



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with and make payment to the Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for the expansion of its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Account 101-15000-612490 (*As Revised*)

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to enter into an IGA with, and make payment to the CCSO to continue supporting its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program (Program), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Up to \$76,406.62 of that amount will be for personnel and administrative costs associated with operating the Program, and up to \$23,593.38 will be for reimbursement of the purchase and installation of new drug collection receptacles.

The District had entered into a previous IGA with the CCSO that was authorized by the Board of Commissioners (Board) on June 16, 2016. The previous IGA commenced on June 29, 2016 and expired on June 29, 2017. Over the term of the IGA, the CCSO deployed 40 new collection receptacles and collected and destroyed 2,117.5 pounds of pharmaceutical drugs. The annual report submitted by the CCSO is attached hereto.

Since the expiration of the previous IGA, the District and the CCSO have been negotiating an updated IGA to continue the District's support of the Program in light of the Cook County Safe Disposal of Pharmaceuticals Ordinance (CCSDP Ordinance), which became effective in October of 2016. The District and the CCSO have agreed in principle to the terms of the new IGA, which is attached hereto.

Under the new IGA, which will commence on January 1, 2018 and expire on December 31, 2018, the CCSO will continue to expand its network of local law enforcement agencies participating in its Program within the District's boundaries. The CCSO will provide the collection and disposal services to all sites in the Program network in accordance with its Procedure for Collection and Destruction of Prescription Drugs.

In order to receive reimbursement from the District, the CCSO is required to submit monthly reports that include the collection and destruction certificates; the weight of prescription drugs collected and destroyed; and a list of newly installed receptacles. The CCSO must abide by all applicable state and federal laws in carrying out its collection and disposal activities.

In addition, the IGA requires that the CCSO evaluate the Program on an annual basis to assess the effectiveness of the Program in preventing pharmaceutical drugs from entering Illinois waterways. The annual report will also provide information to the District regarding the total amount of registration fees collected by the CCSO from drug manufacturers under the CCSDP Ordinance. This information will help the District re-evaluate its funding support at the end of 2018 once the CCSO has established the registration fees and has fully implemented the CCSDP Ordinance.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority to enter into an IGA with the CCSO in a form substantially similar to that attached hereto.

It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the District, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, upon approval by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Funds are available in Account 101-15000-612490.

Requested, Eileen M. McElligott, Administrative Services Officer, KH
Respectfully Submitted, Frank Avila, Chairman Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for December 7, 2017

Attachment