



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois, and the Housing Authority of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: The Preserves seek to partner with Friends of the Forest Preserves and the Housing Authority of Cook County to host the “Forest Preserve Experience” program, a summer youth employment program that will provide conservation and job skills training to high-school youth, ages 15 to 19, from families who utilize the services of the Housing Authority of Cook County. This five (5)-week program will engage one (1) program manager, one (1) assistant program manager, eight (8) adult field leaders, and fifty (50) youth participants in hands-on ecological restoration activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, tree mulching, and shoreline clean-up along the Preserves’ many lakes and waterways.

Participants will receive extensive environmental education and job skills training supplemented by nature-based recreational activities which promote forest preserve awareness, and teaches participants how healthy forest preserves contribute to their community and quality of life.

Friends of the Forest Preserves will be the on-the-ground supervisory partner for this program. The Housing Authority of Cook County has contributed \$80,000 towards the execution of this program.

Contract period: 6/26/2017 - 8/4/2017

Fiscal Impact: \$30,000.00

Account(s): Intern Programs 51009.521525

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5 and 6