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To: Arnold Randall, General Superintendent
From: Cynthia Moreno, Director, Conservation & Experiential Program
Re: Programming Partnership
Date: May 1, 2018

CEP is requesting authorization in board item 18-0245 to have discretionary spending up to \$75,000.00 through the remainder of 2018 for supporting educational and recreational program services. This authorization will allow CEP to be more nimble in our process of working with more program partners on a variety of projects.

CEP has historically worked with numerous program partners (below is a current list). We often have the opportunity to enter into unique partnerships that we think adds value to our programming, brings more people to the preserves or provides an entree to a new group who isn't coming to the preserves through our programming. Some of the program partners we would include but not be limited to artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development groups and cultural groups.

These program partners would be engaged for periods of less than one year and individual payment amounts would not exceed \$5,000. The programming partnerships would be vetted based on community connections, ability to provide the service, ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves, interest and ability to connect with the Preserves mission, and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. All of these endeavors will be signed off on by myself or the Deputy and we will provide documentation of our decision making/justification process. We think this programming strategy complements the short and long-term goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to connect more people with nature and make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible.

Thank you for your consideration an ongoing support of CEP programming.

- Rendezvous group – local group that been doing reenacting at Columbia Woods
- FPCC co-sponsor's annual event FPCC cosponsor with I&M Canal Authority
- DesPlaines River Canoe and kayak Marathon with the DesPlaines River Association
- Camp Hip Hop with Chicago's Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth and Diverse City– new idea brought to us ... new audience, we are co -sponsoring, we think it will bring in a new young diverse community to our campground, aquatic center and nature center
- Field Museum – Mighty Acorns programming
- Recreation groups who provide unique experience or unique trainings -- Voyager Canoe, Climbing Wall, Adaptive Recreation or environmental education
- Community groups who can provide unique access helping us build a community of support
- Artists who provide unique skills using natural materials or creating art related to nature and are interested in teaching others
- Musicians and other performances who provide a unique performance to enhance events – drummer for earth day, barn dance for Party for Preserves, youth poetry group for Live Healthy.