



STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 18, 2020
CONSENT

AGENDA ITEM: Lake Elmo Lake Grant Request

SUBMITTED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

Included in the 2020 budget were funds for matching grants to the recreational lakes for water quality improvements like treating invasive species. This funding represents a 50% match, up to the maximum amount of \$5,000 per lake. A match is required by the Lake Associations and any outside grant amounts received would not be included as part of the Lake Association match amounts.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Does Council approve the grant request of \$5,000 from the Lake Elmo Lake Association?

PROPOSAL:

The Lake Elmo Lake Association has submitted an application for matching grant funding to treat Eurasian Milfoil this summer. A copy of their application is included in your packet.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$5,000 from the \$15,000 in the 2020 budget

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve \$5,000 for Lake Elmo Lake Association Eurasian Milfoil Treatment
- 2) Approve a different amount for Lake Elmo Lake Association Eurasian Milfoil Treatment
- 3) Do not approve any funding for Lake Elmo Lake Association Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

RECOMMENDATION:

If removed from the consent agenda:

“Motion to approve the Lake Elmo Lake Association lake improvement grant request of \$5,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- Lake Elmo Lake Association Grant Request Form



City of Lake Elmo

Lake Improvement/Water Quality Grant Application

Name and Lake Association:	Date:
Lake Elmo Lake Association	8/4/2020
Phone: 651-235-6809	Email: daledorschner@comcast.net
Description of treatment/improvements:	
<p>Lake Elmo Lake Association (LELA) has been actively monitoring and mitigating Lake Elmo for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) for the past three years. To date LELA has received three county grants and has successfully removed approximately 12.35 acres equaling 15.75 cubic yards of Eurasian Water Milfoil from many areas of the lake. Removing the weeds by using divers to harvest which has had an added benefit to the lake by removing more than 70,000 pounds of Biomass that if chemically treated would be left in the bottom of the lake. LELA has been successful harvesting milfoil and removing the plant material from the lake which reduces unnecessary nutrients that promote AIS plant growth. LELA also monitors the lake for clarity and water quality as well as weed growth and location on a regular basis. (Approx. every two weeks). Lake monitoring is a required part of the project and also advises our weed mitigation plans and DNR permit requirements. A second requirement for the county grant is to conduct plant survey at the beginning and conclusion of the harvest. This work is contracted out to a consultant and the reports have shown continuous milfoil reduction. LELA continued to monitor the lake, purchase insurance, along with contracting out harvesting of milfoil weeds. We are requesting reimbursement of LELA work to manage aquatic invasive species. The below outlines the expenses to date and our request for available city matching funds:</p>	
Outline of total project costs (can be included on separate sheet or provide via invoice copies):	
Premiere Harvesting (EWM abatement services)	\$20,950.00
Liability Insurance	\$920.00
Plant Survey	\$1,046.00
Total	\$22,916.00
Cost Share:	
Washington County Grant Contribution for harvesting	\$5,143.00
MN DNR	\$1400.00
LE Jaycees	\$1500.00
LELA	\$14,872.00
Amount being requested (Note: The City will match 50% of the costs paid for by the lake association up to \$5,000):	
\$5,000.00	

Additional comments:

See attached project budget.

****Please also include any documentation for grants that have been requested and/or received from other entities****

Dale F.Dorschner

Applicant/Lake Association Representative
Signature

8/5/2020_____
Date