

RESOLUTION NO. 055-23R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR A TREE PLANTING PROJECT AS PART OF THE MACARTHUR PARK ROADWAY AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is offering grant opportunities through the Division of Forestry with funds being supplied by the USDA Forest Service and are intended to substantially invest in the long-term growth and development of local urban and community forestry programs and specifically focuses on disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has been working with Strand Associates for the development of the preliminary scope and tree planting locations as part of the Churchwell Park Recreation Improvements and MacArthur Park Roadway and Utility Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, project proposes to plant approximately one hundred (100) trees at strategic locations throughout the South Side neighborhood and these locations would target properties that lack desirable and/or sufficient tree canopies as determined through the final design of the project; and

WHEREAS, projects funded through this grant opportunity will receive a full match waiver, with the requirement that 100% of the program benefits are delivered to disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the City will be applying for grant funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 and as a eligible project through this opportunity, will receive a full match waiver; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order submit the grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, by the deadline of December 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

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Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, for financial assistance through the Urban Forestry Grant Program for a tree planting project as part of the MacArthur Park Roadway and Utility Improvements Project and authorizes and directs the City Manager to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance and to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: December 11, 2023