

RESOLUTION NO. 31646

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT AN INFLATION REDUCTION ACT – URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – FOREST SERVICE (FS) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, FOR A FIVE-YEAR GRANT PERIOD, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000.00).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That it is hereby authorizing the Administrator for the Department of Public Works to apply for, and if awarded, accept an Inflation Reduction Act – Urban and Community Forestry grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (FS) Urban and Community Forestry Program, for a five-year grant period, for an amount not to exceed \$15 million.

This grant will support tree planting, job training, removal of invasive species, watershed protection, urban forestry monitoring, and equitable expansion of tree canopy. The focus of the grant proposal and subsequent work, if funds are awarded, will be within specific census block groups within the City designated by the federal government as “disadvantaged” areas based on socioeconomic criteria. Per grant guidelines, no matching funds are required if all proposed work takes place within these zones.

ADOPTED: June 6, 2023

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