



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and amend existing intergovernmental agreement.

**Goods or Services:** Increased and continued funding of the not-for-profit NeighborSpace

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Original: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2025, with the option for a five (5) year renewal at the discretion of the General Superintendent. Proposed Extension 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2033, with the option for a five (5) year renewal at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Fiscal Impact:** Original: Not to exceed \$500,000; Proposed Amendment: Not to exceed \$1,500,000 for years 2024-2038. FY 2024 \$100,000.00, FY 2025 \$100,000.00, FY 2026 \$100,000.00, FY 2027 \$100,000.00, FY 2028 \$100,000.00, FY 2029 \$100,000.00, FY 2030 \$100,000.00, FY 2031 \$100,000.00, FY 2032 \$100,000.00, FY 2033 \$100,000.00, FY 2034 \$100,000.00 (optional), FY 2035 \$100,000.00 (optional), FY 2036 \$100,000.00 (optional), FY 2037 \$100,000.00 (optional), FY 2038 \$100,000.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520830

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** In 1997, 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 (see Board Item No. 18-0403). In 2020, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners authorized a new five-year agreement with the option for a five-year renewal (see Board Item No. 20-0435). Now, the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District would like to extend and increase funding under the agreement. The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to do the same. The proposed amendment 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 a memorandum of understanding regarding the services that NeighborSpace will provide in alignment with the Forest Preserves’ mission.