



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Tim Murray, City Administrator
FROM: Deanna Kuennen, C&ED Director
MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Resolution 2021-045 Authorize Application to Host a GreenCorps Member for the 2021-2022 Program Year

Background:

The Minnesota GreenCorps program anticipates placing 48 AmeriCorps members with host cities across Minnesota to help the cities address environmental issues and opportunities. The GreenCorps members will start their work in September of 2021 and complete their service to communities in August of 2022.

To receive a GreenCorps member, the City of Faribault must apply to the program by March 16. There is no direct cost to the City to host a GreenCorps member. However, if awarded a GreenCorps member, the City must provide the GreenCorps member with a work area, computer, and phone. The Department of Community and Economic Development is prepared to host and supervise the GreenCorps member.

Although many cities will be vying to host a GreenCorps member, if Faribault is fortunate enough to be awarded a member, they will help the City address Faribault's environmental issues and opportunities. Hosting a GreenCorps member is a fiscally responsible way to advance the City's vision and strategic priorities.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2021-045, authorizing the City to apply to the Minnesota GreenCorps program to host a GreenCorps member for the 2021-2022 program year.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2021-045

CITY OF FARIBAULT

RESOLUTION #2021-045

AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO HOST A GREENCORPS MEMBER FOR THE 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR

WHEREAS, the City of Faribault wishes to apply to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2021-2022 program year; and

WHEREAS, the MPCA does not charge a fee for host communities to participate in the Minnesota GreenCorps program; and

WHEREAS, hosting a Minnesota GreenCorps member provides a fiscally responsible way for the City to advance the environmental aspects of Community Vision 2040 and the City's strategic priorities; and

WHEREAS, if the MPCA selects the City of Faribault to host a GreenCorps member, the City is committed to implementing the proposed environmental efforts outlined in the City's application, and as described in the pre-scoped position description; and

WHEREAS, if the MPCA selects the City of Faribault to host a GreenCorps member, the MPCA will require the City of Faribault to enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles, and responsibilities of the City and the MPCA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault City Council hereby authorizes the City to prepare and submit an application to the MPCA to host a GreenCorps member.

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, that if the MPCA selects the City of Faribault to host a GreenCorps member, the City Council hereby agrees to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreements.

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, that if the MPCA selects the City of Faribault to host a GreenCorps member, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and without publication.

Date Adopted: March 9, 2021

Faribault City Council

Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Timothy C. Murray, City Administrator