



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 4, 2019

Re: Authorize a Cooperative Agreement with Missouri Department of Conservation for a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant related to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), and appropriating grant funds for a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan; and appropriating grant funds.

Discussion

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle from Asia that was discovered in Cole and Calloway counties in 2018. The adult beetles feed on ash foliage, causing little damage; however, the larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients, eventually killing the tree. The City Arborist applied for and received a \$10,000 TRIM grant from MDC to assist with a public outreach campaign to mitigate the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer locally.

The City Arborist will provide administration and oversight for all activities related to the EAB Management Plan which includes:

- Advertising Campaign
- Treatment of Select Ash Trees
- Inventory Update
- Implementation and Update of the EAB Master Plan
- Update City Website

MDC has agreed that they will provide funds up to \$10,000.00 for this project. The City's match of \$4,880.00 will include in-kind costs for staff time and equipment.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$10,000 is being appropriated from State Grant Revenue Account to the Engineering Miscellaneous Contractual Services operating account.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
	None

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation, and appropriating grant funds, for a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant for the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan.