



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to extend grant agreement.

Purpose: To implement outdoor recreation improvements at Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve in Chicago, including the development of a trail connection to the adjacent Altgeld Gardens neighborhood, which will increase outdoor recreation activities for all Cook County residents.

Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

Grant Period: Two (2) years from date of full contract execution (10/1/2022 - 9/30/2024); first amendment 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025 approved on 2/27/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0104)

Extension Period: 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026

Fiscal Impact: Original: Not to Exceed \$3,054,500.00 (\$1,154,500.00 50% match + \$575,000.00 25% contingency + \$1,325,000.00 anticipated underground utility services to the site). There is no additional cost associated with this extension.

Accounts: Consulting Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51028.520830, 51010.520830 and 51009.520831; Land Improvement 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019 and 51031.560019; Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560106, 51028.560105, 51030.560106 and 51031.560105; and future Construction and Development accounts

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 9/20/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0363); first amendment approved 2/27/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0104)

Previous Grant Amount: \$1,150,000.00

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: In 2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant

funding from IDNR's Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program to reconstruct and improve existing boat launch ramps and on-shore fishing boardwalk, add a fully-accessible canoe/kayak dock, new program shelter and interpretive signs, new restroom building and new trail connection to the adjacent Altgeld Gardens neighborhood. The Board previously approved a one (1) year, no-cost time extension in 2024 (Board Item No. 24-0104).

A second one-year, no-cost time extension is needed to allow additional time for the acquisition of a small land area owned by the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) that is needed to connect water service for a new restroom building and new trail connection. The CHA board is expected to approve the conveyance at their May 27, 2025 board meeting and submit to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for final approval; however, HUD approval could take up to six (6) months. Other aspects of the grant-funded project are substantially complete.