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: 2017 Urban Forestry Grant ProgramGrantor Agency: Wisconsin Department of Natural ResourcesGrant Application Date: October 1, 2016Anticipated Award Date: December 2016

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

The 2017 Urban Forestry Grant will off-set the purchase of custom-designed equipment to improve the efficiency of stump removal operations and explore opportunities to improve SBE participation in stump removal contract work. The equipment, a self unloading trailer, backfills holes as tree stumps are ground and removed. Forestry currently operates this type of equipment at the Municipal Nursery. The self unloading trailer is designed to efficiently backfill holes by eliminating manual filling from a dump truck and is used primarily in Tree Nursery settings. The equipment to be purchased will be custom designed to operate curbside with custom features such as suspension, lights and tractor brakes to make it road worthy. The trailer will be designed to accommodate use with a conventional truck. Over the past 5 years, Forestry has issued contracts to assist in stump removal. In 2016, a total of \$500,000 in stump removal contracts was issued. Recently, participation of SBEs for this type of work, operating dump trucks and hauling topsoil, has been challenging with many SBE contractors securing more lucrative construction-related work. Forestry will explore opportunities to work with community-based organizations (CBOs) that perform tree/landscape work and/or the tree/landscape contractor community to build SBE capacity to participate in future stump removal contract work. Forestry will examine options to provide the equipment based on a negotiated rent-to-own basis that refunds the City's investment and establishes consistent SBE participation in stump removal contracts. The equipment design limits its use to backfilling holes, leaving minimal risk that a CBO or contractor could use it for other purposes.

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

The 2017 Urban Forestry Grant supports the City's goal to improve economic opportunities for city residents by exploring partnerships with community-based organizations or SBE contractors to ensure greater participation in future stump removal contracts. Building capacity within the CBO and/or SBE contract community by providing dedicated equipment to perform this work improves Forestry efficiency and allows deployment of staff to other core service, while also investing in the community.

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

\$25,000 grant will help off-set the cost of equipment purchase of approximately \$50,000 with the 50% city match of \$25,000 funded by the stump removal capital account.

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

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

6/15/04

January 2017 – December 2017

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

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