



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Motion to Approve an Updated Organizational Chart for the Village Manager's Office

Overview

The Reinventing Government Committee of the Village Board met on February 11, 2019 to review the recommendation to establish an internship position in the Village Manager's Office, reporting to the Sustainability Coordinator, in conjunction with the Greenest Region Corps (GRCorps) with support from the Metropolitan Mayor Caucus and AmeriCorps' Serve Illinois Program. The Committee supported the staff's recommendation being submitted to the Village Board for approval.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Motion.

Fiscal Impact

A budget amendment to the Sustainability Fund will be required to fund the Village' participation in the Greenest Region Compact Corps (GRCorps) through the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus, which is a program to provide internship-type support for 10-months via talented young sustainability professionals who will work under the direction of our Sustainability Coordinator to assist with various projects. The cost of this program is \$17,000. There are revenue's available in the Sustainability Fund from the single use bag fee to support this budget amendment.

Background

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus launched the Greenest Region Corps (GRCorps) in the fall of 2018 for GRC communities who wish to host a GRCorps member for 10 months of service to support local sustainability goals that are aligned with the Greenest Region Compact (GRC).

It is recommended that in Oak Park, an intern through the GRCorps would be able to assist the Village with Climate Action Planning which includes data collection and reporting.

The GRCorps is a team of talented young sustainability professionals that was created with the support of a grant from AmeriCorps (through the Serve Illinois program). AmeriCorps supports voluntary service to communities to address a wide variety of community needs. The Mayors Caucus designed this program specifically to help communities address the common goals of the GRC.

The inaugural GRCorps is made up of 8 dynamic college graduates serving GRC communities. They work alongside municipal staff and civic leaders and one would be assigned to Oak Park. They began work in October of 2018, and are getting important work done. The Corps members are beginning their careers in sustainability and receive ongoing training and support through the USEPA, Moraine Valley Community College and the Mayors Caucus.

Most of the GRCorps members are serving their host communities by coordinating sustainability tasks, developing sustainability plans and tracking accomplishments. Some GRCorps members are conducting outreach to residents and businesses about recycling and energy efficiency, and one member is conducting a tree inventory. Any meaningful work related to the GRCorps that is important to your community can potentially be done by a GRCorps member.

Alternatives

This item could be delay in order to provide additional information.

Previous Board Action

The Reinventing Government Committee of the Village Board met on February 11, 2019 to review the recommendation to consolidate two vacant positions in the Finance Department into one position. The Committee supported the staff's recommendation being submitted to the Village Board for approval.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A.