



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
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**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A TREE GRANT PROGRAM AWARD FROM THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT, FOR FIFTEEN TREES TO BE PLACED ON THE RESOURCE CONNECTION CAMPUS**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the acceptance of a Tree Grant Program Award from the City of Fort Worth, Forestry Department, for fifteen trees to be placed at the Resource Connection campus.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Fort Worth has promoted sound urban forestry practices since 1873 when the city charter declared it illegal to hitch a horse to a tree. The city hired its first arborist in the 1920s. Fort Worth is the oldest and longest-running Tree City USA in Texas, a designation the city first received in 1978.

The Forestry Department has two (2) grant programs to encourage the planting of trees in neighborhoods and is offering two (2) kinds of trees available in 3-inch diameter balled and burlapped trees and 10-15 gallon container-grown trees from the city's tree farm where they are grown from locally-collected seeds. The tree species are either native or well-adapted to the area and include several variations.

On July 16, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #143456, approved the submittal of a Tree Grant Program application to the City of Fort Worth, Forestry Department, for the request of fifteen (15) trees to be placed at the Resource Connection campus.

The minimum requirements include: completing a Tree Grant Application and site plan by September 15th of 2024 for each tree planting season; locating utility lines prior to receiving trees; planting trees within 24 hours of delivery; watering trees for a two-year period after planting; and meeting with a forester on-site during tree planting to ensure the trees are being planted correctly.

With approval, the Resource Connection campus will be awarded fifteen (15) trees to be placed at the campus. The City of Fort Worth will harvest, deliver, and install the trees when they are ready at the beginning of 2025. With the help of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office, we've identified ideal locations within campus proper. The area includes an irrigation system to meet requirements and will require hand watering for some locations.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed this grant award.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The approximate value of the delivery and installation of fifteen (15) trees is \$9,000.00, which will be included in the grant award.

There is no fiscal impact to the Tarrant County General Fund.

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Good Afternoon,

Congratulations Resource Connection has been awarded the full amount of 15 trees through the tree grant program. We will be providing you with our ball and burlap trees, which we probably won't start harvesting until January. I have down that we will be delivering the trees to your location. Come January I can reach back out to let you know when we will start to harvest so that you know roughly when you can expect these trees for delivery if that will work for you. I will be out on maternity leave starting next week until the first of the year so I have copied my crew leader, Raul Chavez on this email. If you have any questions or want to check in on harvest times you can reach out to him.

Hannah

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