Resolution 2014-337

Resolution Authorizing the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to Fund The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Greening Teen Teamworks Program from June 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 for Up To$24,000

Whereas, The mission of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is to permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations;

Whereas, The MPRB is the steward of Minneapolis water bodies and is mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to engage the public in water quality education as a part of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water discharge permit to Minneapolis water bodies;

Whereas, The MPRB's Teen Teamworks program provides youth employment training and opportunities to low income and at-risk teens over the summer work season;

Whereas, The MPRB's Teen Teamworks program has been identified as a target audience for storm water education;

Whereas, The MWMO provides funding for innovative water quality education programming to municipalities within their geographical boundaries;

Whereas, The MWMO wishes to use those funds in an agreement with the MPRB to provide service-learning based water quality education to MPRB's Teen Teamworks program to educate the teen workers and bring ongoing watershed clean-up activities to the parks over the Teen Teamworks summer season;

Whereas, In 2010 the MWMO awarded a three year mini-grant to the MPRB to provide water quality education to the supervisors and participants of the Teen Teamworks summer work program;

Whereas, The Board of the MWMO has approved a new three-year professional services agreement funding the program through December of 2016;

Whereas, This agreement documents the responsibilities to be assumed by each party, establishes procedures to carry out these responsibilities, and facilitates communication and cooperation between the parties;

Whereas, This Agreement has been reviewed by MPRB legal counsel; and

Whereas, This action is supported by Vision Theme 1: Urban Forests, Natural Areas, and Waters that Endure and Captivate as articulated in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners authorize the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to enter into the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization's (MWMO) "Professional Services Agreement 301-14-10" to fund the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Greening Teen Teamworks program between from June 1, 2014 to December 31 2016 up to $24,000.00, and

RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Justin Long, Assistant Superintendent for Environmental Steward

DATE: November 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to Fund The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Greening Teen Teamworks Program from June 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 for Up To$24,000

Background

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a program created in 1990 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Water Act to protect water quality through the regulation of the discharge of pollutants to lakes, streams, wetlands and other surface waters. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is the local authority responsible for administering this program. Under this program, NPDES permits are issued to regulate different types of municipal, construction and industrial activities.

The MPCA issued the current Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit to the City of Minneapolis (City) and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) as co-permittees on January 21, 2011. The primary goal of the permit is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of waters of the state through management and treatment of urban stormwater runoff.

As a part of this permit a Stormwater Management Program was submitted to the MPCA in September 2011. The Program endeavors to protect people, property and the environment, to meet or surpass regulatory requirements, to maintain and enhance infrastructure, to provide cost-effective services, to educate and engage the public and stakeholders, and to enhance livability and safety. This resolution for action between MWMO and MPRB specifically addresses the part of the permit related to educating and engaging the public about storm water.

Teen Teamworks is a summer employment and educational program for low income and at-risk youth ages 14-18. Through Teen Teamworks, youth receive supervised on-the-job training performing basic grounds maintenance in MPRB parks (removing trash, raking sand lots, pulling weeds, spreading wood chips, edging paths and other routine or special maintenance tasks). Youth earn a bi-weekly paycheck, build work readiness competencies, and build 21st Century skills. The MPRB's Environmental Education and Teen Teamworks staff identified Teen Teamworks as an audience for storm water education.

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is one of about three dozen watershed organizations in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Portions of the city of Minneapolis fall into MWMO's boundaries. Part of the MWMO's mission statement is to foster stewardship of the watershed with actions that promote civic ownership and responsibility and through measures that achieve diverse and functional ecosystems. This includes assisting and cooperating with units of government within its boundaries in managing its water resources to achieve this vision. One way MWMO works to achieve its goals is through Stewardship mini-grants that support efforts by the public to assist the MWMO in protecting and improving water quality and resources.

In 2010 MWMO awarded a three year mini-grant to MPRB to provide service-learning based water quality education to the supervisors and participants of Teen Teamworks. Training topics included: watersheds, stormwater runoff, stormdrains, and best management practices provided through hands-on activities. Additionally, based on their learning, Teen Teamworks participants were to incorporate best management practices into their regular work plan and make efforts to extend their learning beyond their work crews. This grant ended with the conclusion of the 2013 Teen Teamworks season.

MWMO's Board has approved funding and an agreement for the MPRB to extend this program for an additional three summers. This agreement runs from June 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2016. Due to the ongoing nature of this program, MPRB staff began this work in June after approval by the MWMO Board. Due to MPRB staff workloads, this multi-year agreement is just coming to the MPRB Board for approval now.

This professional services agreement between the MWMO and the MPRB documents the responsibilities to be assumed by each party, establishes procedures to carry out these responsibilities, and facilitates communication and cooperation between the parties.

The agreement between MWMO and MPRB for this program has been reviewed by MPRB's legal counsel.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to enter into the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization's (MWMO) "Professional Services Agreement 301-14-10" to fund the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Greening Teen Teamworks Program between from June 1, 2014 to December 31 2016 for expenses and staff time not to exceed $24,000.00.

This action is consistent with the following 2007-2020 Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Comprehensive Plan Vision and Goal:

Vision Theme 1: Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate

Goal: Knowledgeable stewards and partners generously support the system's natural resources.

Goal: Residents and visitors enjoy and understand the natural environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agreement_MPRB Greening Teen Teamworks_301-14-10 docx (2) (PDF)

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