



City Council Report

Date: August 26, 2024
To: City Council
Through: Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager
From: Beth Huning, City Engineer
Lance Webb, Assistant City Engineer
Subject: Reed Park Playground Improvements
City Project No. LF0570
Hud Project No. IDIS-915
Council District 4

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council concerning the results of the bids received for the Reed Park Playground Improvements project (See Exhibit "A" for the project location).

Staff recommends that the Council award a contract for this project to the lowest responsible bidder, Oliver Industries LLC, in the amount of \$1,243,737.92, and authorize a change order allowance in the amount of \$124,373.79 (10%).

Background

The City has received authorization for federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) administered by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG program provides funding for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or installation of public improvements or facilities, including but not limited to playgrounds. The City of Mesa's Housing and Community Development Department coordinated with the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department to modernize Reed Park, an older park that serves a disadvantaged area.

The playground equipment has reached the end of its lifecycle and is due for replacement. Additionally, replacement parts are no longer being manufactured and do not meet today's safety requirements. This project has been approved for the current federal CDBG cycle for fiscal year 2024/25.

Discussion

This project will furnish and install new playground equipment, shade structures, permanently affixed site amenities, concrete ramps and new playground surfacing to the existing playground at Reed Park. The playground equipment and surfacing will be replaced and modernized. Special picnic tables and sidewalk ramps will make the playground more accessible for those with disabilities. New engineered wood fiber playground surfacing will also be added to improve safety and accessibility. Additionally plumbing fixtures in the Park's bathroom will be brought into ADA compliance.

Community Impact – The entire duration of the project will limit access to the existing playground. A portion of available parking stalls will be used for construction staging. Some park tables, and plumbing fixtures will be unavailable only during their immediate repair.

Projected is anticipated to begin construction on September 2nd, 2024. Once underway, construction of this project is anticipated to last no more than 6 months concluding March 3rd, 2025.

Alternatives

An alternative to this project would be to not construct these improvements. This is not recommended because the CDBG Grant has already been awarded to the City of Mesa. Furthermore, existing playground equipment would not be useable because replacements parts are not available.

Fiscal Impact

The total authorized amount recommended for this project is \$1,368,111.71 based upon the lowest responsible bid of \$1,243,737.92 by Oliver Industries, plus an additional \$124,373.79 (10%) as a change order allowance. This change order allowance will only be utilized for approved change orders.

This project is funded by a federal CDBG granted through the Housing and Community Development Department.

Coordinated With

Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities and the Housing and Community Development Department both concur with this recommendation.

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Reed Park Playground Improvements

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Tabulation of Bids Received, Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 1:00PM

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$1,021,393
1. Oliver Industries LLC	\$1,243,737.92
2. Builders Guild	\$1,678,938.60
3. Econosmart Property Svc DBA Signature Projects	\$1,698,588.98
4. Lincoln Construction	Non-Responsive