



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Chicago Botanic Garden ("CBG"), Glencoe, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Plants of Concern program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2017

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$100,000.00

Original Approval: 3/11/2014, Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year or \$100,000.00 over four (4) years

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$35,000.00 per year or \$175,000.00 over the five (5) years of the contract extension

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 \$35,000.00, FY 2019 \$35,000.00, FY 2020 \$35,000.00, FY 2021 \$35,000.00, FY 2022 \$35,000.00

Accounts: Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Intern Programs 51009.521525, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, Potential Grant Match & Work 51009.521440, Grant Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Preserves would like to continue its collaborative partnership with the CBG in its efforts to identify and monitor rare plant species on the Preserves' holdings through the Plants of Concern ("POC") program. Plants of Concern engages citizen scientists to monitor the Chicago region's rarest plants, assess trends in their populations and provide

important data used to conserve our rapidly declining floral heritage. The Preserves' work with the CBG allows for a dedicated intern to work specifically on Forest Preserve property in order to assess long-term trends in critical plant species. The data collected by the POC program provides critical information for the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan and continues to be an important component in deciding where to conduct restoration. The Preserves entered into the existing agreement with the CBG in 2014 for a period of four (4) years and are requesting an extension for an additional five (5) years, at a rate not to exceed \$35,000.00 per year.