

Downtown Development Authority

City of Gladstone
1100 Delta Ave
Gladstone, MI 49837

Staff Report

Agenda Date: 10/15/2024
Department: DDA
Presenter: Patricia West

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Grant Opportunity | DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant Program

BACKGROUND:

The DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant provides funding for tree planting projects on public property or lands open to the public in Michigan communities. Grants range from \$500 to \$4,000, supporting projects that enhance urban forestry, improve environmental quality, and foster community engagement. The application deadline is **October 25, 2024**. For more information and application details, visit [Michigan DNR's grant page](#).

Referencing the [minutes from April 16, 2024](#), Barry Lund gave an overview of tree needs on Delta Avenue:

Barry Lund, Superintendent for Public Works, provided an overview of his recommendations on tree planting downtown. The DDA Vision & Opportunity Subcommittee plans to take this into consideration as they draft the proposed five-year action plan. Barry Lund recommended planting four trees at each intersection listed below. He estimated the cost to be about \$6000/intersection (or \$1500/tree).

- Delta Avenue & 8th Street
- Delta Avenue & 10th Street
- Delta Avenue & 11th Street

FISCAL EFFECT:

\$18,000

- \$4000 – Grant Funding
- \$8000 – DDA
- \$6000 – City of Gladstone

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to support the Gladstone DDA's application for \$4000 to pursue the planting of a total of 12 trees (four per intersection) at the intersections of Delta & 8th St, Delta & 10th St, and Delta & 11th St.