



Agenda Item: Bid Award

Title: Bid Rejection – Laramie Interfaith Food Pantry CDBG Project.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that the Laramie City Council reject all bids for the Laramie Interfaith Food Pantry CDBG Project.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

City of Laramie Purchasing Policy, 2020-07 - “The City Manager shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding bids received. Contracts or purchases shall be rejected or approved by resolution of the City Council. The City Council may reject all bids if none of the bid responses are found to be in the public interest.

Background:

The City of Laramie is the Grant and Project Manager for the Laramie Interfaith Food Pantry CDBG Project. The City applied for and received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Interfaith-Good Samaritan. The project budget including a matching funds from Interfaith-Good Samaritan is \$560,000.

The City of Laramie contracted with Dwel-Inc, Laramie, Wyoming for the design, engineering, federal labor funding and compliance, contract administration and construction management of the project for \$33,600. \$20,000 of the Interfaith-Good Samaritan matching funds were committed to the purchase of a walk-in cooler/freezer. These two items combined left \$506,400 remaining to construct the project.

On February 4, 2021 the City of Laramie advertised a bid for the construction of the project that garnered attention from three local prime bidders. Upon bid opening, on March 9, 2021, one bid was received for \$743,700. The City and Design Team met with the lone submitting bidder in an attempt to negotiate the price of the project to meet the allowable funds. Upon review by the Interfaith-Good Samaritan, the Board voted to ask the City to reject the bid, reconvene the building committee, develop changes and extend the deadline hoping to create a better bidding climate to provide better pricing.

Staff agrees with this decision and recommends that City Council approve the rejection of all bids.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

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Budget/Fiscal Information:**Revenue**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$500,000.00	CDBG Grant
Loans on Project		
Other	\$60,000.00	Interfaith Match Funds
Total	\$560,000.00	

Expense

Amount spent to date (approved and adopted by Council)

Budget	Amount	Funds
Total Budget Allocation	\$560,000.00	
Less Amount Spent to Date	\$53,600.00	
Remainder of Budget	\$506,400.00	

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N/A