

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

5/23/13
Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of various supply and service agreements for a 48-month period with vendors through TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) for the purchase, installation, maintenance and repair of playscapes for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,360,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Parks and Recreation
Project Name:	Battle Bend Park - Playscape Improvements
Fund/Department/Unit:	8603 8607 6388
Funding Source:	2006 GO Bonds
Current Appropriation:	200,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	174,106.00
Amount of This Action:	(174,106.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>0.00</u>
Department:	Parks and Recreation
Project Name:	Barton Hills Elem School - Playscape Improvements
Fund/Department/Unit:	8603 8607 6541
Funding Source:	2006 GO Bonds
Current Appropriation:	100,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	90,000.00
Amount of This Action:	(34,227.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>55,773.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This contract will provide the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) a contract that will allow for the purchase and installation of new playscapes, and will also provide parts, maintenance, and repair services of existing playscapes. PARC maintains 250 playscape structures throughout the City and has identified several playscapes that are in need of major repair or complete replacement. These repairs and replacements are necessary to meet American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) playground safety standards and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines, Texas Health and Safety Code, and Child Safety and Public Playground Safety requirements. The establishment of this contract will allow PARC the ability to oversee the major repair and replacement of these playscapes. Installation and major repairs will be completed by the vendors' certified installers who will utilize approved equipment to meet CPSC Public Playground Safety guidelines and American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) safety standards. Minor repairs will be done on an as-needed basis.

As part of the planning and design process for each new or replacement playscape, PARC conducts community input to ensure the overall design of the playscape reflects the style and natural aspects of each park. This process requires PARC to have access to various manufacturers of playscapes.

To ensure compliance with the MBE/WBE ordinance, in the event subcontracting opportunities are identified throughout the duration of the project, the vendors are required to adhere to the MBE/WBE Program Requirements and contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department for assistance.

Utilizing the BuyBoard cooperative contracts provide for volume discount pricing and they provide the flexibility to purchase a wide variety of designs, layouts, and types of playscapes that best meet the needs of the City's diverse and unique park playgrounds.

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