

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: August 3, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Resolution No. 48-2021 -- approving and authorizing the submission of a change of project scope for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding award to implement a pilot program of informational kiosks

SUMMARY:

The resolution approves the submission of a Grant Award Modification (GAM) to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the City's approved Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding award 2020-VD-BX-0500. The GAM will change the scope of the project to provide for the installation of informational kiosks in readily accessible areas of the City for the provision of critical information to the public in a rapid manner, including relevant information about the ongoing pandemic.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has approved the City's award 2020-VD-BX-0500 under Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) program in the amount of \$115,881. The City's original intended use of its funding allocation under the CESF program is for the purchase of allowed personal protection equipment and for the purchase of supplies such as sanitizer, masks and gloves.

The City has since entered into an agreement with FEMA that provides for the reimbursement of these same expenditures, thereby allowing the City the opportunity to repurpose its CESF award. BJJJA permits its grantees to change the scope of funding awards through the submission of a change of project scope Grant Award Modification (GAM) for this purpose.

Resolution No. 48-2021 approves and authorizes the submission of a GAM to BJA for the purpose of establishing a pilot program that will deploy a set of kiosks throughout the City in readily accessible areas that can provide current information to the public rapidly.

The proposed kiosks are special outdoor devices with features that include unbreakable glass, full weatherproofing, and backup power sources so they can continue to work even during a power outage. During normal times the kiosks will provide information to the public regarding upcoming events, refuse schedules, maps of City properties and public facilities, and relevant information about the pandemic and vaccination schedules. In the event of an emergency, the kiosks will be switched to an emergency mode to display important information such as emergency routes, warning and other life safety information.

This pilot program will serve as a key component of the City's emergency plan by providing relevant emergency updates to the public. This information will be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole so that all residents will receive the information in the language they are most comfortable with and best comprehend. The kiosks will be of utmost importance should the City

lose power and internet as residents will be able to make their way to the kiosk and get up-to-date information.

The balance of the funding for this award will continue to be utilized for the purchase of personal protection equipment and sanitizing supplies after the expiration of the FEMA agreement on September 30, 2021, through the end of the CESF award term of January 20, 2022. This will include contracted services to sanitize the City's public buildings and facilities.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution 48-2021 approving and authorizing the submission of a change of project scope Grant Award Modification to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding award 2020-VD-BX-0500 to implement a pilot program of informational kiosks throughout the City.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
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