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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 Item No. r.2.

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Eileen Gonzales, Contracts and Procurement Manager - Contracts and Procurement Division/

Agenda Wording: Contract Amendment #1 and Change Order to Front Range Arborists, Inc. for Black Forest Regional Park Forest Restoration and Thinning Project for the Community Services Department. Change Order amount is not to exceed \$123,300.00 (CON# 19-019).

SUMMARY (including information on budgeted matters)

This item is to request approval of Contract Amendment #1 and Change Order to Front Range Arborists, Inc. for Black Forest Regional Park Forest Restoration and Thinning Project for the Community Services Department. Change Order amount is not-to-exceed \$123,300.00 (CON# 19-019).

BACKGROUND (including information on budgeted matters)

On April 23, 2019, the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners approved the award of a Construction Contract and Purchase Order to Front Range Arborists to complete forest restoration and thinning within Black Forest Regional Park at a not-to-exceed cost of \$281,100.00 (CON# 19-019). The Community Services Department is requesting an increase of \$123,300.00 to the existing Contract and related Purchase Order to cover the cost of additional forestry services bringing the total amended contract amount to \$404,400.00 (CON#19-019).

The County entered into a grant agreement in 2019 with the State of Colorado to fund continued recovery efforts within Black Forest Regional Park. The scope of work included construction of drainage improvements, complete removal of dead-standing burned trees totaling 100 acres, and completion of various trail relocations totaling 3.5 miles.

The grant provided \$790,000 in Federal monies (HUD CDBG-DR) to the County without any local matching requirements. Work started in April 2019 with a total cost of \$578,502, which is below the \$790,000 grant budget.

In May 2019, the County requested the use of a majority of the remaining grant funds to complete an additional 60 acres of forest management work (CON# 19-019) and 2.5 miles of additional trail relocation (CON# 19-020) within the park. The additional work will bring the overall project budget to \$743,829. The State has reviewed this request for additional work and supports the request.

The work will help restore the park to pre-disaster condition, and/or mitigate damaged areas from future damage. Completed work must be in accordance with the scope of work, specifications, construction details, and Black Forest Regional Park Forest Management Plan provided by the County.

This Project is being funded by the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

Front Range Arborists, Inc. is located in Colorado Springs, CO.

Backup information for this item is available for review in the Contract & Procurement Division.

Revenue/Funding Sources:	Federal Funds
Revenue/Funding Amount:	\$123,300.00 (HUD CDBG-DR) additional per Amendment No. 1
Tabor Impact:	No
Increase to Approved Budget:	No
Net Cost to El Paso County:	\$0.00
Total Amended Project Cost:	\$404,400.00

ESTIMATED TIME FOR PRESENTATION

5 minutes/hours

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- GOAL ONE – Maintain and promote a financially sustainable County Government that is transparent and effective
- GOAL TWO – Continue to enhance the understanding of civic services and promote participation, engagement and confidence in County Government
- GOAL THREE – Maintain and improve the County transportation system, facilities, infrastructure and technology.
- GOAL FOUR – Consistently support regional economic strength.
- GOAL FIVE – Strive to ensure a safe, secure, resilient, and healthy community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Business Year:	2019	Subject to TABOR? NO
Fund:		
Funding Amount:	\$0.00	
Increase to original adopted Budget	\$0.00	
Net Cost to County:	\$0.00	
Total Project Cost:	\$0.00	
Vendor Information		

ATTACHMENTS

