



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 a previously executed contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Calumet Conservation Corps Program

Original Contract Period: 9/12/2017 - 12/31/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$30,000.00, plus \$22,794.00 in-kind match

Original Approval: 9/12/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: An additional \$75,000.00, bringing the contract total to \$105,000.00 cash match plus \$22,794.00 in-kind match

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$0.00, FY 2018 \$30,000.00, FY 2019 \$75,000.00

Accounts: Intern Programs 51009.521525, 51058.521525, 51051.521525 and all future intern program accounts; Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, 51058.521452, 51051.521452 and all future habitat enhancement accounts; Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51058.521444, 51051.521444 and all future habitat restoration accounts; Grant and Mitigation accounts 51010.521444

Contract Number(s): #74000003390

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to continue service

through the end of 2019. The program was partially funded by a grant Friends of the Forest Preserves (“Friends”) obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the amount of \$591,265.00. This grant expired in September 2019, and was not renewed by the granting agency, thereby leaving a gap until the end of the program.

The Calumet Conservation Corps program is an employment program providing conservation and job skills training for a ten (10) member field crew. The program engages a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, four (4) adult participants, as well as four (4) part time young adult Emerging Calumet Leader interns in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on herbicide application, prescribed fire, native seed collection, and invasive species removal.

Ecological restoration will be conducted in partnership with the Forest Preserves, volunteers, community members, and professional contractors to advance goals in support of stewardship projects and invasive species management in the Calumet region, which harbors significant biological diversity but is threatened by environmental justice issues.