



STAFF REPORT
6/28/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Lizzandro Diaz, Building Official

SUBJECT: Professional Service Agreement with Access Services Plus to provide the City with an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-evaluation and Transition Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Access Services, Plus to prepare an ADA transition plan as required by the State of California. This plan is an essential document that outlines the strategies and steps the City will take to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

BACKGROUND:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. The ADA provides civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

As California works towards enhancing accessibility for all, the City of Coachella recognizes the value and importance of developing an ADA Transition Plan. This plan is necessary to ensure that city facilities, parks, sidewalks, electronics, and communications are fully compliant with the ADA and meet the disability community's needs as much as possible.

The plan will be implemented by engaging the services of consultants specializing in ADA compliance. The consultants will conduct a comprehensive survey of facilities and outdoor areas within the city, as well as analyze existing plans, policies and practices. Once the survey is completed, they will develop tailored recommendations to make all city facilities, outdoor areas

pedestrian paths, and electronics fully accessible, utilizing best practices and state-of-the-art designs. The report will outline a comprehensive action plan for implementation, and will set out metrics for measuring success, ensuring compliance with the ADA. The project will be funded under the city budget to ensure that the costs of compliance are met responsibly and efficiently.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be a fiscal impact to the FY 22/23 of \$45,000 coming from surplus funds from the Building Departments Professional/Contract Services account. The contract is in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Service Agreement – Access Services, Plus
2. Exhibit “A” Scope of Services
3. Exhibit “B” Proposals from Consultants