



City of Greensboro

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300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-173

Agenda Item# G.8.

Agenda Date: 3/5/2024. **Department:** Executive/City Manager
Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

Title: 2024 – 173 Ordinance Amending State, Federal, and Other Grants Fund Budget in the Amount of \$825,000 for the Appropriation of USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant Program

Council Priority: Place an ‘x’ in the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safest City | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Skilled Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easiest Place to Do Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Connected City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Capital | <input type="checkbox"/> Hub of Recreation and Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Sustainability and Resilience</u> |

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

The City of Greensboro Office of Sustainability and Resilience has received a grant from the USDA: Forest Service in the amount of \$825,000. The project is titled, ‘Keeping the Green in Greensboro – A Tree Canopy Assessment and Equity Prioritization’ and will address issues encircling climate change by conducting a tree canopy audit, working within and with disadvantaged communities of Greensboro to expand urban tree canopy, and engaging residents in urban forestry planning and management, educational campaigns, and workforce development opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

In concert with City of Greensboro’s GSO2040 Comprehensive Plan goals to prioritize sustainability and make continuous improvements toward environmental stewardship and social equity, this project seeks to make Greensboro a more climate change resistant community, to help reduce the urban heat island effect and air pollution, and to provide aid to disadvantaged neighborhoods identified by the EPA’s Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST).

Based on the most recent Guilford County Tree Canopy Study (2009), Greensboro has 37.8% tree cover. The City’s 20-Year Strategic Energy Plan calls for developing a strategy to maintain

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the tree canopy, conducting regular tree canopy audits, and planting native trees in vulnerable communities with limited or no tree canopy.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No match is required from the City to secure this grant.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

220-02-0298806.7100

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council formally adopts the attached budget ordinance establishing funding in the amount of \$825,000 which will enable commencement of the Project.