

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(CD 5 and CD 9) Authorize Execution of Agreement with ForeverLawn Inc. for Synthetic Grass Solutions and Maintenance in an Annual Amount Up to \$145,000.00 Using Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 031622-FVL for the Code Compliance Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an agreement with ForeverLawn Inc. for synthetic grass solutions and maintenance in an annual amount up to \$145,000.00 using Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 031622-FVL for the Code Compliance Department and authorize three annual renewal options for the same amount.

DISCUSSION:

The Code Compliance Department approached the Purchasing division to enter into an agreement for the purchase and installation of K9Grass by ForeverLawn for the Fort Worth Animal Shelters. This agreement will allow for improvements and maintenance of play areas at the two animal shelters, thereby improving the physical and psychological health of animals during their pre-adoption phase. This comprehensive approach includes the replacement, installation, and continuous upkeep of synthetic turf across multiple play areas tailored to various animal categories, including dogs, cats, and more. These installations are thoughtfully crafted to cater to the distinct requirements and behaviors of each animal group, which ultimately fosters an environment that enriches their well-being. Staff reviewed the pricing and determined it to be fair and reasonable.

The maximum annual amount under this agreement will be \$145,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on the need of the department and available budget. The annual department allocation for this agreement is:

Department	Annual Amount
Code Compliance	\$145,000.00

Funding is budgeted in the Facility Repair & Maintenance account within the General Fund for Code Compliance Department.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE: State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for the purchase of the items. Sourcewell contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION - A Business Equity goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

AGREEMENT TERMS - Upon City Council approval, the agreement will begin upon execution and end on May 26, 2024, with three (3) one-year renewal options to correspond with the term of the cooperative contract. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal terms. Staff anticipates that the costs for renewal years shall remain approximately the same as the initial year.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDERS - An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager or his designee up to the amount allowed by relevant Law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Code Compliance Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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