

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to MT Department of Natural Resources for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant for the City of Bozeman's Urban Forest Management Plan

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to MT Department of Natural Resources for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant for the City of Bozeman's Urban Forest Management Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman is eligible to apply to the MT Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program Development grant program. The City of Bozeman's strategic plan objective 6.5 to support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails, and open spaces aligns well with the goals of this state funding opportunity. In 2016, the City of Bozeman Parks and Recreation Department completed its first ever Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). This comprehensive planning document was the first concerted effort for Bozeman's urban forest long-term planning which included creating and hiring a city forester, completing a City-wide tree inventory, and preparing for the Emerald Ash Borer. Now nearly ten years later and having accomplished many of the goals of the first plan, this funding opportunity will supplement the Forestry Division's 2026-2029 capital improvement plan item to update Urban Forest Management Plan.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

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

Attachments:

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