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MOTION:

**May 10, 2022
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 22-**

SECOND:

RE: AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM TO APPLY FOR A 2022 FAIRFAX WATER SUPPLY STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH PROGRAM GRANT FOR SCIENCE IN THE PARK PROGRAMMING AND ACCEPT, BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$3,420 CONTINGENT UPON THE GRANT AWARD

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (DPRT) produces the Science in the Park (SIP) program, which provides environmental field trips to Prince William County School students in Kindergarten through 5th grade to satisfy the Virginia Standards of Learning (VA SOL) for science; and

WHEREAS, the SIP program, conducted at Lake Ridge, Locust Shade, and Silver Lake Parks, provides hands-on, sensory-rich activities and lessons in an outdoor setting on topics such as water quality, watersheds, soil and water conservation, and natural resource issues; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water is offering Stakeholder Outreach Program Grants to support community education projects and programs related to public water supply; and

WHEREAS, the SIP program meets the grant criteria; and

WHEREAS, the SIP program aligns with Objective 2 of the Quality Education and Workforce Development Goal in the 2021-24 Strategic Plan: *Support PWCS strategic goal areas that support a quality education*; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant funding will assist DPRT with the purchase of additional equipment and supplies to enhance the SIP curriculum and hands-on activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to apply for a 2022 Fairfax Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Grant for Science in the Park Programming and accept, budget, and appropriate up to \$3,420 contingent upon grant award;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to execute any documents necessary to affect the intent of this resolution, approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office, as appropriate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes all unexpended balances for this grant to be carried forward year to year.

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date:	May 10, 2022
Agenda Title:	Authorize the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to Apply for a 2022 Fairfax Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Program Grant for Science in the Park Programming and Accept, Budget, and Appropriate up to \$3,420 Contingent Upon the Grant Award
Requested Action:	Approve the resolution.
Department / Agency Lead:	Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
Staff Lead:	Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (DPRT) is seeking the Prince William Board of County Supervisor’s (Board) approval to apply for a 2022 Fairfax Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Program Grant in the amount of \$3,420 to purchase equipment and supplies for the Science in the Park (SIP) program.

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board authorize the DPRT to apply for a 2022 Fairfax Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Program Grant for SIP programming and accept, budget, and appropriate up to \$3,420 contingent upon grant award.

BACKGROUND

The SIP program is conducted at Lake Ridge, Locust Shade, and Silver Lake Parks and provides hands-on, sensory-rich activities and lessons in an outdoor setting on topics such as water quality, watersheds, soil and water conservation, and natural resource issues. This program provides environmental field trips to Prince William County School (PWCS) students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. All lessons are based on the Virginia Standards of Learning (VA SOL) for science. The objective is to create awareness of human impacts on water quality and the watershed in which they live and how these impacts relate to the quality of drinking water. Over 44,000 PWCS students, Kindergarten through 5th grade, have participated in the SIP program since 2009. An anticipated 6,000 students will participate in the 2022 - 2023 school year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board authorize the DPRT to apply for a 2022 Fairfax Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Program Grant for SIP programming and accept, budget, and appropriate up to \$3,420 contingent upon grant award.

Service Level / Policy Impact

The grant funds will assist with the purchase of additional equipment and adequate supplies to enhance existing SIP program lessons for PWCS students. The SIP program aligns with Objective 2 of the Quality Education and Workforce Development Goal in the 2021-24 Strategic Plan: *Support PWCS strategic goal areas that support a quality education.*

Fiscal Impact

There is no required match for this grant. In FY 2022 the total budget for SIP, including compensation, was \$38,106. The grant, if awarded, will supplement the SIP budget allocation for equipment and supplies.

Legal Impact

The Board has the legal authority to authorize the DPRT to apply for grants. Acceptance, budgeting, and appropriation of grant funds is subject to approval by the Board.

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