

STAFF REPORT

Date: May 8, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: **Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential approval of (1) trash cans, animal waste receptacles, paint, and wayfinding projects identified along the Truckee River Corridor using \$266,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on May 19, 2021; (2) authorization to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bid in accordance with competitive bidding laws set forth in Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS); (3) authorization to approve the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy; and (4) authorization to award contracts for the purchase of various needed equipment identified by the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy.**

From: Amy Pennington, Special Projects and Outreach Coordinator

Department: Public Works

Summary:

On March 8, 2023, Council approved \$3 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to invest in the Truckee River Experience. On October 25, 2023, the City of Reno and Washoe County approved Dig Studio, as selected by a panel through the request for qualifications (RFQ) process, to embark on the Truckee River Vision Plan.

As part of the scope and timeline, it was determined that Dig Studio would bring forward recommended projects for the City of Reno's remaining \$2,670,394 in SLFRF for the Truckee River in March 2024, and bring forward the larger Truckee River Vision for the City and County in May 2024.

This item is for the approval of trash cans, animal waste receptacles, paint, and wayfinding projects identified along the Truckee River Corridor for an amount not to exceed \$266,000. Staff supports this recommendation.

ARPA Funding Timeline:



Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Economic and Community
Development Arts, Parks, and Historical
Resources Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

October 25, 2023 – Council approved \$329,627 with a reimbursement of \$100,000 from Washoe County to hire Dig Studio to develop the Truckee River Vision Plan, including initial recommendations for \$2,770,373 in SLFRF for the Truckee River Corridor.

March 8, 2023 – Council approved the allocation of the remaining \$28,150,044.97 in SLFRF received through ARPA on May 19, 2021, including possible allocation to specific projects identified through the public, Council, and staff engagement process or general spending categories identified by Council as a priority for fund allocation by December 31, 2024.

Background:

The purpose of the ARPA funding allocated to the Truckee River is for activation, infrastructure, and maintenance improvements. The Dig plan was to conduct an analysis of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe County and the City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks and develop an implementation and financing plan to guide current and future investment. In addition to working with City of Reno staff, the consultant will work with the public and stakeholders to identify a unified vision and provide recommendations and a phased implementation plan.

Due to the ARPA funding timeline, we are bringing these recommendations forward while the larger vision is still being finalized.

Discussion:

Beginning in November 2023, Dig Studio led a stakeholder and public engagement process that included meetings with hundreds of stakeholders and members of the public.

The public outreach and stakeholder engagement resulted in the identification of three goals:

1. Create a clean and safe riverfront;
2. Create a connected riverfront with easy access to the river; and
3. Implement a cohesive plan for consistency in design and long-term maintenance.

This item includes trash cans, animal waste receptacles, paint, and wayfinding.

Table 2: Trash Cans, Animal Waste Receptacles, Paint, and Wayfinding		
Elements		Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 animal and tamper-proof trash cans located from Idlewild Park to John Champion Park 		\$112,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 dog waste bags and receptacles located from Idlewild Park to John Champion Park 		\$24,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayfinding signs located from Idlewild Park to East Second Street and a plan for downtown wayfinding design standards that tie into the wayfinding work being done by One Truckee River along the river corridor 		\$90,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint refresh along the river corridor 		\$40,000
Total:		266,000

Map of Location:

Furnishings Locations



Financial Implications:

Funding for the consultant agreement will come from the Council-approved \$3 million in SLFRF to begin implementation of investment in the Truckee River Experience.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends (1) approval of trash cans, animal waste receptacles, paint, and wayfinding projects identified along the Truckee River Corridor using \$266,000 in SLFRF received through ARPA on May 19, 2021; (2) authorization to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bid in accordance with competitive bidding laws set forth in Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS); (3) authorization to approve the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy; and (4) authorization to award contracts for the purchase of various needed equipment identified by the professional services agreement under Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy.

Proposed Motion:

I move to (1) approve trash cans, animal waste receptacles, paint, and wayfinding projects identified along the Truckee River Corridor using \$266,000 in SLFRF received through ARPA on May 19, 2021; (2) authorize awarding contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible

bid in accordance with competitive bidding laws set forth in Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS); (3) authorize approving the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy; and (4) authorize awarding contracts for the purchase of various needed equipment identified by the professional services agreement under Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy.

Attachments:

Truckee River Plan RFQ

Agreements with Dig for Truckee River Plan