

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$12,000,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S FOREST SERVICE THROUGH THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TREES AND GREEN SPACES IN COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS JENNIFER CHAPPELL
AND JECOREY ARTHUR**

WHEREAS, the Equitable Forest Initiative is a multi-faceted approach to growing an equitable urban canopy and encouraging holistic sustainability practices for underserved communities in Louisville;

WHEREAS, this grant funding will allow the city to develop a public tree inventory and management plan, tree planting and maintenance in underserved neighborhoods, community outreach to foster environmental stewardship and the creation of a green industry workforce development plan; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Government wishes to take advantage of this opportunity through the Department of Parks & Recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept \$12,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service through the Urban and Community Forestry Program to expand access to trees and green spaces in communities and neighborhoods to be administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Markus Winkler
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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