



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
April 20, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Amelia Funghi, Animal Services Manager  
 Subject: Contract No. 9236 Amendment: Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance for landscaping services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee amend contract number 9236 with Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance for landscaping services at the Berkeley Animal Shelter at Dona Spring Animal Shelter by adding \$25,000 through fiscal year 2024, and increasing the total contract to \$74,000 pending budget approval in fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance provides landscaping services for BACS at the Dona Spring Animal Shelter. The current contract ends June 30, 2021 and funds will be exhausted on April 30, 2021. Extending and increasing the contract will prevent an interruption in essential services. For fiscal year 2021, \$2,000 currently in the Animal Services budget will be added to bridge the funding gap between April 2021 and June 30, 2021. Subsequent years will be dependent on future budget allocations. The contract extension will be for FY 2021 – FY 2024 and the cost of \$25,000 will come from the Berkeley Animal Care Services General Fund budget, pending budget approvals.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, BACS contracts with the Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance to provide monthly weed control, shrub pruning as well as irrigation inspection and maintenance. The Dona Spring Animal Shelter grounds include multiple areas of Bay Friendly foliage and shrubs as well as their respective irrigation systems. These Bay Friendly green areas require regular professional maintenance.

BACKGROUND

The grounds of the Dona Spring Animal Shelter contain plants and shrubs that were selected at the time of installation because they are both Bay Friendly and comply with the California Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance. Because of their ecological function as well as their esthetic role, regular maintenance of these plants is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Plants and shrubs at the Dona Spring Animal Shelter are Bay Friendly, drought tolerant, non-invasive and provide filtration of surface level water.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Plants and shrubs at the Dona Spring Animal Shelter must be maintained regularly in order to provide ecological and aesthetic benefit. Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance is well positioned to provide Bay Friendly landscaping practices.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative action was considered at this time.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AMEND CONTRACT: FREITAS LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance is currently contracted to provide landscaping services for Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) animals at the Dona Spring Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, BACS has a need for regular maintenance of landscaped grounds, and

WHEREAS, the contract will be paid for from the General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to increase contract number 9236 with Freitas Landscaping and Maintenance by \$25,000 and extend it with any amendments for FY2021, FY2022, FY2023 and FY2024 for an amount not to exceed \$74,000, subject to city budget approvals.

