



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve Amendment Number 1 to Contract with The Ecology Center, Inc. for In-School Recycling Education (\$97,598.00 for year four; \$100,526.00 for year five)

Attached for your review and consideration is a resolution to approve an amendment to the City's contract with the Ecology Center, Inc. for In-School Recycling Educational Services. The amendment will extend the contract for an additional, fourth year, with an option for one more one-year renewal.

Ecology Center, Inc. satisfactorily performed the existing contract and provided the professional services it required and is best qualified and competent to continue on through these short extensions, the terms of which are fair and reasonable, and which are deemed practical and reasonable for the City to enter.

Education is a key component in creating and sustaining community environmental awareness and conservation efforts. The City has provided youth outreach presentations since 1982.

The Solid Waste Resources Management Plan (SWRMP) will be examining the City's education and outreach methods for the various aspects of the City's solid waste programs, and providing recommendations on these efforts as part of that project's deliverables. While this examination is taking place during the 12-15 month duration of the SWRMP, it is desired to continue to utilize the contracted services by the Ecology Center for the current education services without interruption. The option for a second one-year option is included in the amendment in the event that the SWRMP recommendations for outreach and education have a lengthy lead time to implement. The contract already includes a minimum 30-day notice to end the contract, which could be utilized if the SWRMP recommendations are implemented prior to the end of the new contract term.

The current contract with the Ecology Center, Inc. includes the delivery of up to 239 solid waste related workshops per year in Ann Arbor classrooms, including topics on recycling and composting. Ann Arbor-based teachers are able to select from eight environmental program options, which are geared to different subject areas and age-levels. It also includes up to thirty-five (35) custodial/staff presentations annually to Ann Arbor Public Schools, on recycling, and zero waste methods; one presentation per school, per academic year. These classroom presentations in the Ann Arbor public and private schools enhance state curriculum requirements and support teacher/custodial staff efforts with specific environmental education programs related to City of Ann Arbor environmental management priorities.

In addition, the contracted services include 11 stormwater workshops in Dexter Community Schools' 2nd grade classrooms, which is included in the City's Surface Water Intake Protection Plan (SWIPP). As Dexter is the next community upstream of Barton Pond, the City's primary water source for our water treatment and distribution systems, this curriculum focuses on the importance of preventing stormwater pollution, which helps to protect the City's source water. Thus this portion of the contract is funded by the City's Water Fund.

Budget/Fiscal Impact

The funding for this contract is included in the FY19 Solid Waste Fund (95%) and the Water Fund (5%), both within the Public Services Area approved FY19 budgets, and the same funds and percentages for FY20 if approved during the next budget process.

Sustainability Framework

The work completed under this contract furthers the Engaged Community, Safe Community, Clean Air and Water, Healthy Ecosystems, and Responsible Resource Use goals of the City's Sustainability Framework.

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Approved by: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator

Whereas, The City began offering recycling education in 1982;

Whereas, The City's Solid Waste Resources Management Plan (SWRMP) will be examining the City's education and outreach methods for the various aspects of the City's solid waste programs, and providing recommendations on these efforts as part of that project's deliverables;

Whereas, This examination is part of the twelve to fifteen month duration of the SWRMP and it is desired to continue to utilize the currently contracted education services by the Ecology Center for the current In-School Recycling Education without interruption during this examination;

Whereas, The existing In-School Recycling Education also includes contracted services for stormwater workshops in Dexter Community Schools' 2nd grade classrooms focusing on the importance of preventing stormwater pollution, as Dexter is the next community upstream of Barton Pond, the City's primary water source for our water treatment and distribution systems, helping to protect the City's source water;

Whereas, These services will be provided for an additional period of one (1) year, with the City reserving an option to extend the agreement term for one additional one-year period;

Whereas, Ecology Center, Inc. satisfactorily performed its existing contract with the City and provided the professional services it required and is best qualified and competent to continue on through these short extensions, the terms of which are fair and reasonable, and which are deemed practical and reasonable for the City to enter; and

Whereas, City Council wishes to grant the City Administrator authority to extend the agreement for an additional one-year period;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve Amendment Number 1 to the contract with The Ecology Center, Inc. for In-School Recycling Education Services extending the contract term for one year in the amount of \$97,598.00 funded by the FY19 Solid Waste Fund (\$92,718.00) and the FY19 Water Fund (\$4,880.00), and including a provision that the agreement may be extended for an additional one-year period, subject to the availability of funding;

RESOLVED, That funding for the agreement in the FY19 and subsequent budgets be made available without regard to fiscal year;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said agreement

after approval as to form by the City Attorney and approval as to substance by the City Administrator;

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the City Administrator to approve an additional one-year extension of the Agreement; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.