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**October Board Cycle**

**Milwaukee County Parks**

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Date: October 22, 2020

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Interagency Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in the amount of \$129,523 for continued data collection in Veterans Park Lagoon (PASSIVE REVIEW)

**Issue**

Milwaukee County Parks seeks authorization to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in the amount of \$129,523 for continued data collection in Veterans Park Lagoon.

**Background**

In 2016, Milwaukee County Parks became aware that the lagoon in Veterans Park near Lincoln Memorial Drive had tested high for levels of blue-green algae, which raised health concerns and reduced recreational opportunities for the residents of Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County Parks, in conjunction with the City of Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee have been working to address this issue.

In June 2020, Milwaukee County Parks received permission from the County Board of Supervisors to apply for and accept grants from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the Fund for Lake Michigan to formulate a plan to remedy the health of the Veterans Park Lagoon (County Board File No. 20-419). This grant application was a collaboration between Milwaukee County Parks, the City of Milwaukee, and UW-Milwaukee. It was determined in the grant application that UW-Milwaukee would be responsible for data collection and water quality monitoring, which is detailed in the attached contract and scope of services and resulted in the attached contract. The period of performance for UW-Milwaukee is from the date of execution of the contract through July 1, 2023. The total amount of the contract is \$129,523, which is due 30 days after execution of the contract.



