

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 26, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. for the First Street Sidewalk and Access Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$450,007. (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) [Ward 5])

From: Justin George, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

On March 8, 2023 Council approved the additional allocations of the remaining State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act. This contract is for the construction of the City Hall ADA Accessibility Improvements. The scope of this project includes providing an accessible route outside of City Hall from the City Hall parking garage to the front entrance of City Hall on Virginia Street. The project was presented to the Reno Accessibility Advisory Committee (RAAC) on March 28, 2023 and staff conducted a public bid. Two bids were received and opened on March 30, 2023. Sierra Nevada Construction Inc. submitted the best bid pursuant to the requirements established in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 338 and federal guidelines. Staff recommends Council award the contract to Sierra Nevada Construction Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$450,007 for the base bid and project contingency.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

March 8, 2023 - Council directed staff to allocate the remaining \$28,150,044.97 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act on May 19, 2021 to various 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.

August 25, 2021 - Council accepted SLFRF funds allocated through ARPA, directed staff to begin a public engagement process to identify potential uses of funds.

Background:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). The City of Reno received \$51,519,997 from the SLFRF and began allocating funds to critical projects on August 25, 2021, following initial acceptance of the funds. Since acceptance, Council adopted seven priority categories based on community input, Council direction, Treasury requirements, and the City of Reno master and strategic plans. Funds were allocated for this project at the March 8, 2023 Council meeting. The design was completed in house.

Discussion:

The proposed project is for accessibility and ADA improvements from the City Hall parking garage to the North Virginia Street entrance, in anticipation of providing public access to the first floor of City Hall. The project scope includes removal and replacement of the sidewalk along the north side of First Street from North Virginia Street to University Way and modifications to the parking garage pedestrian access ramp and to the North Virginia Street pedestrian access ramp at City Hall.

Staff conducted a public bid for this project. Two contractors submitted bids, which were received and opened on March 30, 2023. Staff evaluated the two bids, and only one bid met the criteria under NRS Chapter 338 and federal guidance documents. Sierra Nevada Construction submitted the only responsive bid. Sierra Nevada Construction is a local general contractor licensed in Nevada, and has successfully completed past construction projects for the City.

The engineer's estimate for the base bid was \$401,000. Sierra Nevada Construction's base bid came in below the estimate at \$392,007. Staff recommends award to Sierra Nevada Construction in the amount not to exceed \$450,007, which includes a \$58,000 contingency for unforeseen items encountered during construction. See Table 1 for the breakdown of construction costs.

Table 1 – Recommended Bid Award

Base Bid	\$392,007
Contingency	\$58,000
Bid Award	\$450,007

Financial Implications:

Funds for the First Street Sidewalk and Access Improvements Project are allocated from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery (SLFRF) Funds allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Legal Implications:

This Contract was competitively bid in accordance with Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). NRS 338.147 provides that a local government shall award a contract for a public work for which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000 to the contractor who submits the best bid pursuant to the requirements of the chapter. Sierra Nevada Construction Inc. maintains the proper license to perform the project and submitted the best bid pursuant to State Law and federal requirements.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council award the contract to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. for the First Street Sidewalk and Access Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$450,007 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Contract