



Legislation Text

File #: 20-0019, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Programming Good(s) or Service(s): Programming Partnerships

Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00

Accounts: Special Events 51001.520635; Community Trust Grant 51010.520835; Teen Programming Grant 51010.521443; Supplies and Material 51001.531905

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$100,000.00 through the remainder of 2020 to support educational, recreational and community engagement program services with a variety of program partners, including, but not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development facilitators, and cultural groups. These program partners would be selected through the Forest Preserves’ Event and Program Partnership application. This Event and Program Partnership application has been widely marketed through various Forest Preserves avenues including the Winter Brochure, and a rack card in English and Spanish. Future outreach will include social media ads. Program partners could be selected for one (1) event or a series of events; but would not be engaged for periods of more than one (1) year. Individual contract payment amounts would not exceed \$5,000.00. The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves’ Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement; ability to provide the service; ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves; ability and interest to connect with the Forest Preserves’ mission and vision; ability to support Forest Preserves’ grant programs; price; and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. This program strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, to connect more people with nature and to make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible.

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide