



Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/31/2023

HCD_ Request to Approve Contractor Selection for Golden Harvest Food Bank Fresh Produce Warehouse Expansion Project

Department:	HCD
Presenter:	Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff
Caption:	Motion to Approve Recommendation from Golden Harvest Food Bank to select RW Allen for award under CDBG-CV funding opportunity in Partnership with CSRA Regional Commission and Augusta, Georgia to expand the Produce Rescue Center (Warehouse) at GHFB's Augusta, GA location.
Background:	<p>With the Commission's approval of Augusta's acceptance of the award of \$3,707,260 in Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds from the State of Georgia's Department of Community Affairs (GA DCA), in partnership with the CSRA Regional Commission, staff moved forward to implement the project to expand Golden Harvest Food Bank's Warehouse facility to increase food storage and distribution capacity.</p> <p>Cheatham Fletcher Scott (CFS) was contracted to provide A/E services for this project and to facilitate the Bid Process in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Initial bids for the project were received and all compliant bidders were over the estimated project budget. Golden Harvest directed CFS to negotiate with the low bidder for scope reductions and value engineering recommendations that could bring the total development cost down to a feasible dollar amount. The price is now \$5,586,098 and Golden Harvest directed that RW Allen prepare a contract. Golden Harvest will contribute the Cash Match required to address the costs over and above those covered by the CDBG-CV Grant Award of \$3.7mm.</p> <p>Augusta Housing and Community Development (HCD) has been assigned by the Office of the Administrator to oversee Augusta, Georgia's interest in the DCA CDBG Funded Public Facility Project at Golden Harvest Food Bank on their behalf.</p> <p>HCD reports to the Administrator's Office on a monthly basis regarding project updates/milestones. CSRA Regional Commission is responsible for reporting both DCA and to the City of Augusta on matters concerning timeline, funding, compliance reporting, etc.</p>
Analysis:	The proposed project will allow Golden Harvest Food Bank to collect fresh farm foods from local growers and distribute them to thousands of hungry residents across a 25-county service area. The CDBG-CV funds from DCA are critical to realizing the potential impact of this project, and GHFB's Board of Directors has committed to being responsible for all project costs beyond the \$3.7mm CDBG-CV Grant Award.

Financial Impact: The City of Augusta has been awarded, in partnership with the CSRA Regional Commission, funding from the State of Georgia’s Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act allocations (CDBG-CV) in the amount of \$3,707,260 for this project. Golden Harvest has committed to covering the Cash Match of \$3,114,591.00.

Alternatives: Do not approve Recommendation from Golden Harvest Food Bank to select RW Allen for award under CDBG-CV funding opportunity in Partnership with CSRA Regional Commission and Augusta, Georgia to expand the Fresh Food Warehouse at the GHFB location.

Recommendation: Approve Recommendation from Golden Harvest Food Bank to select RW Allen for award under CDBG-CV funding opportunity in Partnership with CSRA Regional Commission and Augusta, Georgia to expand the Produce Rescue Center (Warehouse) at 3310 Commerce Drive, Augusta, GA (30909).

Funds are available in the following accounts: State of Georgia Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funds: Community Development Block Grant – Covid / CARES Act (CDBG-CV) – \$3,707,260.00
Golden Harvest Private Funds (Cash Match Requirement) – \$3,114,591.00

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