



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: July 20, 2023

RE: Resolution Number 23-56: Bid Award for Bay Street Medians Landscape Construction

Introduction:

Resolution Number 23-56 awards Bid Number 006-23 to Helping Hand Lawn Care, LLC; authorizes an agreement which approves an expenditure of \$46,135 for the landscape construction of the Bay Street Medians; and authorizes the City Manger to execute all agreements for this project.

Background:

On May 15, 2023, Eustis Purchasing Department advertised for bids to for all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the landscaping, irrigation and maintenance per the bid specifications in nine (9) bed medians along Bay Street, also known as State Road 19, from Herrick Ave. to Ashford Ave., Eustis, Florida.

Deliverables will include:

- Contractor shall remove existing plants and sod in landscape areas shown in drawings and re-plant with plants listed below. All islands will have irrigation by the time work commences. Some existing plants will remain.
- Installation of Plants
 - Bed #1 will have Pink Muhly Grass installed (A) and Dune Sun Flower (D)
 - Bed #2 will have Society Garlic (E)
 - Bed #3 will have Coontie (C) added
 - Bed #4 will have Coontie (C) added
 - Bed #5 will have Coontie (C) added.
 - Bed #6 will have Pink Muhly Grass installed (A)
 - Bed #7 will have Society Garlic (E)
 - Bed #8 will have Pink Muhly Grass installed (A)
 - Sheet LS.02 will trim existing Crape Myrtles and add mulch
 - Sheet LS.03 will trim existing Crape Myrtles and Perennial Peanut and add mulch
- Watering, mowing, maintenance and litter removal shall take place during the construction period.
- Maintenance of traffic, where applicable

The bid opening date was June 12, 2023 and two bids were received:

- Earthscapes Unlimited, Inc. from Coleman, FL, lump sum of \$315,835.58
- Helping Hand Lawn Care, LLC, from Sorrento, FL, lump sum of \$46,135.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends awarding Bid Number 006-23 to Helping Hand Lawn Care, LLC of Sorrento, Florida.

Policy Implications:

n/a

Alternatives:

There are no other feasible alternatives. City Commission has expressed the desire to clean-up and beautify the Landscaped Islands that run through the middle of Bay Street/SR-19 in downtown Eustis. In March 2023, Murray Design Group created an approved landscaping design for this purpose. The 2nd bid submission received from Earthscapes Unlimited, Inc. is exorbitant and not under consideration.

Budget/Staff Impact:

The cost for this project is available in Account Number 010-8600-517-60-01, Facility Improvements.

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Attachments:

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Bid #003-23 Specifications – upon request