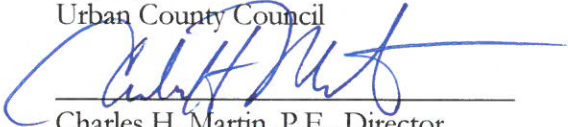




TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Recommendation for a FY17 (Class B Education) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Bluegrass Greensource, Inc.

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of a FY17 (Class B Education) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Bluegrass Greensource, Inc., in the amount of \$27,135.23.

Purpose of Request

Grant provides for funds to educate the public about the benefit of trees to improve water quality. This project involves the development of a tree planting guide to facilitate community, neighborhood-wide, or individual tree planting efforts in Lexington. In addition to developing the "Lexington Community Tree Planting Guide," Bluegrass Greensource will target eight neighborhoods to host workshops. The organization will also target one pilot neighborhood to plan and hold a community-wide tree planting event in the spring. The pilot neighborhood will serve as a model for other neighborhoods to plan and implement tree planting efforts in Lexington as a way to improve water quality and reduce the volume of stormwater runoff entering the storm sewer system.

Project Cost in FY17 and in Future Budget Years

The grant has been approved by the Water Quality Fees Board in the amount of \$27,135.23 and will be fully spent by FY18.

Are Funds Budgeted

Funds are budgeted in: 4052 – 303204 – 3373 – 78112 – WQINCENTIVE_17 – WQ_GRANT

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