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Resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant (Department of Public Works) "Assessing Milwaukee's Urban Forest for Habitat Restoration."

This resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works - Operations Division-Forestry Section to apply for, accept and fund a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant "Assessing Milwaukee's Urban Forest for Habitat Restoration." The purpose of this grant is to demonstrate the importance of Milwaukee's urban forest by planting trees to increase tree canopy and deliver Great Lakes protection. The total project cost is \$100,000, 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. Use a plantable space analysis to direct tree-planting efforts on public and private property to maximize restoration of Milwaukee's urban forest.
 - a. Plant up to 2,000 small diameter trees.
 - b. Demonstrate tree planting with community volunteers.
2. Maintain ecological services provided by Milwaukee's tree canopy to protect the health and function of Lake Michigan and area rivers.
3. Improve public understanding of the link between tree canopy and water quality.

Whereas, Under the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 10.675, the City of Milwaukee appears to be eligible for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Works-Operations Division-Forestry Section would use this grant to plant trees and increase tree canopy to deliver Great Lakes protection; and

Whereas, This project would include the following components:

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; and

Whereas, The operation of this grant from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014, would cost \$100,000, of which 100% would be provided by the grantor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that application to the USDA Forest Service is authorized and the Department of Public Works shall accept this grant without further approval unless the terms of the grant change as provided in s. 304-81, Code of Ordinances; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized to:

1. Commit funds with the Project/Grant Parent of the 2012 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects, the following amount 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	\$100,000

2. Create the necessary Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project/Grant levels; budget against these Project/Grant values the amount required under the grant agreement;

3. Establish the necessary City Share Project Values.

; and, be it

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

1. Expend from the amount budgeted for specified purposes as indicated in the grant budget and incur costs consistent with the award date;

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 percent;

3. Enter into subcontracts and leases as detailed in the grant budget.
DPW-Operations Division

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