



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Climate, Conservation and Parks

Item: Department of Agriculture Sustainable Urban Forest Resilience Subaward

Date: May 3, 2022

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Department of Agriculture Sustainable Urban Forest Resilience Subaward (SUFR) agreement

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Department of Agriculture Sustainable Urban Forest Resilience Subaward (SUFR) agreement in the amount of \$46,000

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	May 11, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	May 16, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	Click or tap here to enter text.
Final Consideration	Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Sustainable Urban Forest Resilience Subaward is a federal grant program administered by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The grant includes three Montana communities; Missoula, Helena, and Kalispell. Missoula has received a \$46,000 subaward from the overall \$94,000 grant. This funding is to be used to fund a 2-year, 5.5 month, seasonal position that will help to develop outreach and educational materials for the three communities involved. This position will be housed in, and supervised by Missoula Urban Forestry Staff, but will have to meet intermittently with the other two communities to incorporate their needs into the outreach materials the position will be creating. The second major use of funding is the development and implementation of a city managed ball and burlap, tree nursery. Propagation of climate appropriate species, from local seed sources will allow both divisions of Ecosystem Services to ensure that we are planting high quality trees that will be adapted to our changing climate. The nursery will be located on 2+ acres of land at the poplar farm, adjacent to Garden City Compost.

Financial Implications:

The SUFR grant requires a 1 to 1 match that may be fulfilled through a variety of avenues. Grant match will be comprised of staff time in project execution, approximately \$15,000 dollars of

contracted irrigation improvements at the future ball and burlap nursery, and through the purchase of a tree spade implement to be used on existing city equipment. The funding source for the irrigation improvements will be Urban Forestry Professional Services budget. The ball and burlap nursery will provide planting stock to both Urban Forestry and Conservation Lands programs, and therefore the purchase of the tree spade implement will be split between UF and CL operating budgets in the amount of \$5250 per program, or \$10,500.

Links to external websites: