



Legislation Text

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Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the PRCS Director, requesting permission for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department to apply for a grant from the United States Forest Service (Inflation Reduction Act) for up to \$2.1 million for supporting the PRCS Forestry division. Projects will include updating our tree inventory, removing and replacing ash trees, increasing tree planting on public property, providing trees to be planted on private property, removing hazardous trees in public forests, improving and increasing the capacity of our gravel bed and our ability to plant more trees. Grant Control #00507.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-10-2023: That the Finance & Personnel Committee grant permission for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department to apply for a grant from the United States Forest Service (Inflation Reduction Act) for up to \$2.1 million for supporting the PRCS Forestry division, including, but not limited to, hiring contractors for projects such as: updating our tree inventory, increasing tree planting, removing hazardous trees, and upgrading/expanding our gravel bed.

Fiscal Note: To be determined. Match-waivers will be available for proposals that deliver 100% of the funding/program benefits to disadvantaged communities. Specific details have not been released yet. It is likely there will be no match required. If match is required it will be funded via in-kind work. The forestry program's annual budget exceeds \$1,000,000 per year which would provide a significant in-kind match if necessary.