



STAFF REPORT
12/8/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Andrew Simmons, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Authorize Staff To Advertise The Fire Station #79 Rehabilitation And Expansion Project (F-7) And Appropriate Funds For The Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize City Staff to Advertise the Fire Station #79 Rehabilitation and Expansion Project for the Construction phase of the project. Appropriate funding as identified herein for the completion of the project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Fire Station #79 Rehabilitation and Expansion project was first identified in 2017 as a preferred alternative to enhance the emergency response times within our City. Since that Time, Staff has worked diligently with Cal Fire and Cannon Design Group to design a remodel project that will both rehabilitate and revitalize the necessary functions of the Fire Station as well as expand the Fire Station to house additional first responder personal and improve community safety. The Project has completed the 100% design phase of the project and can be made available to be advertised for bid to seek the lowest responsive bidder for the completion of the work.

This project is deemed critical for both the existing safety of our community as well as preparation for future pandemic and emergency responses.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, City staff considered three alternatives to increase the capacity of our critical emergency response services. These options included rehabilitating the existing Fire Station, building a new fire station and doing nothing. Doing nothing was deemed unacceptable in order to improve community safety. The rehabilitation was selected as the most cost effective alternative. In addition, the Central location of the existing Fire Station provides the most efficient response times to all portions of the City, which was considered highly important in the decision making process. A new Fire station at another location would potentially increase response times to some areas of the City.

In 2018 the City received a “Gaming Grant” in the amount of \$604,527, which was utilized as the primary funding for the full design of the remodel and expansion project. To date, the City has spent over \$770,000 on planning and designing the fire station expansion project

Final Design was completed and approved by Building and Safety in May of 2021.

Between June 2021 and November 2021, the Fire Station Project was identified as a critical safety project that provides an upgraded emergency and pandemic response facility and qualifies for American Rescue Plan Act funding.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

City staff has researched potential grant funds for the Fire Station over the past year and will continue to research future grant opportunities that may become available. City Staff Recommends the following schedule at this time:

January to March 2021: Advertise project for construction phase bids. Staff is recommending at least an 8 week bid process to encourage interest in the project and solicit cost effective competitive bidding.

March/April 2022: The Fire Station Project will be presented to City Council in March or April to Award the Contract to the lowest responsive bidder.

March 2023: Complete Construction. The project is recommended to start in Spring of 2022 so that all construction can be completed within the fiscal time constraints of the ARPA funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project was included in the City’s approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY 21/22 budget. The approved CIP listed \$5,000,000 (Five Million) in grant funds TBD. City Staff recommends that this Five Million dollars be appropriated from ARPA funds.

Estimated Budget:

Item	Cost
Base Construction Items	\$5,100,000
Add Alternative Items: Including all exterior work and Asbestos Remediation	\$900,000
3% Design Contingency	\$200,000
10% Construction Contingency	\$600,000
Total	\$6,800,000

The project is proposed to be funded with \$5.0 million in ARPA funds and \$1.8 million from Fire DIF. City staff will continue to seek alternate funding sources to offset the use of ARPA funds. If Additional grant funds are acquired at any time during the course of the project, those funds will be used for appropriation purposes in-lieu of using ARPA or Fire DIF funds. This action will appropriate \$5.0 million in the City’s Grants Fund (152) and \$1.8 million from the City’s Fire DIF

Fund (130) along with approving the necessary transfers between the appropriation funds and the City's CIP Fund (182).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize City Staff to Advertise the Fire Station #79 Rehabilitation and Expansion Project for the Construction phase of the project. Appropriate funding as identified herein for the completion of the project.
2. Delay the project until alternative funding sources can be procured.
3. Do not authorize the project to proceed.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Authorize City Staff to Advertise the Fire Station #79 Rehabilitation and Expansion Project for the Construction phase of the project. Appropriate funding as identified herein for the completion of the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2021-79 – Resolution for F-7 Funding and Schedule