

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD GRANT AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND:

The City's Public Works Department, in partnership with Iowa State University Landscape Architecture scientists, was awarded a grant from the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) for improvements to College Creek. On January 8, 2008, City Council approved the WIRB grant agreement.

The grant, titled "Establishing and Monitoring Stream Stabilization Practices for Water Quality Enhancement," is in the amount of \$304,335 over a three-year term from FY 2008/09 through 2010/11. The main area of focus along College Creek is from the west limits of Daley Park to South Dakota Avenue. The water quality enhancement goal of this project is to reduce sediment delivery specifically from unstable stream banks and degrading stream channels on College Creek. This project will also redirect urban storm water runoff into engineered systems, intercepting it from storm drains entering College Creek. This program builds on storm water runoff demonstration projects already funded in the College Creek sub-watershed by EPA Region 7 and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Public outreach is built into each phase of this program, including holding neighborhood learning circles to educate residents and receive feedback to consider in design.

The WIRB meets semi-annually (mid-January and mid-July) to approve funding requests. These funding requests include partial allocation for expenses anticipated during the next six-month period. Reports and financial ledger updates are required to be submitted to WIRB semi-annually with a more detailed annual report due January 15 for the calendar year just completed.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request for partial allocation of funds from WIRB in the amount of \$122,226.
2. Reject the WIRB Grant partial allocation request.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the request for partial allocation of funds from WIRB in the amount of \$122,226.