

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.12
(ID # 13851)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 09, 2021

FROM: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Department of Public Social Services Kidd Street Security Fencing Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt, Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget, District 1. [\$302,240 – Federal-55%, Realignment-23%, State-18%, General Fund-4%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services Kidd Street Security Fencing (DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
2. Find that the DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption, Section 15311 Class 11 Accessory Structures Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;

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ACTION: Policy, CIP


Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management 1/28/2021


Sayori Baldwin, DPSS Director 1/29/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 9, 2021
xc: FM, DPSS, Purchasing

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

3. Approve in-principle the DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing Project at 10281 Kidd Street in Riverside, California; to add security fencing at the existing parking area;
4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$302,240 for the Project;
5. Authorize the use of Federal, Realignment, State and General Fund in the not to exceed amount of \$302,240 for the project, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses;
6. Delegate project management authority for the Project to the Director of Facilities Management in accordance with applicable Board policies, including the authority to utilize consultants on the approved pre-qualified list for services in connection with the Project, and are within the approved project budget; and
7. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute pre-qualified consultant service agreements not to exceed \$100,000 per pre-qualified consultant, per fiscal year, in accordance with applicable Board policies for the Project, and the sum of all project contracts shall not exceed \$302,240.

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| COST | \$ 100,747 | \$ 100,747 | \$ 302,240 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 4,030 | \$ 4,030 | \$ 12,090 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal - 55%, Realignment – 23%, State - 18%, General Fund - 4% | | | Budget Adjustment: No | |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: 2020/21–2022/23 | |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The DPSS facility at 10281 Kidd Street is occupied by the Children’s Services Division, Administrative Services Division, and Human Resources. Its parking area is situated behind the building entrance and is currently unsecured. Recently, this location is experiencing vandalism and unusual after-hours intrusions that are causing disruptions to service delivery at this location and disruptions to the property owners that are adjacent to the building. If approved, the fence would provide improvements to limit access to trespassers safeguarding building access.

The scope of work for the project includes but is not limited to fencing, gates, electrical infrastructure, access control enhancements, and new concrete pedestrian paths.

FM requests the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve the DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing Project and the preliminary project budget of \$302,240 to ensure the safety of the DPSS staff and visitors entering and exiting the building. FM will procure a design firm to develop plans and specifications as required by the building code and then determine the best cost-effective delivery method for the project.

With certainty, there is no possibility that the DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project is limited to securing an existing parking area with chain link fencing and pedestrian gates. The improvements would be minor in nature, would be an accessory to support the existing facility, and would be within the existing facility. Therefore, the DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing Project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Common Sense Exemption identified in Section 15061 (b)(3); Class 1 Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, and Class 11 Accessory Structures Exemption identified in Section 15311. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by the FM staff with the County Clerk within five days of Board approval.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

The DPSS Kidd Street Security Fencing Project will ensure the safety for DPSS staff and visitors as they enter and exit the building as well as assist in minimizing disruptions to adjacent property owners.

Additional Fiscal Information

The approximate allocation of the preliminary project budget is as follows:

| PROJECT BUDGET LINE ITEMS | CATEGORY | PROJECT BUDGET AMOUNT |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Architectural Design | 1 | 36,300 |
| Construction Management | 2 | 0 |
| Construction Contracts | 3 | 219,944 |
| Offsite Construction | 4 | 0 |
| Project Management | 5 | 8,640 |
| Fixtures, Furnishings, Equipment | 6 | 0 |
| Other Soft Costs/Specialty Consultants | 7 | 9,880 |
| Project Contingency | 8 | 27,476 |
| Minor Construction | 9 | 0 |
| Preliminary Project Budget | | \$ 302,240 |

All costs associated with this Board action will be funded through 55%-Federal, 23%-Realignment, 18%-State and 4%-General Fund. DPSS is required to claim expenses back to State over three fiscal years; therefore, expenditures for FY 2020/21 are estimated at \$100,747; expenditures for FY 2021/22 are estimated at \$100,747; and expenditures for FY 2022/23 are estimated at \$100,746.

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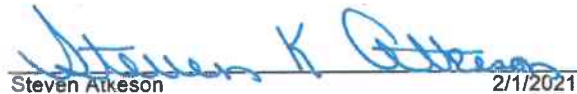
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Tina Grande, Director of Purchasing 1/27/2021


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*to be filed by staff of
department

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

November 4, 2020

Project Name: DPSS Riverside Security Fencing Project

Project Number: FM0417200375

Project Location: 10281 Kidd Street, east of Tyler Street, Riverside, APN: 145-200-017

Description of Project: The Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) has occupied the facility in Riverside, located at 10281 Kidd Street, since its construction in 1987. The facility has a parking area situated behind the building entrance that is currently unsecured. Recently, homeless vagrants have been congregating in the parking area, which has created an unsafe environment for the DPSS staff.

The County is seeking to install security fencing around the facility to ensure the safety of the DPSS staff entering and exiting the building from the staff parking area. The proposed installation of security fencing at the DPSS facility is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facility will continue to provide public services and will not result in an expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15311 Accessory Structures, and 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5 and 19, Sections 15061, 15301, and 15311.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project include unusual circumstances which could have the possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the installation of security fencing at the DPSS facility.

- **Section 15301 –Existing Facilities:** This Class 1 categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The project, as proposed, is limited the installation of security fencing at an existing building to provide operational safety and functionality. The use of the facility would continue to provide public services and would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the project is exempt as it meets the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15311 – Class 11 Accessory Structure Exemption:** This categorical exemption includes the construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The Project, as proposed, includes the construction of security fencing at an existing County facility. The security fencing would provide an appurtenant barrier around the perimeter of the existing County facility to ensure safety to staff. The new fencing will be used to secure the premises, is a minor accessory to the existing County facility, and will not increase or expand the use of the site; therefore, the Project is exempt as the Project meets the scope and intent of the Class 11 Exemption identified in Section 15311, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed improvements will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The use of the facility would remain unchanged, continuing to provide public services. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside, Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed:  _____ Date: 11-4-2020 _____

Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Facilities Management