



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Leonard Vialpando

Department: Environmental Protection

Division: Environmental Engineering & Permitting

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO APPROVE expenditure of up to \$25,000 from the Tree Preservation Trust Fund for the annual Water Matters Day Tree Giveaway.

Why Action is Necessary

In accordance with the Broward County Administrative Code, Board approval is necessary for any expenditure from the Tree Preservation Trust Fund over \$15,000.

What Action Accomplishes

Approves the recommendation of the Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee to fund the Water Matters Day Tree Giveaway.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS MOTION.

This action supports the Board's value encouraging investments in renewable energy, sustainable practices and environmental protection: Goal 1: Seek funding for, implement policies and pursue projects promoting, the use of alternative energies and sustainable practices. Funding a tree giveaway achieves the goal of sustainable practices by increasing the County's tree canopy.

The Naturescape Broward Program has submitted a request for funding from the Tree Preservation Trust Fund (Fund) in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of trees for the annual Water Matters Day Tree Giveaway to be held on March 13, 2021. The funding will be used for the purchase of approximately 2,500 trees to be given away to the public at the event. The fund has been previously used to fund the following Water Matters Day Tree Giveaways: 2005 (\$25,575), 2006 (\$4,126), 2007 (\$28,374), 2010 (\$14,445), 2011 (\$16,415), 2012 (\$22,650), 2014 (\$18,900), 2015 (\$21,442), 2016 (\$23,050), 2017 (\$23,775), 2018 (\$17,860), 2019 (\$9,998), and 2020 (\$13,948). The Countywide

portion of the fund (funds allocated for Countywide use) contains approximately \$324,817 in unobligated funds. (Exhibit 1).

The Tree Preservation Trust Fund Committee has reviewed and approved this request.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

This action will result in the expenditure of up to \$25,000 from the Tree Preservation Trust Fund.