

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
RESOLUTION 74-24-25**

BY ALDERPERSONS DEKKER AND RAMEY.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024.

A RESOLUTION designating the City Forester as the City's Authorized Representative for the purpose of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Urban Forestry Grants for calendar year 2025 and directing him to submit an Urban Forestry Grant Application.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.097(1g), the WI DNR may award grants to cities for up to 50% of the cost of tree management plans, tree inventories, brush residue projects, the development of tree management ordinances, tree disease evaluations, public education concerning trees in urban areas, and other tree projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.097(1r), the WI DNR may award grants to cities for the costs of removing, saving, and replacing trees that are damaged by catastrophic storm events in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible, the City must annually submit a resolution identifying the Authorized Representative for WI DNR grant purposes who is an office, officer, or employee given authority to act on the applicant's behalf to (1) sign and submit a grant application; (2) sign a grant agreement between the City and WI DNR; (3) submit interim and final reports to the WI DNR to satisfy the grant agreement; (4) submit grant reimbursement requests to the WI DNR; and (5) sign and submit any other required documentation regarding the grant; and

WHEREAS, City staff desires to apply for an Urban Forestry Grant for calendar year 2025, the maximum amount of which is \$25,000, and which would require a \$25,000 match from the City; and

WHEREAS, in-kind labor, services, and donations may be used to contribute toward the City's share of the match amount; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient funds in the 2025 budget for the City's share of the matching costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Common Council designates the City Forester as the Authorized Representative for the urban forestry grant purposes identified herein and directs the City Forester to submit an urban forestry grant application(s) to the WI DNR for the 2025 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the grant application is approved, and the Common Council has appropriated the necessary funding, the Finance Director may draw up to \$50,000 from Account No. 101695-641150 (General Fund – Forestry – Contracted Services) and Account No. 101695-641150 (General Fund – Forestry – Trees/Forestry) to make the initial payments so that the Authorized Representative may seek reimbursement from WI DNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the grant application is awarded by WI DNR, the Authorized Representative is permitted to execute the grant agreement upon approval by the City Attorney and City Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if all or part of the City is damaged by a catastrophic storm event such that WI DNR awards grants for the costs of removing, saving, and replacing trees that were damaged during the event, the Authorized Representative may submit a grant application therefor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL

Presiding Officer

Attest

Ryan Sorenson, Mayor, City of
Sheboygan

Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk, City of
Sheboygan