



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Other Part(ies): City of Chicago and Chicago Park District, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into an intergovernmental agreement.

Goods or Services: Continued funding for the not-for-profit NeighborSpace

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2025, with the option for a five (5) year renewal at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 (FY 2021, \$50,000.00; FY 2022, \$50,000.00; FY 2023, \$50,000.00; FY 2024, \$50,000.00; FY 2025, \$50,000.00; FY 2026, \$50,000.00; FY 2027, \$50,000.00; FY 2028, \$50,000.00; FY2029, \$50,000.00; FY 2030, \$50,000.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: In 1997, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District to form NeighborSpace, a not-for-profit that owns, leases and insures small parks, gardens, natural areas, river edges and scenic landscapes in the City of Chicago. On 1/4/1999, the intergovernmental agreement was extended to 12/31/2018 and on 10/16/2018 the agreement was further extended from 1/1/2019 through 12/31/2020. The parties have determined to enter into a new agreement continuing the arrangement. The proposed intergovernmental agreement will be subject to legal review and approval. A Forest Preserves Commissioner and a Forest Preserves staff member sit on the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace along with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District. As a condition for the Forest Preserves’ contribution, the Forest Preserves may, at the General Superintendent’s discretion, enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the services that NeighborSpace will provide in alignment with the Forest Preserves’ mission.