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CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item E
8/27/2007

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for a Community Forestry Grant, for a maximum grant award of \$20,000 (City's grant share is \$30,000 to be funded from the tree fund).

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: [Signature]

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has announced that grants are available for Community Forestry Programs to assist communities in managing their urban forests.

This year, approximately \$100,000 will be awarded statewide for approved projects. Funding will be focused on management and planning projects such as community tree inventories and management plans. The City of Novi is eligible to apply for funds of up to \$20,000 for this management project and requires an equal match on the part of the City. The total project cost is approximately \$50,000 (\$20,000 MDNR grant/\$30,000 city share cost funded from the Tree Fund) and it will include an inventory of park and major road trees by certified arborists using GPS (Global Positioning System) technology.

In 2006, Davey Resource Group (DRG) was hired to perform a street tree inventory for the City of Novi which was partially funded through a \$20,000 grant from the MDNR. The purpose of the project was to develop a comprehensive urban forest management program which included an inventory and management plan. One of the recommendations made by DRG in the management plan was to inventory parks and major roads beginning this year. We estimate that there are approximately 15,000 trees in these areas that need to be inventoried and since this grant is available, we recommend pursuing it to complete the project.

The deadline for submitting the application is August 31, 2007. Grants will be awarded to the highest rated proposals, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources. Following the rating, we will be notified of our status within a few months after the application deadline. If awarded, bids for this project will be obtained through the City's bid process and the project will be performed next spring. The deadline for completing the project is September 1, 2008.

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department will be preparing the application for submission to the Department of Natural Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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2007-08 COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are now available for the Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Community Forestry Grant (CFG) program. These grants are funded through the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Program.

Through this program, local units of government (cities, villages, townships and counties), non-profit organizations, tribes and educational institutions are eligible to apply for funding to enhance urban and community forest resources. This year, approximately \$100,000 will be awarded Statewide for projects that can help communities enhance the benefits of trees, incorporate new technology, promote volunteerism, conserve and/or expand community tree cover and stimulate community pride and support for this valuable resource.

Funding this year will again be focused on Management and Planning activities, including: community tree inventories, community tree ordinance development/revision, and developing assessment-based management plans for the community forest resource. Proposals will also be accepted for education/training activities, and tree planting.

Visit www.mi.gov/dnrucf to download the 2007-08 application and materials. To receive an application packet by mail, please contact:

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Forest, Mineral & Fire Management (FMFM)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 30452
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The deadline for receipt of grant applications is **August 30, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.**, at the DNR, FMFM Office in Lansing, Michigan. Overnight/next day packages should be sent to:

Kevin Sayers, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator
Forest Mineral & Fire Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Mason Building, 5th Floor
530 W. Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Faxes, E-mails and late applications will not be accepted.

We look forward to your participation in this opportunity to enhance Michigan's urban forests!

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Memo

To: Randy Auler, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
From: Steve Printz, City Forester
Date: 08/13/2007
Re: Community Forestry Grant

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Since grants applications are due no later than August 31, 2007, we will be requesting authorization to pursue this grant opportunity at the August 27, 2007 City Council meeting. Staff will prepare and submit the grant.