



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3685, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

12/8/2022

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract with American Youthworks to provide for continued Youth Environmental Stewardship programming, to increase the amount by \$250,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$3,447,000.

[Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

October 4, 2018 - Council approved the original contract, item 19, on a 9-0 vote with Council Member Renteria off the dais and Council Member Troxclair absent.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is to provide career training opportunities for area youth and young adults, between the ages of 17 to 24 years old, to develop technical and job-readiness skills while performing environmentally sustainable landscaping services on City-managed properties. Services include the development of natural surface trails, removal of non-native or noxious weeds and brush, tree pruning, and general landscape maintenance. American YouthWorks is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and is headquartered in Austin. American YouthWorks submitted the only responsive offer.

On May 7, 2020, Council approved Resolution No. 20200507-061. This resolution directed the City Manager to create the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) to employ Austinites experiencing economic distress due to the impacts of COVID-19 in communities most likely to bear the cost of climate change. Subsequently, the program funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 [consisting of general fund reserves and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding] was transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) for

implementation. All funds must be spent by 2024.

PARD assumed responsibility for the ACCC program in 2022 and created an acting management team to oversee the pilot program. The existing contract is used by multiple departments and experienced an increase in work assignments all while the acting team worked diligently to understand the complexities of the multi-pronged program. The complexities of creating a new solicitation in this multi-faceted, multi-user contractual environment did not allow sufficient time to coordinate the new contract by the end of the term. The critical nature of the work and the reliance upon this contract for multiple departments necessitates its continuation.

The increase in contract authority is deemed necessary to allow PARD and other departments to meet the ARPA deadlines with no interruption in the planned work. Upon Council approval, PARD believes that \$250,000 in additional authorization will be sufficient to complete the anticipated projects until a new contract can be drafted, approved, and executed.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000
Extension Option 1	1 yr.	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
Extension Option 2	1 yr.	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
Contract Amendment		\$ 625,000		\$ 625,000
Contract Amendment		\$ 72,000		\$ 72,000
Proposed Amendment			\$250,000	\$ 250,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$ 3,197,000	\$250,000	\$3,447,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.