



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an intergovernmental working agreement with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) to provide support and coordination for the following programs and projects: Lawncare Practices Outreach and Involvement Program; Community Backyards; Stormwater and Conservation Education in schools within the City of Columbus; Franklin County Stream Resource GeoDatabase; Develop Urban Watershed Delineations. In the past these programs and projects were managed under separate agreements but for the benefit of the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities in managing Stormwater and improving source water quality they are being combined under one agreement going forward.

These programs help meet requirements of the City's MS4 permit to provide education and opportunities for public participation in protecting the quality of water in our streams and rivers. FSWCD has long been recognized as a leader in natural resource conservation and residents respond well to the programs' messages. Participation has grown each year since the inception of the rain barrel cost share program in 2010. That program has expanded into the Community Backyards Program and the Lawncare Practices program was added in 2015 to further meet the requirements of our permit. Teachers in Columbus City Schools depend on and trust FSWCD staff to deliver stormwater education to bring to life what their students are learning in the classroom about protection of natural resources.

This term of this contract will be from date of execution by the City of Columbus through and including December 31, 2017.

SUPPLIER: Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (31-0847446), Non-Profit Organization

FISCAL IMPACT: \$277,700.00 is needed for this agreement and is budgeted and available as follows: \$103,700.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund, \$110,000.00 from the Sewer Operating Fund, and \$44,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund, and \$20,000 from the General Government Grants Fund, all within the Department of Public Utilities. **This ordinance is contingent on the passage of the 2017 Operating Budget, Ordinance #2863-2016 for the Operating Budget Funds and on the passage of Ordinance #0216-2017 for the General Government Grant Funds.**

\$292,800.00 was spent in 2016

\$289,175.00 was spent in 2015

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a grant agreement with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District for the Combined Stormwater Education Programs, and to authorize the expenditure of \$103,700.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund, \$110,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, \$44,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund and \$20,000.00 from the General Government Grants Fund. (\$277,700.00)

WHEREAS, the various sections of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, the Division of Water, and the Mayor's Office have jointly entered into intergovernmental working agreements with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) to provide support and coordination for the following programs and projects: Lawncare Practices Outreach and Involvement Program; Community Backyards; Stormwater and Conservation Education in schools within the City of Columbus; Franklin County Stream Resource GeoDatabase; Develop Urban Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the administration and management of the Public Utilities' contribution to the General Government Grant Fund is being transferred from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Public Utilities within Ordinance No. 0216-2017; and

WHEREAS, in the past, these programs and projects were managed under separate agreements, but for the benefit of the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities in managing Stormwater and improving source water quality, they are being combined under one agreement going forward; and

WHEREAS, these programs help meet requirements of the City's MS4 permit to provide education and opportunities for public participation in protecting the quality of water in our streams and rivers; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract will be from the date of execution by the City of Columbus through and including December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Division of Water, and the Director's Office to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an intergovernmental grant agreement for the Combined Stormwater Education Programs with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, 1404 Goodale Boulevard, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43212, to provide for the Combined Stormwater Education Programs for the various sections of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, the Division of Water, and the Director's Office. The term of this agreement will be from the date of execution by the City of Columbus through and including December 31, 2017.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$277,700.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6200 Storm Sewer Operating Fund in the amount of \$103,700.00, Fund 6100 Sewer Operating Fund in the amount of \$110,000.00, Fund 6000 Water Operating Fund in the amount of \$44,000.00, and Fund 2220 General Government Grants Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.