



Department Source: City Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 4/5/2021

Re: Authorizing an agreement with Missouri River Relief for educational programming.

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a professional services agreement authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Missouri River Relief for a not to exceed amount of \$5,000.00 to provide programming related to Office of Sustainability education and outreach programming. Support of these two programs complies with the City's educational requirements under our EPA/DNR MS4 permit for the Stormwater Utility.

## Discussion

### **First Program:** Virtual Missouri River Days

The "Virtual Missouri River Days" program shall educate students on watersheds and other environmental topics impacting the Missouri River. This virtual program will include 2-3 virtual sessions per classroom that meet once a week for 30 minutes in the spring of 2021. This virtual program will be offered to the entire 4th-grade at Columbia Public – reaching over 1,000 students.

### **Second Program:** Missouri River All-Stars Traveling Trunk Program

The "Missouri River All-Stars Traveling Trunk Program" is a traveling trunk program that will allow students to learn about the river ecosystem, the impact that humans have on the river, and how various groups (i.e., scientists and farmers) perceive and experience related environmental issues.

Teachers will receive instructional videos that introduce them to each lesson and how to prepare the materials. At the end of this program, teachers will become a certified "Missouri River" classroom and receive a professional development certification and a sticker to display on their classroom door.

## Fiscal Impact

**Short-Term Impact:** \$5,000

**Long-Term Impact:** N/A



## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Social Equity

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environmental Management, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

## Legislative History

Date	Action
4/1/2019	Authorizing an agreement for professional services with Missouri River Relief for outreach and environmental educational programming.

## Suggested Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to execute and agreement with Missouri River Relief to provide programming for the City of Columbia's Office of Sustainability.