



## 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 Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Forest Preserve Experience Program

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

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** Not to exceed \$100,000.00 per year, or \$500,000.00 over the five (5) year term

**Original Approval:** 11/14/2017, Not to exceed \$100,000.00 per year, or \$500,000.00 over the five (5) year term

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** Additional \$100,000.00 in annual contract authority. This would increase the overall total authority to an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 per year, or \$1,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$200,000.00, FY 2019 \$200,000.00, FY 2020 \$200,000.00, FY 2021 \$200,000.00, FY 2022 \$200,000.00

**Accounts:** Intern Programs 51009.521525, 51058.521525; Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, 51058.521452; Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51058.521444; Grant and Mitigation 51010.501136, 51010.521444

**Contract Number(s):** 17-31-117

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall annual contract authority for this program to accommodate additional funding and restoration opportunities. In calendar year 2018, the Forest Preserve Foundation (the

“Foundation”) granted \$125,000.00 towards the program. Approval of this action item will facilitate the Forest Preserves’ ability to utilize the funds received from the Foundation and other matching grant funds for restoration purposes including, but not limited to the ecological restoration and stream bank repair of the Plum Creek Forest Preserve. The contract was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017. This is a request for an increase in authority.

The Forest Preserve Experience program is a summer youth employment program providing conservation and job skills training to high-school youth, ages 15 to 19, from south and west suburban Cook County. This five (5) week program engages approximately fifty (50) youth participants and nine (9) adult field leaders annually in hands-on ecological restoration activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, tree mulching, and shoreline clean-up along the Forest Preserves’ many lakes and waterways. Participants receive extensive environmental education and job skills training supplemented by nature-based enrichment activities which promote forest preserve awareness, and teaches participants how healthy forest preserves contribute to their community and the quality of life.