



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Audubon Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Audubon Great Lakes (“Audubon”) and the Forest Preserves wish to partner to establish a habitat restoration internship in 2021-2022. The 16-week annual program will engage a crew of approximately eight (8) adult participants in hands-on ecological conservation with a primary focus on sites within the Calumet, Palos, and Tinley Creek regional preserves, and may include work in other regions. Participants receive training in herbicide application, prescribed fire, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events. The program is oriented towards participants interested in pursuing a career in land management, ecology and related fields, with a focus on developing participants’ conservation, leadership, and project management skills.

Total program costs for 2021 are \$115,038.00, of which Audubon will contribute \$42,790.00 or approximately 37%.

Contract period: 4/1/2021 - 12/31/2022

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year, or \$150,000.00 over the term of the agreement

Account(s): Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; and Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 4, 5, 6, 17