



# City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 2023-1546

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**Approval of an agreement in the amount of \$44,559.78 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**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,559.78 FOR A STORMWATER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2024 TO SATISFY PORTIONS OF THE NPDES PHASE II STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2020, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 6282 waiving the requirements of formal competitive bidding for a regional stormwater education program provided by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission through 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, between the City of Fayetteville and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$44,559.78 for a Stormwater Education Program to be provided in 2024 by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service to satisfy portions of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Regulations.



**MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2024**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council

**THRU:** Chris Brown, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Alan Pugh, Staff Engineer

**DATE:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving an agreement in the amount of \$44,559.78 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

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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.

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.

The cost increase for 2024 is attributable to the increase in the population of the urbanized area based on the 2020 census.

**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 (#3), MoU 2024 FAYETTEVILLE (#4), 2024 NWA Regional Stormwater Education Budget (#5), Ord 6282 Stormwater Education (#6), 2022 Annual Report (#7)

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