



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with FL AUSTIN, LLC, d/b/a ForeverLawn Austin, to provide K9 synthetic grass, for a term of three years, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Building Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$8,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Building Services Department. 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 the installation of synthetic grass, K9Grass, in various play yards at the Austin Animal Center (AAC). This new surface will provide a safe, durable surface for shelter dogs to play and walk on. The material itself is a knitted product that creates a 100 percent permeable "edge to edge" backing that allows pet urine to pass through. K9Grass turf has an impervious unitary backing (typically urethane) that has holes pierced into the backing or weep holes to provide drainage, which is vitally important to prevent odor and unhealthy conditions to support the quality of life of these animals, specifically the AAC dog population.

The AAC intakes up to 1,000 animals monthly. Other products have been tested but have not provided a healthy solution to the Animal Centers dog urine challenges.

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**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Safety.