

Department New Request Form

Fiscal Year 2021

Program	Culture & Recreation	Title of New Request:	Rank:	12
Department	Parks & Recreation			
Request Category	New Request/Service/Feature	Ecosystems Labor - Seasonal Maintenance Worker (UF,CLM,Stormwater)		
Request Rating	Maintain Level of Service			
Department Goal	Environmental Quality, Access/Equity, Safety/Wellness and Impact/Readiness			

1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer?

The position is a collaborative cross-department shared position to expand and promote green infrastructure and climate resiliency in the Missoula valley. The Missoula community has an aging urban forest that is essential to the environment and the health and wellbeing of our community members. We currently plant several hundred trees per year which require significant maintenance for the first two years of their life. Without this frequent watering and formative pruning, they will suffer a high mortality and/or long-term defects costing our community members. This position will assist with maintenance of newly planted trees, as well as assist the Forestry division with other tasks such as site line pruning, customer service request work, and working with volunteers. The position will be housed at Missoula Parks and Recreation but also provide critical maintenance for Stormwater Utility sites. Many of these Stormwater sites are already located in existing Public Natural Areas which could provide enhanced habitat, green infrastructure and public benefit if managed cooperatively. This position would advance the City's efforts in plant propagation; development and maintenance of a conservation and urban tree nursery; overall function of multiple stormwater sites; habitat improvement on multiple Stormwater sites; and care of newly planted vegetation to increase survival rates. Accomplishing these tasks meets community values of clean air and water, mental and physical health benefits of trees and green space, calms traffic, enhances climate readiness and resiliency, and supports multiple adopted plans.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?
.80 FTE UF/CLM Worker - goes along with request for Water truck

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Revenue Offset:

Account #	Revenue Description		Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
5450.000.345034.00	E	Storm Water Rate Fees		8,905
2513.000.363020.00	P	Park District		26,938
Revenue Sub-Total			-	35,843

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4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request and how will it be reported?