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**CITY OF TEMPE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Council Meeting Date: 01/08/2015  
Agenda Item: 5A2**

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**ACTION:** Approve the Arizona State Forestry 2014 Community Challenge Grant Award for the City of Tempe Urban Tree and Shade Masterplan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The amount of the award is \$13,000. Sufficient budget appropriations for expenditure of this grant are authorized in the Governmental Grants and Donations Fund (Fund 46, cost center 2593) as part of the fiscal year 2014-15 adopted budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Grant Award.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In 2013-14, Tempe engaged the Global Sustainability Solutions Services (GS3) to analyze the extent of Tempe's tree canopy in relation to a number of factors (including total public canopy coverage, coverage per character area, coverage relative to irrigation service, etc.), as well as to conduct a literature review on the quantitative and qualitative benefits of trees, and this Phase 1 work is complete. The Community Challenge Grant will be applied to the next phase of work with GS3, Calculating the Asset Value of City of Tempe Trees, Cost/Benefit Analysis and initial work on the Urban Forestry Masterplan & Action Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Grant Award notification

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