



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Department: Planning & Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to apply for grant

Purpose: To create a nature-based education & recreation campus at Sand Ridge/Shabbona Woods/Green Lake

Grant Amount: \$694,700.00

Grant Period: Two (2) years from approval of grant

Fiscal Impact: The Forest Preserves Match Amount \$694,700.00 over a two (2) year period is contingent upon the future Forest Preserves’ Board approval.

Accounts: Consulting & Management Services 51009.520830, 51055.520830, 51056.520830, 51057.520830, 51058.520830 and future 51059.520830; Site Improvement 51009.560060, 51055.560060, 51056.560060, 51057.560060, 51058.560060 and future 51059.560060; Trail Accounts 51009.560063, 51055.560063, 51056.560063, 51057.560063, 51058.560063 and future 51059.560063; and Building Accounts 51009.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, 51057.560106, 51058.560106 and future 51059.560106

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 4

Summary: The Forest Preserves proposes to apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (“OSLAD”) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”) for nature-based site and building improvements to connect four (4) adjoining Forest Preserves sites into a cohesive education and recreation campus. The Sand Ridge/Shabbona/Green Lake Campus includes Sand Ridge Nature Center, Camp Shabbona Woods, Green Lake Aquatic Center, and the Sand Ridge Nature Preserve. Newly proposed nature-based site and building improvements are intended to welcome and orient new visitors through new wayfinding signs, trail connections, interpretive exhibits, landscape restoration and security upgrades. The IDNR grant application process requires confirmation by the controlling body of the Forest Preserves of its commitment to completion of the project.