

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

10/6/11
Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC., Austin, TX, or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP085, to provide Professional Services for the Republic Square Park Phase 2 Planning and Design project with an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Parks and Recreation
Project Name:	Republic Square
Fund/Department/Unit:	8740 8607 0149
Funding Source:	Federal Government Agencies
Current Appropriation:	1,200,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,165,318.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(150,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>1,015,318.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Republic Square is the southwestern square in Mr. Edwin Waller's 1839 proposed City of Austin Plan. The park is bound by San Antonio Street, West 5th Street, Guadalupe Street and West 4th Street. In 2007, a Vision Plan was prepared to 'reset' the park to a sense of its earliest years, and established the foundation for Phases 1A and 1B development. Construction of these phases was completed in January 2010. The United States Federal Courthouse (USFC) is currently under construction on the block west of Republic Square. As part of this project, San Antonio Street is being repurposed as a pedestrian plaza, which will become a transition zone to the park.

Republic Square Park Phase 2 is a continuation of a design process in partnership with Austin Parks Foundation. Anticipated services for this project include an update to the existing Vision Plan and preparation of construction documents for Phase 2 improvements. Planning and design services to be provided include, but are not limited to, site re-grading, demolition and removal of pavement and obsolete water feature, tree protection and removal where recommended, pedestrian circulation and use areas, informal and flexible children's play area, site furnishings, signage, lighting, irrigation and landscape improvements. The Phase 2 construction documents will focus upon parkland proper.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: Design Workshop, INC.
ALTERNATE FIRM: Lauren Griffith Associates (WBE/FW)