



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2020

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to continue supporting its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program by extending the IGA for another year and to make payment to the CCSO in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, Account 101-15000-612490

Dear Sir:

On December 7, 2017, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorized an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the Cook County Sheriff's Office ("CCSO") to support CCSO's ongoing collection and disposal activities and to expand its network of local law enforcement agencies participating in the Program within the District's boundaries. On December 6, 2018, the Board authorized extension of the IGA through 2019. On December 19, 2019, the Board authorized a second one-year extension of the IGA.

To continue building on these joint efforts, CCSO has requested to extend the IGA until December 31, 2021 on the same terms and conditions, with one exception explained below. The parties will continue working together to identify new collection sites, to improve outreach, education, and promotion of the Program, and to hold take-back events in the community. CCSO will continue providing 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 addition to the proposed one-year IGA extension, the District and CCSO have agreed to reduce, from \$100,000.00 to \$80,000.00, the District's total funding contribution. This change will not affect the District's annual funding contribution of up to \$76,406.62 for personnel and administrative costs associated with operating the Program. The reduced total maximum funding amount will reduce, to \$3,593.38 from \$23,593.38, the annual amount available for reimbursement of the purchase and installation of new drug collection receptacles. CCSO did not install new receptacles in 2019 or 2020.

In order to receive reimbursement from the District, 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. CCSO must abide by all applicable state and federal laws in carrying out its collection and disposal activities.

The IGA also requires that CCSO evaluate the Program on an annual basis to assess the effectiveness of the Program in preventing pharmaceutical drugs from entering Illinois waterways. CCSO's 2020 Annual Report will be provided to the Board as soon as it is received by the District. CCSO staff has indicated that CCSO has not yet started collecting registration fees from drug manufacturers, as authorized under the Cook County Safe Disposal of Pharmaceuticals Ordinance, so District funding continues to be important for carrying out the Program.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority to amend the IGA with CCSO extending the IGA until December 31, 2021.

It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said amendment 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 for 2021 in Account 101-15000-612490 are contingent upon the Board of Commissioner's approval of the budget for that year.

Requested, William Sheriff, Acting Administrative Services Officer, KH
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for December 3, 2020

Attachment