



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-1267, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

3/9/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for workforce development and land management activities associated with the maintenance of public natural lands with American YouthWorks, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$2,355,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are 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)**

All City Departments.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,373,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide opportunities for youth and young adults between the ages of 17 and 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. The contractor, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, offers this uniquely combined service.

This contract will replace the current contract, which will be depleted of funds by early March 2023, for which American YouthWorks is the current contractor. The requested authorization amounts for this contract were determined using departmental estimates based on future project needs. The increase in contract authority is deemed necessary to allow the Parks and Recreation Department and other departments to execute land management work and support the workforce development goals. The requested authorization amount will also support work of multiple departments and the incremental increase in workforce development crew expansion associated with the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) program as directed by Council Resolution No. 20200507-061.

The critical nature of the work and the reliance upon this contract by multiple departments necessitates a continuation. The contractual term of one year will allow ample time to develop a comprehensive scope of work for a future multi-year contract.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.