



Legislation Text

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## GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE NATURE RX PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,077

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA; P.L. 117-2) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 to provide COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus; and

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage ("County") has received \$179,266,585.00 (ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury released the Final Rule on January 6, 2022 to provide guidance on the use of ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, the County has evaluated the ARPA public law with its subsequent Final Rule and has determined that ARPA funds may be used to address negative impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, especially negative impacts on the mental health of teens and young adults that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to enter into a grant Agreement ("Agreement") with the Conservation Foundation to provide ARPA funding for the Nature Rx Program; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared a grant Agreement which outlines the arrangements between the County and the Conservation Foundation to govern the disbursement and auditing of ARPA funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board approves the attached grant Agreement ("Exhibit A") between the County and the Conservation Foundation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board hereby directs the DuPage County Board Chair to execute said Agreement between the County and the Conservation Foundation.

Enacted and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois.

DEBORAH A. CONROY, CHAIR DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest:

JEAN KACZMAREK, COUNTY CLERK