



Agenda Item: Discuss and Consider Approval to Purchase Access Matting From AccessRec

Background:

The Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston applied for, and was awarded, a \$20,000 grant to support increasing mobility and accessibility at R.A. Apffel Beach Park (East Beach). The National Environmental Education Foundation's (NEEF) Driving Mobility and Accessibility on Public Lands grant program is a nationally competitive grant program funded through a partnership with Toyota Motor North America. The goal of this program is to make public lands more accessible and enjoyable for Americans of all abilities. With the generous support of NEEF, Galveston's beaches will be significantly more accessible to guests with a range of abilities.

Earlier this year, the Board accepted the grant from NEEF and locals funds were allocated for the local match. Staff has worked with NEEF in further outlining the scope of the project which will include installation of 500 linear feet of access matting (300 from this purchase and 200 of existing Park Board supplies), addition of 10 ADA parking spaces closer to the beach front (non-concrete pads) and connectivity to the stage area near the pavilion. This project will allow seamless access from the pavilion to the beach template.

As illustrated in the bid tabulation, there are several options for this material. Staff recommends the submittal at \$13,817. While not the lowest priced option, this vendor also provided the stakes, straps, caps/plugs and aluminum connectors along with a 5-year warranty. Having the stakes, straps, caps/plugs and connectors will save staff time in locating these supplies and making additional purchase, likely to be more costly than the direct purchase option included in this bid. Additionally, the 5-year warranty gives assurances of the quality of the product. For these reasons, staff recommends awarding this contract to AccessRec in the amount of \$13,817 for access matting and related supplies.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the purchase of 300 linear feet of access matting from AccessRec in the amount of \$13,817.

Funding Source (if applicable): Project outlined in the approved budget under RA 52 5250.