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Sponsor: Director of Neighborhood Services Department

Accepting and approving a \$49,000.00 grant award from the Missouri Department of Conservation, through a cooperative agreement, to educate about native plants by providing training for both Community Engagement Officers and the general public and increase the number of Missouri native plants within the Kansas City landscape by providing residents with native plants and landscape consultations; estimating and appropriating \$49,000.00 in Fund 26-2580-571436-B/C-G57MODOC25; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

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WHEREAS, increasing native plants in Kansas City's landscape will contribute towards the City of Kansas City, Missouri's efforts to achieve carbon neutrality, expand natural areas, and meet additional goals outlined in the City's Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Natural Systems section of the Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan specifically contains Short-Term Action N-1.3: Promote and incentivize the use of native plants, grasses, shrubs, groundcover, and trees, and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation is providing a Cooperative Agreement to the City of Kansas City, Office of Environmental Quality for financial support in the form of a fixed grant award to fund an educational program that both trains City staff and the public and offers landscape consultation services and starter native plants for citizens wanting to convert their standard lawns to natural native landscapes, and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Kansas City, Missouri Office of Environmental Quality and the Missouri Department of Conservation awards a fixed sum of \$49,000.00 to supply citizens with resources to install and maintain native plants; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY

Section 1. That the revenue in the amount of \$49,000.00 is hereby estimated in the following account:

26	2580-571436-478840-G57MODOC25 Residential Native Plant Consul	\$49,000.00
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Section 2. That the sum of \$49,000.00 is hereby appropriated in the following account:

26	2580-571436-610120-G57MODOC25 Residential Native Plant Consul	\$22,500.00
26	2580-571436-619080-G57MODOC25 Residential Native Plant Consul	\$8,250.00
26	2580-571436-610365-G57MODOC25 Residential Native Plant Consul	\$16,200.00
26	2580-571436-627250-G57MODOC25 Residential Native Plant Consul	\$2,050.00

Section 3. That accepting one-year grant funding in the amount of \$49,000.00 between the City of Kansas City, Missouri, acting through its Office of Environmental Quality, and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), whereby MDC will provide funding beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for a total grant award amount not to exceed \$49,000.00, is hereby accepted and approved. A copy of the award, in substantial form is attached herto and made a part hereof by reference.

Section 4. That the Office of Environmental Quality Chief Environmental Officer is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$49,000.00 from funds appropriated to Fund No. 2580 for the aforesaid contract.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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William Choi  
Interim Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Joseph A. Guarino  
Senior Associate City Attorney