

Mayor's Office of Sustainability

Ord. No. 1015-2022

Legislative Summary

To request new legislation authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply and accept grant funds in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, to facilitate the implementation of residential tree planting by the Division of Urban Forestry/Department of Public Works.

Background/Purpose:

The City of Cleveland Mayor's Office of Sustainability has become a valuable component to the City's progress on Climate action, within both city operations and the community. The Office of Sustainability has continued to save the City money while reducing its environmental greenhouse gas footprint. One strong component of the City's Climate Action Plan updates from an environmental sustainability and climate justice perspective is the Urban Forestry Plan. This plan was developed to address maintaining the current tree canopy, while increasing the canopy to remedy the tree coverage loss over time and address equitable distribution of new trees. Now, with Mayor Justin Bibb leading as a Climate Mayor, we are seeking to continue expanding tree implementation plans in every ward of the City of Cleveland. Accepting grant funds from Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) "Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program" in accordance with the grant's one-to-one match requirements, will allow us to further the urban forestry plan's tree canopy goals, and to incorporate work we anticipate will be advanced by the revived Urban Forestry Commission.

Scope of Work/Commodities/Services:

The Department of Public Works in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Sustainability is seeking legislative authority for the following scope of work:

- Apply and accept grant funds through the ODNR's "Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program", in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Sustainability's cash match.
- Request authority to implement such projects through various city procurement options such as but not limited to professional services, requirements contract, purchasing contracts, and direct awards, while adhering to standard procurement requirements set in the City's Codified Ordinances;
- If the grant is awarded, Sustainability will collaborate with the Department of Public Works (Urban Forestry – Division of Parks Maintenance and Properties) to execute plans.
- The combined funds from the grant and the required cost match will be utilized for the following purposes:
 - Purchase trees for planting in the public right of way, such as residential tree lawns in the City of Cleveland.
 - Planting these trees by the Department of Public Works in 2023.
 - Maintenance of the trees for a year, through an existing Public Works maintenance contract.
 - Overall grant administration.

Justification/Urgency:

Request for Passage under suspension. The urgency of this request for legislation is due to the upcoming grant application deadline of October 14, 2022, as well as the most recent repeal of the Office of Sustainability's grants related authorizing legislation Ordinance#354-2021.

Anticipated Costs and funding source:

Anticipated Grant: Up to \$25,000. Requires 1-1 match from the City of Cleveland

Schedule or Term of Contract:

14 months (November 1, 2022- December 31, 2023) for grant application and implementation

Current Contract (s):

N/A

| Vendor Name | Vendor Address | Vendor Contact |
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| N/A | | |

Cleveland-Area Small Business Participation:

N/A

Previous contract:

| Vendor Name | Vendor Address | Vendor Contact |
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