



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Career Immersion Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,000,000.00

Original Approval: 11/14/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$50,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$250,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000002916 issued under RFP #17-31-117

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Career Immersion Program gives approximately twelve adult participants the opportunity to work alongside Forest Preserves staff fisheries biologists, wildlife biologists, and resource management forestry and trails crews. Participants

receive important resource management skills and leadership development training, while exploring various career opportunities in conservation. The Career Immersion Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract issued under RFP #17-31-117, which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0387).

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.