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SUBSTITUTE 1

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Substitute resolution relative to the acceptance and funding of the Partners for Places grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation for the Office of Sustainability as part of the HOME GR/OWN program.

This resolution authorizes the Department of Administration- Office of Environmental Sustainability (OES) to accept a grant entitled "Partners for Places" in an amount up to \$138,600 from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation acting as a fiscal agent for the Community Development Alliance ("CDA"). The purpose of this project is to 1) foster a strong working relationship between the local sustainability office of municipal government and place-based philanthropies; 2) demonstrate models for urban agriculture through the re-activation of vacant lots; 3) employ residents from the surrounding areas through the use of nonprofit landscaping services with the capacity to train and hire individuals with multiple barriers to employment, and; 4) provide local philanthropic support to the ReFresh Milwaukee plan priorities.

This resolution further authorizes the Office of Environmental Sustainability to enter into contracts with various non-profit landscaping organizations that employ neighborhood residents including Walnut Way Conservation Corporation, Groundwork Milwaukee, and Growing Power, Inc.

Whereas, The City's Common Council passed Resolution No. 131035 adopting "ReFresh Milwaukee: City of Milwaukee Sustainability Plan 2013-2023" as the City's first sustainability plan and directing its implementation; and

Whereas, A catalytic project in the Refresh Milwaukee plan is the HOME GR/OWN urban agriculture program; and

Whereas, The Office of Environmental Sustainability identifies community partners like the Community Development Alliance to implement projects in partnership that meet *ReFresh Milwaukee* goals and targets; and

Whereas, The Community Development Alliance ("CDA"), with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation as its fiscal agent, has partnered with the City of Milwaukee, Growing Power and other local businesses and institutions, who has jointly applied for and received a

national grant in October, 2014, locally matched by the CDA, the Bloomberg Award for Partners for Places - a project of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, and

Whereas, A purpose of the Partners for Places grant program is to foster a working relationship between local sustainability offices and local philanthropic organizations; and

Whereas, The Greater Milwaukee Foundation wishes to grant the City of Milwaukee's Office of Environmental Sustainability ("OES"), as operational partner, an amount of \$138,600 for the directed purpose of the new Milwaukee Partners for Places Initiative - installing up to six pocket parks and up to twenty fruit orchards on City vacant lots on Milwaukee's North Side, focusing on aldermanic districts most heavily impacted by foreclosures; and

Whereas, A goal of the grant is to employ residents from the surrounding areas through the use of nonprofit landscaping services with the capacity to train and hire individuals with multiple barriers to employment, reclaiming City-owned vacant lots and increasing access to fresh local food in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, The OES' HOME GR/OWN Initiative has collaborated with the its primary partners: the CDA, Walnut Way Conservation Corporation, Growing Power, Groundwork Milwaukee, David J. Frank Landscaping, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Community Design Solutions, and the appropriate community organizations for the purposes of selecting, designing and installing pocket parks and orchards during calendar year 2015, and

Whereas, The Partners for Places Grant will fund the Milwaukee Partners for Places Initiative for a grant period beginning June 10th, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and

Whereas, The Office of Environmental Sustainability has partnered with the Department of City Development and Department of Public Works to select vacant lots and create design criteria that meet City needs; and

Whereas, The Partners for Places grant complements the City's Strong Neighborhood Plan and its goal of renewing neighborhoods by activating vacant spaces; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee is eligible for grant funds from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to fund the Department of Administration - Office of Environmental Sustainability's Partners for Places project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Administration - Office of Environmental Sustainability is authorized to accept grants totaling up to \$138,600 from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to develop up to 26 pocket parks and orchards as an integral part of the City's Sustainability Plan catalytic project, HOME GR/OWN, and is authorized to accept and expend this grant without

further approval unless the terms of the grant change as indicated in the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances section 304-84; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Administration - Office of Environmental Sustainability, as specifically required by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation grant, is authorized to contract with nonprofit landscaping services with the capacity to train and hire individuals with multiple barriers to employment from surrounding neighborhoods, and

including up to \$114,000 with Walnut Way Conservation Corporation, up to \$21,000 with Groundwork Milwaukee, and up to \$13,400 with Growing Power, Inc. with contracts in substantially the same form as attached to this resolution; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized to:

1. Commit funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2015 Special Revenue - Grant and Aid Projects Fund, the following amount for the project titled Partners for Places Grant:

Project/Grant	GR1501315000
Fund	0150
Org	9990
Program	0001
Budget Year	0000
Subclass	R999
Account	000600
Project	Grantor Share
Amount	\$138,600

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

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Further Resolved, That these funds are budgeted to the Department of Administration - Office of Environmental Sustainability with authority to spend from the budgeted amount sums for specified purposes as indicated in the grant budget and incur costs consistent with the award; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Office of Environmental Sustainability will follow the terms of the grant and provide the required program reports to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Department of Administration- Office of Environmental Sustainability
Office of Environmental Sustainability
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