



COUNCIL AGENDA: 1/30/18
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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Barry Ng

**SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM
GRANT FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS**

DATE: January 8, 2018

Approved

Date

1-18-18

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an Agreement granting the Children's Discovery Museum an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for construction work completed by the Museum involving a restroom addition, sidewalk improvements and security surveillance upgrades and expansion.

OUTCOME

The Grant Agreement will reimburse the Children's Discovery Museum for completed improvements intended to provide for a pleasant and safe experience for over 300,000 annual regional visitors to the Children's Discovery Museum.

BACKGROUND

The Children's Discovery Museum (CDM) opened its 52,000 square foot facility in June 1990 as a result of a public-private partnership with the City of San José. CDM's signature purple building is the southern-most anchor to the Guadalupe River Park. The City of San José owns the CDM facility which is operated and maintained by CDM.

A project undertaken by CDM provided for the expansion of 27,500 square feet of outdoor space, known as Bill's Backyard. The CDM raised \$3 million to support this project. As directed in the Mayor's Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, as approved by City Council, the 2018-2022 Adopted Capital Improvement Program budget includes a grant to CDM in the amount of \$400,000 to construct an outdoor restroom, update and expand the security and public address system, and improve the sidewalk in support of the expansion. The Department of Public Works began drafting a grant agreement between the City and CDM in August 2017. Due to constrained staff resources, prior to finalizing the grant agreement between the two parties, CDM proceeded to complete the majority of the Grant scope of work in advance of a CDM mid-October grand opening event. Therefore, the grant agreement is retroactive for the scope of services recently completed.

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ANALYSIS

The grant agreement would reimburse the CDM up to \$400,000 for the costs for professional fees, materials, installation/construction, and other expenses related to the following improvements:

A. Public Restroom:

Construction of a new, single occupancy, unisex bathroom accessible through an existing exterior wall, and new ADA accessible ramp and platform. The project includes mechanical, electrical, and plumbing trades, and installation of a sanitary sewer line, hot and cold water, lighting with occupancy sensor, emergency exit signage, fire sprinkler modification and exhaust fan vented to the outside.

B. Sidewalk Expansion:

The project widened the existing sidewalk from the Guadalupe River Park Trail north to the service yard entrance on Woz Way along the southwest portion of the existing Children's Discovery Museum building. The project included the installation of ADA curb cuts and the removal of five trees.

C. Security Surveillance, Public Address, and Intercom Systems:

The project updated and expanded the museum's security surveillance system, public address system and intercom system to include new network video recorders, the reuse or replacement of 18 existing cameras, the addition of 20 new camera locations (14 interior/6 exterior), new video management software and training on the use of the system.

A new access control system will use existing card readers located at 12 doors. The new control system will include management software and provide an onsite server with the ability to add or delete users, define access times, and provide records of access.

CDM has publicly bid all three projects in compliance with general requirements associated with public projects. City staff concur that the work already completed on the projects conforms with City regulations and policies.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

No additional follow up is anticipated at this time.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the January 30, 2018, City Council Agenda.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, and the City Manager's Budget Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommended project is consistent with the Council-approved Municipal Improvements in the 2018-2022 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The City will reimburse the CDM up to \$400,000 for the three specified projects. This includes actual costs for professional fees, materials, installation, and other expenses. Funding of \$400,000 in the General Fund was included in the 2017-2018 Adopted Capital Budget.

BUDGET REFERENCE

The table below identifies the fund and appropriation proposed to be used by the City to reimburse the CDM as recommended as part of this memorandum:

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	Current Total Appn.	Amount for Grant	2017-2018 Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
001	401T	Children's Discovery Museum – Bill's Backyard	\$400,000	\$400,000	1116	6/20/2017, 29962
TOTAL FUNDING			\$400,000	\$400,000		

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