



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: Niles Animal Hospital PC, Niles, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Ambassador Animal Veterinary Services

Original Contract Period: 3/15/2021 - 3/14/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/15/2024 - 12/31/2024

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$150,000.00 not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year.

Original Approval: 3/14/2021

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$50,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024, not to exceed \$50,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000009050

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an extension of the contract with Niles Animal Hospital for veterinary service for the Ambassador Animal program through the end of the year. We will be issuing a new Request for Proposals or Qualifications for veterinary services this year and need the additional time to go through that process. While we are awaiting bids we need to have a licensed veterinarian on contract to care for our Ambassador Animals. The original contract was awarded based on a 2020 RFP. At that time, it was determined that the MBE/WBE goal would be set at zero due to the nature of the contract and the lack of options for subcontractors. With the Forest Preserves' new Ambassador

Animal protocols in place, we are considering a Request for Qualifications in order to contract with more veterinarians from around the county and closer to all the different Nature Centers.