

TO: City Council  
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator  
DATE: June 6, 2023  
SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for Community Forestry Assistance

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1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Community Forestry Assistant Grant Agreement Contract No. 93-105343 with the Department of Natural Resources providing grant funds for the completion of work supported by the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

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2) Background:

The City of Tumwater has been awarded a Community Forestry Assistance Grant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The scope of this project achieves six actions from the City Urban Forestry Management Plan. The scope of work includes:

- Updating the 2018 City Street Tree inventory to meet DNR inventory standards;
  - Completing an inventory of trees at City-owned parks, wells, stormwater facilities, and buildings;
  - Completing a sample-based inventory of trees on other City-owned properties;
  - Completing iTree analysis of trees on City-owned properties;
  - Launching a GIS StoryMap of the parks & buildings tree inventory inclusive of iTree analysis results; and
  - Producing a Community and Urban Forest Maintenance Report inclusive of a strategy for maintenance on a 4-year cycle, estimated costs of that maintenance, and prioritized tree-trimming and future planting areas to advance equity.
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3) Policy Support:

2023-2024 Strategic Priority: Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Implement the Urban Forestry Plan.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Request changes to the proposed grant agreement.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The grant award from DNR is \$40,000. City matching funds of \$20,000 will come from the "Urban Forestry Implementation" line item allocated in the 2023/2024 General Fund Budget for Urban Forestry Implementation.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Department of Natural Resources Community Forestry Assistance Grant Agreement Contract No. 93-105343