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COUNCIL BILL  2020- 142  RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for Youth Engagement,  
2 Education, and Employment Fish and Wildlife Service grant funding in  
3 the amount of \$2,000,000.00, to be used to fund educational  
4 experiences in natural resource careers for young people and  
5 veterans.  
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9 WHEREAS, the City has the opportunity, through its Department of Workforce  
10 Development, to apply for \$2,000,000.00 in funds allocated by the United States  
11 Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System  
12 (“USFWS”), for educational experiences in natural resource careers; and  
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14 WHEREAS, said grant funds will be used for young people and veterans  
15 including culturally, ethnically and economically diverse students, and underserved  
16 communities that traditionally have low participation in outdoor recreation activities  
17 through hands-on experience and mentoring at a variety of USFWS programs including  
18 but not limited to, national wildlife refuges, fish hatcheries, and ecological services  
19 office.  
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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
22 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:  
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24 Section 1 – The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for  
25 Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment Fish and Wildlife Service grant funding  
26 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, from the United States Department of Interior, for  
27 receipt and use by the City’s Department of Workforce Development.  
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29 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be in effect from and after passage.  
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31 Passed at Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
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34 Mayor  
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36 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

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38 Filed as Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

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40 Approved as to Form:  \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney

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43 Approved for Council Action:  \_\_\_\_\_, City Manager

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**EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2020- 142**

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Workforce Development.

PURPOSE: Authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment Fish and Wildlife Service grant funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, to be used to fund educational experiences in natural resource careers for young people and veterans.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The funding for this grant is made available by the United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System ("USFWS"). This funding will be used to develop introductory educational experiences in natural resource careers to young people and veterans, including culturally, ethnically and economically diverse students, and underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in outdoor recreation activities through hands-on experience and mentoring at a variety of USFWS programs including but not limited to, national wildlife refuges, fish hatcheries, and ecological services offices.

This effort will introduce participants to natural resource careers through hands-on work with, and training by, natural resource professionals employed by the USFWS and may be given the opportunity to serve both seasonal and or year-round assignments. This opportunity will additionally enhance conservation stewardship, increase outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans, and improve the management of game species and their habitats for this generation and beyond.

Individuals, youth, and veterans will be introduced to various real-world conservation and rehabilitation activities such as invasive species management, habitat restoration, wildlife management, public education and interpretation, disaster response and mitigation, and communications, mixed with informal and formal training sessions directed by USFWS employees during assignments. In addition to enhancing and expanding the public access to lands and waters, this program will provide feedback for their future growth and participants may receive consideration for future employment with the USFWS.

REMARKS: The required components of the grant application must be submitted by the current closing date of September 15, 2020.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

  
Sally Payne,  
Interim Director of Workforce Development

  
Jason Gage, City Manager