



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to award a construction contract to Glen-Built Construction Co., in an amount not to exceed \$398,762 for the East 7th Street Façade Improvement Project. (District 2)

The City of Long Beach Community Development Department administers a FaGade Improvement Program (FIP) to upgrade the physical appearance of businesses located on commercial corridors within or adjacent to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Target Areas. Only exterior improvements are eligible for assistance, consisting primarily of new signage, paint, stucco/tile refurbishment, improved lighting and new awnings/canopies. A neighborhood or business association in the area must endorse applications for assistance under the program.

On June 11, 2002, the City Council approved the implementation of the FIP in the 2200 and 2300 blocks of East 7* Street, adjacent to the Rose Park neighborhood. The five participating property owners have executed Owner Participation Agreements and Declarations of Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions that provide assurances for maintenance and upkeep of installed improvements. Fourteen (14) business storefronts will benefit from the improvement project.

On August 26, 2005, staff solicited bids from an approved list of contractors. Selection criteria included experience in multi-unit commercial facade construction/rehabilitation within the past six years. On September 8, 2005 staff reviewed the bid submissions with a construction consultant and determined that the bid from Glen-Built Construction Co. was the most qualified.

Glen-Built has been in operation for 17 years. The firm has a valid State Contractor's license, is not on the Federal debarred list, and has a proven track record with the City of Long Beach as a contractor in various CDBG funded improvements on buildings and facilities occupied by nonprofit agencies.

The construction cost for the East 7th Street project is \$346,750, with an added contingency of 15 percent. The total contract amount is not to exceed \$398,762. The contract term will be one year.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood on August 26, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 9, 2005.

City Council Action is requested on September 20, 2005, as the FIP will no longer be funded as of October 1, 2005 due to reduced CDBG entitlement funding. Staff would like to encumber available funding for FIP while its available.

Sufficient CDBG funds to support project costs are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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