



City Council

Approval of Resolution to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Employment Security Department, Washington Service Corps (WSC) for AmeriCorps Member Services

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Employment Security Department for AmeriCorps member services

Report

Issue:

Whether to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding allowing the City to sponsor two AmeriCorps Service Members to support the Storm and Surface Water Utility's programs.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allows the City to sponsor two AmeriCorps members. One position will support the City's habitat and stewardship strategy. The habitat and stewardship strategy protects and restores important habitat city wide. The other position will support

neighborhood stormwater facility maintenance education and outreach. The AmeriCorps members will provide support to individual, neighborhood, and volunteer stewardship efforts on public and private properties.

City staff will screen, interview, hire and supervise the AmeriCorps Members. The City receives the full-time services of two AmeriCorps Members for 10.5 months at a cost of \$15,200.

The AmeriCorp members will start September 2017 and end July 2018.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The habitat and stewardship strategy supports community and neighborhood environmental protection. Neighborhoods express strong interest in the program.

The stormwater facilities maintenance education and outreach program provides technical guidance to neighborhoods and homeowner associations (HOAs) to achieve effective stormwater management for flood and pollution prevention. This program supports neighborhood compliance with City stormwater maintenance agreements.

The City's Utility Advisory Committee continues to support the overall work effort.

Options:

1. Move to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Employment Security Department for AmeriCorps member services. This will result in a contractual commitment of \$15,200 with Washington State Employment Security Department, Washington Service Corps. Allows the City to obtain two AmeriCorp members at a reasonable price to further the program goals of the Storm and Surface Water Utility.
2. Do not approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for AmeriCorps services. City staff will explore other opportunities to support the habitat and stewardship strategy and stormwater pollution prevention programs.

Financial Impact:

Funds have been allocated through the Storm and Surface Water Utility's Environmental Service's annual operating budget. The funding of other operations will not be affected by the proposed MOU.

Attachments:

Resolution

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)