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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2019

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Ford Heights for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Ford Heights Green Streets Project (19-IGA-12), in an amount not to exceed \$356,500.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1516896

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with and make payment to the Village of Ford Heights (Village) for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Ford Heights Green Streets Project, in an amount not to exceed \$356,500.00.

On November 15, 2018, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to negotiate IGAs to assist various local municipalities and other governmental organizations with Green Infrastructure (GI) projects, including the Village. The Village proposes the construction of roadside bioswales located in the street right-of-way along Cottage Grove Avenue, Park Avenue, Drexel Avenue, Werline Avenue, Seeley Avenue, bounded by 10th Place and 11th Place, and also south and west of Ellis Avenue, south of 11th Street in Ford Heights, Illinois. The project is expected to reduce local flooding in the area, and provide educational opportunities for local residents on the benefits of GI. The project will provide an estimated 156,893 gallons of stormwater storage for which the District will seek credit under the Green Infrastructure requirements of the District's Consent Decree, subject to approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The District and the Village have agreed in principle to the terms of the IGA, which include payment by the District towards construction costs of the captioned project in an amount not to exceed \$356,500.00. Partial payments to the Village will be made at predefined intervals during construction, which is anticipated to commence in 2019. The Village has contributed to engineering and other design-related costs. The IGA will require the Village to advertise and award the construction contract in conformance with the District's Purchasing Act, Multi-Project Labor Agreement and Affirmative Action Requirements, assume responsibility for design, construction, maintenance and operation of the project, and be solely responsible for any change orders to the project. The IGA will also contain provisions which allow the District oversight of the project's design, construction and maintenance.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority for the District to enter into an IGA with and make payment to the Village in an amount not to exceed \$356,500.00 for the construction, operation and maintenance of the project. It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Executive Director, and Clerk be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the District, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction and conveyance, upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Funds for the 2019 expenditure, in the amount of \$356,500.00, are available in Account 501-50000-612400.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:JK:JJY

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for March 21, 2019