

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Jamie Grabinski, Grants Coordinator
Alex Nordquest, Forestry Division Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Application Submission to MT Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) for Branch Out Bozeman: Volunteer Planting Sites and Voucher Program -Round Two.

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Application Submission to MT Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) for Branch Out Bozeman: Volunteer Planting Sites and Voucher Program -Round Two.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.6 Habitat: Work with partner organizations to identify at-risk, environmentally sensitive parcels contribute to water quality, wildlife corridors, and wildlife habitat.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman is eligible to apply to the MT Department of Natural Resources Inflation Reduction Act grant program. The City of Bozeman's strategic plan objective 6.6 Habitat to work with partner organizations to identify at-risk, environmentally sensitive parcels contribute to water quality, wildlife corridors, and wildlife habitat aligns well with the goals of this federal funding opportunity. Through the Branch Out Bozeman program, the Forestry Division will partner with the Gallatin Watershed Council and private landowners via vouchers to plant more trees, contribute to the urban forest, and reduce the urban heat island effect. This opportunity requests a second round of funding for the voucher program that is underway.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Contact Kaitlin and Jamie prior to finalizing any agenda items related to grants.

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