



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

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DATE: June 6, 2023

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for planting trees, removal of invasive Chinese Privet, restoring native habitat, and education to the public of these activities; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Promote Sustainability and the Environment.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) is seeking a grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program in an amount not to exceed \$2 million. Funding will be used for tree planting, Chinese Privet removal, ground cover, understory trees and shrubs, education outreach, and urban forestry crew positions.

The proposed 3-year project will plant 900 trees in 17 park locations, remove up to 230 acres of Chinese Privet in 9 park locations, restore up to 230 acres of ground cover, and plant approximately 20,000 understory trees and shrubs in those areas. The project also proposes to fund the creation of an urban forestry crew. PARD will be the lead department on the project, coordinating efforts with Sustainability and Watershed Protection.

If awarded, the grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match in funding from the City that can be comprised of non-federal dollars and in-kind contributions from volunteers and staff salaries.

The grant application was submitted on June 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match. Parks proposes using funding from the Tree Mitigation Fund, Sustainability Framework Fund, General Fund, and volunteer hour contributions for the match.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Resolution

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