

# **City Council Agenda Item**

Subject:	Budget Amendment (Increase Requested) – Right Of Way and Parks Lawn Maintenance – Chief Executive Offices
Submitted By:	Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper
Date Submitted:	July 26, 2022
Work Session Date:	August 01, 2022
Council Meeting Date:	August 01, 2022

## Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is not immune to the issues of labor shortages that have plagued our nation. While the Mayor and City Council has taken steps to address this matter, we still struggle to find qualified workers. More specifically within the Public Works Division we have several open positions that we hold as continuously recruiting.

Due to these shortages, we have struggled to maintain city right of way(s) maintenance and some parks. The City Manager is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 to apply toward contracted lawn service providers through the Public Works Division to assist with this maintenance for the season.

The funds requested would be taken from the City's current fund balance, and if approved, this request would increase the city's 2022-2023 budget for the Public Works Division by the requested amount to be applied for the specified purpose.

## Cost: \$ 50,000

Budgeted for: Yes X No

## Financial Impact:

This request would not cause any short-fall or budget overruns

## Action Requested from Council:

City Council Approve the budget amendment for \$50,000 for the specified purpose.