

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

4/26/12
Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with KOMPAN, INC., for the purchase and installation of playground and outdoor exercise equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department at Gus Garcia Recreation Center in an amount not to exceed \$167,628.98

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Parks and Recreation
Project Name:	Gus Garcia Recreation Center
Fund/Department/Unit:	8603 8607 6367
Funding Source:	2006 GO Bonds
Current Appropriation:	250,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	250,000.00
Amount of This Action:	(167,628.98)
Remaining Balance:	<u>82,371.02</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This contract will be for the purchase and installation of playground and outdoor equipment for the Gustavo (Gus) Garcia Recreation Center located in northeast Austin at 1201 East Rundberg Lane, Austin Texas 78753. Gustavo (Gus) Garcia park, located in northeast Austin, was acquired by the City of Austin in 1993 and the existing recreation facility was completed in March of 2008 and includes a multi-purpose gymnasium, indoor exercise facility, and classrooms for programming with the local community. The proposed playscape and exercise equipment purchase is part of a proposed expansion to the facility being completed under a grant under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Urban Outdoor Grant Program. The improvements proposed under the TPWD grant include a new multi-purpose recreation field, children's playscape, adult outdoor fitness equipment, rainwater harvesting system, and a community garden.

The playscape equipment in this purchase is from KOMPAN, Inc. and includes pieces from several of the KOMPAN product lines. The main components of the playscape equipment included are from the KOMPAN Galaxy line that is designed to be completely accessible at ground level so children of all abilities can experience an inclusive play experience. The Galaxy line is designed to promote non-linear kinetic play opportunities consistent with the recommendations of the Urban Park Workgroup Report from October 6, 2011. The largest portion of the equipment is from the Galaxy line that is designed for children ages 5 and up to serve the large population of middle school children from the adjacent Dobie Middle School who utilize the facility after school hours. Smaller individual pieces of equipment from the Elements line designed for ages 2 through 12, and pieces from the Moments line of equipment designed for ages 2 through 5 are proposed to meet the needs of the wide range of children who utilize the center. The Galaxy line of equipment is based on connected play experiences that are accessed and exited at ground level so children of all abilities can experience an inclusive play experience. The Galaxy line is designed to be a non-linear play environment that requires a high level of physical activity and promote a kinetic play it utilizes a variety of materials, shapes and textures to provide different experiences in movement, climbing, interaction, socialization, and communication. The exercise equipment is from the KOMPAN X-ERCISE line of equipment that is specifically designed for installation in an outdoor environment and intended for use by the adult and elderly population at the center.

The improvements under this contract are consistent with the overall park master plan, generated in 2008 with input from the community. The overarching theme of the master plan centers on health, fitness, and community wellness. Koman Inc. is contracted through U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with the City of