



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA

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Meeting Date: April 23, 2024

Title: Award the RFQ to Tony Cossi Construction and US National Corp. for California Licensed Contractor Services for the Neighborhood Beautification Program and Authorize Staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed

Background: On April 13, 2021, the City Council of the City of Needles in its capacity as Successor Housing Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Needles approved the policies for the implementation and administration of the Neighborhood Beautification Program. The purpose of the program is to provide up to \$20,000 of LMIHAF funding for the correction of any exterior physical deficiencies to structures, fences, landscaping, and other related appurtenances that are visible from a public right-of-way (as defined within the Program Policies), with priority given to code-related improvements.

On July 13, 2021, the City Council awarded the Request for Qualifications to **Trinity Construction Services Inc.** to complete the rehabilitation repairs for the Neighborhood Beautification Program. On March 21, 2022, the City was notified by Trinity Construction Services Inc. that they had withdrawn from the program. City staff immediately began readvertising for qualified licensed contractors.

On July 12, 2022, the City Council awarded the Request for Qualifications to **Brack Construction Inc.** to complete the rehabilitation repairs for the Neighborhood Beautification Program. Brack Construction completed nine of the projects leaving four remaining. The City was notified by Brack Construction Inc. that they needed to withdraw from the program. City staff immediately began readvertising for qualified licensed contractors.

On January 17, 2024, a Request for Qualifications was advertised in the Needles Desert Star for licensed contractors to bid for contracts to perform rehabilitation repairs to owner-occupied single-family homes that qualify for assistance under the Agency's Neighborhood Beautification Program, with a bid opening on February 7, 2024. We received a response from a total of three (3) qualified licensed contractors of which two (2) chose to participate in the program.

Fiscal Impact: The current balance (as of April 16, 2024) of available Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) is approximately \$56,000 remaining from the \$260,000.

Recommended Action: Award RFQ to Tony Cossi Construction and U.S. National Corp. for Licensed Contractor Services for the Neighborhood Beautification Program and Authorize Staff to issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed

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Not Approved: ☐

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