



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

The proposed resolution authorizes acceptance of a \$12,000 grant to fund improvements and neighborhood engagement focused on the Leopold Neighborhood, Arbor Hills Neighborhood, and Cannonball Path, and amends the Engineering 2021 Adopted Operating Budget to appropriate the revenue and corresponding expense.

40138-46310	(\$12,000)
40138-53210	\$3,000
40138-54255	\$9,000

### **Title**

Amending the Engineering Division's 2021 Adopted Operating Budget and authorizing the Engineering Division to accept and appropriate a grant of \$12,000 from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) (14<sup>th</sup> AD).

### **Body**

WHEREAS, in February of 2021 the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) announced the 2021 Community Challenge grant program as part of their nationwide AARP Livable Communities initiative; and

WHEREAS the idea of the AARP Community Challenge grant is to help communities become great places to live for residents of all ages by awarding funding to those positioned to make immediate placemaking improvements in support of residents of all ages;

WHEREAS, an interdepartmental team including Traffic Engineering, Planning Division and Engineering issued an application citing the demonstrated successes of "Fern Family" by Sonia Valle, an art installation at the Cannonball Path behind Leopold School, and proposed placemaking improvements intended for the area around the artwork; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed placemaking project intends to transform a dismal, overgrown connecting path into a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming woodland sanctuary at the nexus between a community school, park, and multi-use path, where "Fern Family" is installed;

WHEREAS, the City of Madison was selected by AARP's Community Challenge Team as a recipient of the funds;

WHEREAS, these funds will support purchase and installation of placemaking elements such as solar lighting, native woodland plants, signage, and accessible seating and require no local match;

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding is also to provide for expenditures of food-related expenses, both as part of a final celebration and to facilitate employee or citizen participation in the project; and,

WHEREAS, the agreement requires that the City indemnify AARP. City APM 1-1 requires Common Council Approval whenever the City indemnifies another party;

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to increase the current Engineering Division's 2021 Adopted Operating Budget by \$12,000 to allow staff to purchase goods and services to make the necessary improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Madison is authorized to accept the funds from AARP from the Community Challenge grant to fund the project along the Cannonball Path at the "Fern Family" sculpture and engage with the Leopold Neighborhood and Arbor Hills Neighborhood to make the improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021 Operating Budget is hereby amended to increase the budget to appropriate the \$12,000 of donation revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council approves indemnification of AARP as set forth in the agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with AARP.