



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#21-0102

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: February 2, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Funding Increase of \$15,000 to Creative Lawn Maintenance LLC, Agreement for Lawn and Property Maintenance - **(Commission Districts 2 and 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approve an increase in funds to the lawn and property maintenance agreement - for the months of January and February 2021- with Creative Lawn Maintenance LLC, in the amount of \$15,000.

Background

On April 14, 2017, Creative Lawn Maintenance LLC (CLM), was awarded the property lawn and maintenance contract for the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA (NPF-CRA) area to provide lawn and property maintenance (Exhibit 1). This contract was for one year with three additional one-year terms (Exhibit 2).

The Scope of Services for CLM, as detailed in Exhibit 1, includes the routine mowing of grass and the removal of trash and debris. Trash and debris included in the routine services includes, but is not limited to: paper, plastic, glass, fabric products discarded or blown onto the property, bottles, small rocks, broken concrete, leaves, and trees.

Trash and debris not included as part of the routine servicing includes items such as: large tree limbs, tires, machinery, abandoned vehicles, illegally dumped construction debris, furniture, yard, trash, paints, solvents, combustibles and other items as determined by NPF-CRA staff. The contract allows, upon request of the NPF-CRA, for CLM to remove small quantities of trash and debris that are not part of the routine services as a result of illegal dumping or storm damage. The cost to remove such small quantities of trash and debris are based on a flat fee to compensate CLM for mobilization, labor, disposal, and other costs (Exhibit 1).

The NPF-CRA area has experienced a spike in illegal dumping, which has continued to date (Exhibit 3). This spike may be attributed to closures of legal dumping sites that were closed due to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-89, restricting public

access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential.

As a result of the spike in illegal dumping, the NPF-CRA has exceeded the threshold of \$100,000 and additional funds are needed to continue services through the expiration of the existing contract. Staff recommends that the CRA Board of Commissioners approve an increase of funds to the existing maintenance contract to cover costs for the months of January and February 2021.

Resource Impact

Funds for this transaction are available in the account listed below.

Funds available as of January 4, 2021					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
106-CRA060605-3237	NW Progresso Flagler Heights Redevelopment Area	Services/Materials Lawn & Tree Services	\$894,472	\$658,948	\$15,000
TOTAL ►					\$15,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2020 Commission Priority*, advancing the Streetscape & Tree Enhancements initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Enhance the City’s identity through public art, well-maintained green spaces, and streetscapes

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here.

Related CAM

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Attachments

- Exhibit 1 - Creative Lawn Maintenance LLC Agreement
- Exhibit 2 - Contract Renewals 2018, 2019, 2020
- Exhibit 3 - Photos of Illegal Dumping

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