

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** January 7, 2020

**TO:** Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairperson, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Greg High, Director, AE&ES Section, DAS-FM

**SUBJECT:** **2021 DATCP Staffing Grant of the Milwaukee County Land Conservation Department: From the Director, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to apply for and accept 2021 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection support grants, in the approximate amount of \$75,000, to partially offset the salaries, training, travel, and office expenses of the Land Conservation Department**

**Action Item**

**POLICY**

The Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section Director is requesting authorization to have the County Conservationist apply for and accept Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) support grants in 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection offers Wisconsin counties grants to help defray staffing costs of land conservation departments.

The Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment also serves as the Land Conservation Committee and the Environmental Services Unit within the Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services Section of Facilities Management Division serves as the Land Conservation Department. The Director of the Environmental Services Unit serves as County Conservationist.

Milwaukee County receives this grant annually to help pay salaries, training, travel, and office expenses of the Land Conservation Department (LCD).

**RECOMMENDATION**

To foster the ongoing work of the LCD it is recommended that the Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section Director be authorized to have the County Conservationist apply for and accept the staffing and cost share grants offered by DATCP in 2021.

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