



Legislation Text

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CHAIR

Substitute resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of a USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant (Department of Public Works) "Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to Emerald Ash Borer."

This resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works - Operations (Forestry Section) to apply for, accept and fund a USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant "Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)." This grant aims to demonstrate the importance of Milwaukee's tree canopy through targeted assistance to mitigate the threat of EAB and lead residents to take action to treat or remove and replace ash trees in advance of disease. The total project cost is \$272,821, of which 100% will be provided by the grantor with no cost-share from the City required. The program will include the following components:

1. Provide targeted financial assistance to Milwaukee homeowner-occupied residents with confirmed ash tree on their property
 - a. Maximum 70% cost assistance provided up to established limits
 - b. Minimum 30% homeowner cost-share required based on actual costs
2. Residents who meet federally-established low income criteria will be eligible to receive full-cost assistance by leveraging existing grant funds to cover the required minimum 30% homeowner cost-share
3. Maximum cost assistance available for two eligible EAB treatment alternatives:
 - a. Ash tree removal and tree replacement - up to \$1,000 limit
 - b. Ash tree chemical injection - up to \$140 limit
4. Contract with private tree care and/or landscape companies to perform EAB treatment alternatives. The City will issue contracts in accordance with Milwaukee Code of Ordinances Chapter 370 "Minority, Woman and Small Business Enterprise Programs"
5. Maintain ecological services provided by Milwaukee's tree canopy to protect the health and function of Lake Michigan and area rivers

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee appears to be eligible for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant from the USDA Forest; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Works-Operations Division (Forestry Section) would use this grant to preserve and restore Milwaukee's tree canopy on residential property; and

Whereas, This project would include the following components:

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; and

Whereas, "Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to EAB" will cost \$272,821, of which 100% will be provided by the grantor with no cost-share required by the City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Public Works is authorized to apply, accept and fund "Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to EAB" in the amount of \$272,821 from the USDA Forest Service without further Common Council approval, unless the terms of the grant change in a manner described in s. 304-81 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized to:

1. Encumber in the parent accounts of the 2012 Special Revenue Accounts-Grant and Aid Projects the following amounts for the project titled Urban Forestry Grant:

Project/Grant	GR0001200000
Fund	0150
Org	9990
Program	0001
Budget Year	0000
Sub Class	R999
Account	000600
Project	Grantor Share
Amount	\$272,821

2. Create a Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Projects and the necessary expenditure and revenue accounts, appropriate to these accounts the amounts required under the Grant Agreement, and transfer the corresponding offsetting estimated revenue.

3. Establish the necessary Grant and Aid performance sub-measures.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That these funds are appropriated to the Department of Public Works-Operations Division (Forestry Section), which is authorized to:

1. Make expenditures from these funds for specified purposes as indicated in the program budget, a copy of which is attached to this file.
2. Transfer funds within the project budget as long as the amount expended for each specific purpose does not exceed the amount authorized by the budget by 10% or more.
3. Enter into subcontracts and leases to the extent detailed in the project budget.

Department of Public Works-Operations Division
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