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The Land & Water Resources Department – Parks Division first entered into a Purchase of Services Agreement in 2014 with Operation Fresh Start Inc. to provide and supervise legacy conservation crews to work on county parkland to learn valuable natural resource and park management skills in an outdoor setting.

Additionally, Dane County Parks received a USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Grant Funding from 2024 – 2028. One of the grant funded initiatives is to increase the scope of Operation Fresh Start crews working on parkland to include hands-on experience in urban forestry management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approves the execution of Purchase of Services Agreements to Operation Fresh Start Inc. for one year, with the option to extend each contract for four additional one-year terms.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive and the County Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreements on behalf of Dane County.