



Background Paper for Proposed Ordinance

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 13, 2022

TO: President Heather Graham and Members of City Council

CC: Nicholas A. Gradisar, Mayor

VIA: Marisa Stoller, City Clerk

FROM: Steven Meier, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,272.52 PURSUANT TO THE TEAMING UP FOR TREES GRANT, AND BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO PROJECT NO. PL1903

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance budgets and appropriates additional funds received from the Colorado State Forest Service pursuant to the "Teaming Up for Trees" grant into Project No. PL1903, which is used for reimbursement costs associated with the removal and replacement of trees within the City of Pueblo parks system.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

On May 13, 2019, City Council approved Ordinance 9455, which approved and accepted the Colorado State Forest Service's "Teaming Up for Trees" project grant in the amount of \$27,900.00., established Project No. PL1903, and budgeted and appropriated the funds into said project.

On April 12, 2021, City Council approved Ordinance 9905, which approved and accepted additional funds from the Colorado State Forest Service in the amount of \$5,371.07 pursuant to the "Teaming Up for Trees" project grant, and budgeted and appropriated the funds into Project No. PL1903.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) secured approximately \$200,000.00 for replacing dead and dying trees with new transplanted stock in Southeastern Colorado. Specifically, this funding was secured by CSFS to help replace trees that were severely damaged as a result of the spring snowstorm in April 2017.

The grant specified that the funding would not be solely for tree removal, but also for planting new trees. The grant funds were divided between three Southern Colorado State Forest Service districts and each district funded projects within their respective TREE CITY USA communities. Pueblo City Parks staff took advantage of this grant fund opportunity and have to date removed and replaced numerous trees within the City's 650 plus acres of maintained parks and streetscapes. This past spring, the City of Pueblo was recognized as a TREE CITY USA community for forty-one (41) consecutive years for its commitment and appreciation of trees in the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The additional grant award funds will be utilized to replace trees within the City of Pueblo's park system.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

None.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this Ordinance is not approved, the City will be required to return the additional funds to the Colorado State Forest Service, and the number of additional trees to be planted throughout the City of Pueblo's park system will be reduced accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Ordinance.

Attachments:

CSFS Grant Reimbursement Document

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE COLORADO STATE
FOREST SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,272.52
PURSUANT TO THE TEAMING UP FOR TREES GRANT,
AND BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS
TO PROJECT NO. PL1903

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2019, the City of Pueblo accepted a Colorado State Forest Service “Teaming Up for Trees” project grant award in the amount of \$27,900.00; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, the City of Pueblo accepted additional funds from the Colorado State Forest Service “Teaming Up for Trees” project grant in the amount of \$5,371.07; and

WHEREAS additional grant funds in the amount of \$7,272.52 have been made available; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

Funds in the amount of \$7,272.52 are hereby accepted from the Colorado State Forest Service. Said funds shall be budgeted and appropriated to Project No. PL 1903 – “Teaming Up for Trees” Grant.

SECTION 2.

Grant funds shall be used in accordance with the Project Award Notification approved on May 13, 2019, through Ordinance No. 9455.

SECTION 3.

Matching funds in the amount of \$7,272.52 from the operating budget of the City Parks and Recreation Department have been expended for the purposes authorized by the Project Award Notification.

SECTION 4.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with this Ordinance to implement the policy and procedures described therein.

SECTION 5.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City council on _____.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____.

President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

☐ Approved on _____.

☐ Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:

Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

☐ Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

☐ Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____, on _____

☐ Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk