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Committee: Parks, Recreation and Forestry	Date: 9/14/2020
Common Council Item Number: Click here to enter text.	Common Council Meeting Date: 10/6/2020
Submitted By: Ron Grall, WPRF Director	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Recommend approval of resolution to authorize Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry to apply for WI DNR urban forestry grant programs	

Details:
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offers urban forestry grants. The grants are competitive cost-share grants up to \$25,000 and require a 50-50 match. If granted, approved funds are reimbursed upon completion. At this time, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry wishes to complete an application for 2021 funding for Ash tree removal and replacement due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The application requires a resolution allowing the Director to apply.

Options & Alternatives:
If the resolution is not approved, the application cannot be submitted to the DNR.

Financial Remarks: Expenses will primarily be paid from 5610-51210 (Forestry wages-permanent) and 5610-53431 (non-assessment tree expense). Grant reimbursements would be deposited to 5610-42451 (State Aid-DNR-Forestry). Note: Removal and replacement of Ash trees affected by EAB is currently included in the Forestry operations budget.

Executive Recommendation: Enter Text.

