



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 241018

Submitted Department/Preparer: Water

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Authorizing the Director of Water Services Department to accept a \$363,000.00 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update the National Wetland Inventory for the City of Kansas City, Missouri; estimating and appropriating a total of \$363,000.00 in the Capital Grants Fund for this grant; authorizing the implementation of a grant award from the EPA; designating requisitioning authority; and authorizing the Director of the Water Services Department to act as the City's designated representative for participation in the EPA Wetland Program Development Grants in accordance with federal requirements administered by the EPA.

Discussion

The City of Kansas City, Missouri filed an application with the EPA Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) for an award provided by the EPA pursuant to Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1254(b)(3).

Under the terms of section 104(b)(3) of the CWA, the EPA has authorized funds to authorized applicants to develop or refine wetland programs by conducting or promoting the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of pollution.

The EPA has selected the City to be awarded a Wetland Program Development Grant in the amount of \$363,000.00 to finance a scientific survey and inventory local wetlands and riparian forests; provide relevant public education and outreach for improving the existing policies and better management of stormwater, especially for economically distressed, historically underserved and disproportionately burdened communities in Kansas City; and improve existing policies and practices pertaining to the wetlands and riparian forests, where applicable.

This proposed ordinance will authorize the Director of Water Services Department to accept funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to update the National

Wetland Inventory for the City of Kansas City, Missouri, estimate and appropriate revenue funds, and authorize the implementation the grant award from the EPA.

In addition, this proposed ordinance will authorize the Director of the Water Services Department to act as the City's designated authorized representative for participation by the City, through its Water Services Department, in the EPA WPDGs in accordance with federal requirements administered by the EPA.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No

2. What is the funding source?
25-3091-807760-B-611040-82000410 = \$363,000.00
Capital Improvements Grant

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
In-kind support as a cost share/match for 25%: Staff from different divisions within the Water Services Department will spend different lengths of time working on this project. Their contribution will be accounted as in-kind support.

Equipment & supplies: \$12,000 and \$26,000, respectively, a total of \$38,000 materials will become City's asset.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
Continuous in-kind support as staff from different divisions within the Water Services Department will work on this project.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
Obtain equipment and supplies for Water Services Department Field Investigation group for its drone Services; and obtain supplies for public outreach group.

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No

2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No

3. Account string has been verified/confirmed.

Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Infrastructure and Accessibility (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - Engage in thoughtful planning and redesign of existing road networks to ensure safety, access, and mobility of users of all ages and abilities.
 - Enhance the City's connectivity, resiliency, and equity through a better-connected multi-modal transportation system for all users.
 - Build on existing strengths while developing a comprehensive transportation plan for the future.
 - Develop environmentally sustainable infrastructure strategies that improve quality of life and foster economic growth.
 - Ensure adequate resources are provided for continued maintenance of existing infrastructure.
 - Focus on delivery of safe connections to schools.

Prior Legislation

N/A

Service Level Impacts

Key performance indicators: # of team meetings, # of field sites surveyed, # of field sites evaluated, # of plans created, # of reports generated, # of public events hosted, # of residents reached out to.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

There are two components of this project that will bring potential health impacts on residents. One component, the inventory of local wetlands and riparian corridors, will help to identify and locate the locally less-known but important natural resources, which are generally known to keep streams clean and ecosystem healthy. The other component is about education and outreach targeting employees and decision makers to ensure policies and practices protecting this natural resource, as well as targeting the public, specifically those economically challenged and disadvantaged communities to appreciate and enjoy this amenity for recreation and quality of life.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

We did not have time to get the general public including those disadvantaged communities involved in developing this ordinance. But based on our decades of working knowledge and experiences with the City, we do believe that the ordinance will help to bring the benefits of the grant to our local residents.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

Wetland and riparian forests are important natural resources and constituents of our local environment. Their abundance and quality are not only critical to the health of aquatic systems, such as rivers, streams and lakes, which provide recreational and amenity values, but also help to mitigate the urban heat island effect and improve air quality. This legislation will authorize the project to be executed to inventory these resources and guide the City's policies and practices to protect them to enhance local environmental responsibility and sustainability.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?

No (Press tab after selecting)

N/A

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:
N/A

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

N/A

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
No(Press tab after selecting)