



Legislation Text

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Discussion and action on approval of submittal of an application for an Urban & Community Forestry Program Grant

SUMMARY: The Crossville Tree Board is requesting approval to apply for the 2018 Urban & Community Forestry Grant to fund the part-time Urban Forester position (less than 30 hours per week) for the third year. The third year of funding would be reduced to 60% of \$32,000; therefore, offering \$19,200 in grant funds. The City will be responsible for the remaining 40% (\$12,800) plus \$11,000 (routine tree board operating expenses and horticulture supplies) for a total actual cash match of \$23,800.

The 2016 grant was awarded for \$32,000 with the City's actual cash match of \$11,000 plus salary and in kind matches, and the 2017 grant was awarded for the same amount, with the City's actual cash match being \$17,400.

Some accomplishments of the City of Crossville's Urban Forester, Seth Harrison, in the past year:

- Tree pruning and chainsaw safety workshop for Public Works employees
- Multiple tree pruning workshops with general public to increase knowledge of care at home
- Implemented Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) grant to increase canopy cover and biodiversity for the City
- Removed dying trees from Main Street and replaced with new trees
- Organized City's Arbor Day Events in conjunction with Cumberland County Master Gardeners
- Presented at Fall Festival for Master Gardeners, for Obed River Watershed Group, Christian Academy of the Cumberlands, and Fairfield Glade Garden Club
- Attended international, national, and state level conferences around the country to increase knowledge and networking in the field of urban forestry
- Designed and plants new riparian species to replace previously topped and damaged trees along an ephemeral stream
- Created and mailed pamphlets on tree topping and how and why to avoid to more than 12,000 recipients
- Redesigned Tree Board website to include more information for at-home care and useful resources
- Created tree planting list for general public regarding trees from small to large sizes and how to determine proper trees for desired locations
- Began aiding in landscaping for Garrison Park renovation

BUDGET ACCOUNT:

NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION: Approve application for Urban & Community Forestry Grant

