



MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Chris Brown, Public Works Director
FROM: Alan Pugh, Staff Engineer
DATE:
SUBJECT: **Approval of an agreement in the amount of \$41,812 with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission for a Stormwater Education Program to be provided by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension service to satisfy portions of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit requirements**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving an agreement in the amount of \$41,812 with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission for a Stormwater Education Program to be provided by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension service to satisfy portions of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Fayetteville has participated in the educational program provided by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension since its inception. This program has been very successful and a valuable asset to the public as well as the city.

DISCUSSION:

Since 2003, the cities of Bentonville, Bethel Heights, Elkins, Elm Springs, Farmington, Fayetteville, Greenland, Johnson, Little Flock, Lowell, Springdale and Rogers along with Benton and Washington Counties and the University of Arkansas have been operating under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) federally mandated Phase II Stormwater regulations as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). While the participating jurisdictions obtain separate National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, they jointly contract with Cooperative Extension Service (CES) through the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) as a successful and cost-effective means of implementing the following minimum control measures required in their Phase II permits as well as ensure uniformity in the message presented to residents of Northwest Arkansas:

- 1) Public Education and Outreach
- 2) Public Involvement and Participation
- 6) Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping (training for municipal employees)

Positive feedback from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and participating MS4s has led to the CES and the NWARPC continuing their partnership as the urban stormwater education program support arm of the MS4s' new 2020-2024 stormwater management permits. This agreement is for participation in a 1-Year Regional Stormwater Education and Coordination Program.

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The City Council has previously approved Ordinance 6282 waiving competitive bidding for stormwater education through 2024 allowing this agreement to be approved through a resolution. Please note that due to the fact the cost will fluctuate, City Council will still have the opportunity to review and approve the new agreement and fee each year by resolution. The agreement will not automatically renew.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

Funding for the program is available in the Stormwater Quality Management and Nutrient Reduction Plan Budget. These funds are proposed to be utilized to satisfy the terms of the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF-MS4 Education Agreement, MOU 2023 Fayetteville, Cost_Allocation_2023, SWMP - Stormwater Education 2020-2024, Ord 6282 Stormwater Education

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