



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Palos Conservation Corps internship program

Original Contract Period: 6/7/2016 - 2/28/2017

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$75,000.00

Original Approval: 6/7/2016

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$65,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$65,000.00

Accounts: 09-6758 Intern Programs, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match & Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750, & 10-6757

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Preserves") previously entered into an agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves ("FOTFP"), based on FOTFP's receipt of a grant from the Bobolink Foundation to support the Palos Conservation Corps. The Palos Conservation Corps engages four (4) youth, one (1) adult leader, and one (1) assistant leader in hands-on ecological restoration work to restore habitat in the Palos region. Highly skilled participants contribute to herbaceous and woody invasive species control, prescribed burn, and native seed collection activities. Additionally, the Palos Conservation Corps hosts volunteer workdays in partnership with the local site stewards to bolster volunteer

recruitment and engagement in the region.

The original contract was approved by the Board on 6/7/2016 and required the Preserves to contribute \$75,000 of the total \$247,590 contract costs. The Preserves would like to extend this program through the end of 2017. Additional funds are anticipated to be contributed by the Bobolink Foundation in conjunction with the FOTFP for this project.

This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.