



The Museum of Riverside (Museum) maintains and operates the Heritage House Victorian House Museum (Heritage House) at 8193 Magnolia Ave. Visitors can experience an interpretation of life at the turn of the twentieth century through tours at the 1892 Victorian home led by costumed volunteer docents from the Riverside Museum Associates, a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Museum. Special events at the Heritage House include the Moon Festival in autumn, Victorian Christmas Open House in winter, and an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social in spring. The Heritage House is closed during the summer. Other events at the Heritage House have included a National Quilting Day exhibition of the Museum’s historic quilt collections, an event exploring Victorian Mourning traditions called “Behind the Black Veil,” and Victorian teas.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The exterior of the Heritage House is due for repainting. The Heritage House exterior was last painted in 2006. Part of the proposed project includes repairing damaged wood surfaces. Due to the unknown extent of the wood damage, some of which will not be visible until exploratory portions of the damaged woodwork are removed, an allowance of \$50,000 for wood repair, to be charged on a time and materials basis, was included as part of the bid for this project.

On March 11, 2022, the General Services Department and Museum Department issued Bid. No. 7912 through Planet Bids. Six (6) bids were received. Staff evaluated the bid responses and deemed Polychrome Construction, Inc. of Northridge California to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$141,000, 12.5% lower than the next lowest bid.

A 20% contingency in the amount of \$28,200 for a total not to exceed amount of \$169,200 is requested for unanticipated plan changes due to the unforeseen conditions or design changes at Heritage House.

The General Services Director concurs with this report.

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommendation to award is in compliance with Purchasing Resolution 23812.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

The activities of the Museum of Riverside align with Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture and Recreation*. Performing deferred maintenance on the Heritage House supports Goal No. 1.1 (strengthening Riverside’s portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior, and lifelong learning programs, and amenities), and Goal No. 1.5 (supporting programs and amenities to further develop literacy, health, and education of children, youth, and seniors throughout the community).

This project aligns with the cross-cutting threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – This project provides assurance to Riverside’s residents that significant investments are being made to maintain and protect City facilities, in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Measure Z Spending Plan.
2. **Equity** – Heritage House tours and programming are offered equitably.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This project was competitively bid in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23812, ensuring that the best price was obtained.

4. **Innovation** – Project utilizes digital photography to provide consistent information via bid documents to ensure a thorough understanding of project scope for the competitive bid process.
  
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – This project will prolong the useful life of the Heritage House.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$169,200. Funds in the amount of \$119,200 are budgeted and available in Measure Z Fund, Annual Deferred Maintenance Project account number 9901909-462050. Funds in the amount of \$46,966 are budgeted and available in the General Fund, Museum Facilities and Operations, Heritage House Projects account 5305000-450306 and funds in the amount of \$3,034 are available in the General Fund, Museum Facilities & Operations, Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Improvements account 5305000-424130.

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Attachments: Bid recommendation