

## SUBJECT

### **BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 23-237**

Pertaining to a Professional Services Agreement with United Strategies to lobby the Minnesota State Government.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:** Quality Water

Staff is seeking approval of a professional services agreement with United Strategies to lobby the Minnesota State Government. The objective of the work will be to ensure that legislators are aware of the prevalence of lead services in drinking water systems, the importance of removing these pipes, the legislative barriers that exist with regard to replacing privately owned lead pipes, and the need for funding in order to accomplish this important work. Emphasis will be placed on advocating for the funding necessary to support SPRWS' planned lead service line replacement program. Costs are to be dispersed over five monthly retainer payments totaling \$23,000. The scope of work covered under this agreement includes:

1. Draft a written work plan
2. Evaluate and amend the plan as needed
3. Track committee assignments and update written work plan accordingly
4. Implement the work plan/legislative strategy by meeting with legislators, committee chairs, and the administration
5. Prepare for hearings, present at hearings, and generally advocate for awareness and funding for lead projects within the state
6. Secure authors on a bill
7. Report progress to SPRWS on a weekly basis
8. Comply with local, state, and federal laws and with the City of Saint Paul's ethics ordinance

Following Board approval, City of Saint Paul Contracts and Analysis will prepare a Professional Services Agreement, which will include the Board's standard terms and conditions, liability and insurance language.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approval