



Agenda Item: Agreement

Title: Consideration of the Grant Agreement between the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the City of Laramie, Wyoming for the award of an Emergency Insect Management Program Grant for the 2021 Mosquito Control Program.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that Council approve the Grant Agreement between the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the City of Laramie, Wyoming for the award of an Emergency Insect Management Program Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the 2021 Mosquito Control Program and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Departmental Goals: Community Safety, Implementation of West Nile Virus Prevention Plan, Additional Fiscal Stability of the Mosquito Control Program.

Background:

Annually, the Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture provides for Emergency Insect Management Grants to mitigate the effects of West Nile Virus in Wyoming. This grant requires a 50/50 match from the City. The Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture allows use of the approved budget for Mosquito control operations as the match for this grant. Funding is restricted to items that are directly tied to the control of vector mosquitoes for the prevention of disease.

The City of Laramie submitted a grant application to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture Emergency Insect Management Program for \$68,412 to be used as follows:

Personnel – Grant funding will be used to meet the staffing needs to conduct surveillance of larval and adult mosquitoes, provide in house RAMP testing of adult mosquitoes, collect GIS data to support WYPDES permitting, and provide larval control throughout the season (\$32,112). **Supplies**- Grant funding will be used to purchase needed supplies to conduct the field and laboratory surveillance for WNV. Consumable supplies include: Compressed CO2 to bait CDC miniature traps; Reagents and test cartridges for the RAMP analyzer to monitor mosquito and corvid samples for early detection of WNV infections (\$4,200). **Aerial application**- Grant funding will be used to provide contract aerial application services for larval control of vector mosquitoes (\$15,000). **Materials (Pesticides)** - Grant funding will be used to purchase Zenivex E4 insecticide for residential fogging (\$17,100).

Due to funding reductions brought on by declining state revenue and additional requests from grasshopper grants in the State of Wyoming the request of \$68,412 was reduced to an award of \$30,000.00. If awarded funds will be available after June 1, 2021. The City of Laramie Mosquito Control Program is fully funded through the incorporation of fees as allowed by the Laramie Municipal Code - Chapter 13.52 - MOSQUITO CONTROL.

Staff recommends approval of this grant agreement.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Laramie Municipal Code - Chapter 13.52 - MOSQUITO CONTROL

Budget/Fiscal Information:**REVENUE**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service	\$560,980.00	Mosquito control fee \$4.89 per month
Grants for Projects	\$30,000.00	EIMG Grant Award
Loans on Project		
Other	\$45,000.00	MOU with County Weed & Pest & Commissioners
Total	\$635,980.00	

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Attachments:

2021 Wyoming Emergency Insect Management Grant Award

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