



Request for Proposal
Clark Street Special Service Area (SSA) #23
2020 Landscaping

Period of Coverage:

March 31, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Scope of Work:

Maintenance of landscaped areas within Clark Street SSA #23 (see attached map) to include the following:

- Spring planting and removal for hanging baskets and standing planters
- Winter planting and removal for hanging baskets and standing planters
- Removal of red twigs and berries in January
- Removal of remaining winter greenery in February or March
- Spring planting and regular maintenance for planter beds
- Regular watering of hanging baskets, standing planters, planter beds and trees
- Fertilization and weed control of hanging baskets, standing planters, planter beds and trees
- Pruning of trees and shrubs

Landscape Elements

Hanging Baskets:

- 104 hanging baskets on Clark

Free Standing Planters:

- 12 standing planters along Diversey
- 9 standing planters along Clark

Planter Beds:

- 4 planter beds at Clark and Grant Place
- 7 planter beds on Belden
- 12 planter beds on Arlington

Trees:

- About 250 street trees and tree grates on Clark and to the alley of Diversey, Belden, Arlington, Dickens, and other side streets (see attached map)

Bids to Include:

Costs broken down into the following categories:

1. Watering (all water to be provided by contractor)
 - a. Weekly watering costs for trees (3/week)
 - b. Weekly watering costs for baskets (3/week)
- c. Recommended number of weeks for watering including start and end dates including detailed schedule



2. Maintenance

- a. Weekly summer maintenance costs for
 - i. trees
 - ii. baskets
 - iii. planters
- b. Weekly winter maintenance costs for
 - i. trees
 - ii. baskets
 - iii. planters
- c. Recommended number of weeks for maintenance for each including start and end dates
- d. Detailed plan for maintenance to include fertilization, weed control, pruning and insect control
- e. Detailed plan for weeding of tree grates and tree beds
- f. Any trees that do not have tree grates shall be adequately mulched in June and then mulched as needed throughout the season

3. Plantings

- a. Spring planting
 - i. Cost per basket
 - ii. Cost per planter
 - iii. Plant list of choices
 - iv. Suggested date range for planting and removal
 - v. Photos of spring plantings you have installed in the past and examples of those you are proposing to install
- b. Winter planting
 - i. Cost per basket
 1. **We would like these plantings to include greenery, bright red decorative twigs and berries, and other decorative materials. Please include photographs as examples of what you are proposing to provide.**
 - ii. Cost per planter
 1. **Please see attached photos of the type of winter decorations we would like for our standing planters.**
 - iii. Plant list of choices and
 - iv. Suggested date range for planting and removal

Additional notes:

- **Please detail a suggested maintenance plan including a proposed schedule for weeding of tree grates, planter beds, curbs, and sidewalks.**
- Please provide pricing for the 12-month contract to be paid in installments during the 2020-21 calendar year.
- Please include list of references.



Detailed Description of Services:

Below is a detailed description of required services to be provided indicating the minimal requirements necessary for the work. The LPCC requires any and all work necessary to ensure healthy and vibrant floral displays.

1. PLANNING AND DESIGN

Work Plans and Cost Estimates: Submit seasonal work plans and cost estimates. The seasonal work plan should include, but not limited to, tasks, schedules, and personnel. The cost estimates must detail all direct costs and labor associated with the execution of the season's work plan. All cost estimates will be subject to the final approval of the LPCC.

Concepts: Submit conceptual ideas of the proposed season for review before actual designs. This will include items such as theme, objective, space, and color scheme.

Design: Submit a comprehensive design plan including a complete list of plant genus, species, photographs, quantities, pot size, and plant description including light, water, and pest and disease, management requirements, color, and habitat.

2. INSTALLATION

Growing Medium: At the beginning of each season all baskets must be evaluated for proper drainage and if needed, remedied prior to the installation of approved growing medium and plants.

Installation: All plants must be watered at the time of location delivery prior to installation. Install plant material according to the approved designs. Actual installation is weather dependent. To ensure establishment, install other subsequent tender plant material when spring temperatures rise to safe consistent levels. In order to achieve the design intent, the contractor must perform on-site adjustments.

Planting Site and Surrounding Area: At all times keep the project locations clean, power wash as necessary or as directed.

3. MAINTENANCE

Monitoring: Project locations must routinely be monitored throughout each season or as directed. Findings must be detailed on a weekly work report and submitted to the LPCC upon completion at the end of each week.

Watering/ Fertilization: Locations will require water and fertilizer to ensure that the original design is adhered to and all plants are in a healthy and vibrant condition throughout the entire season.



Plant Care: All plants must be properly cared for and trimmed in order to achieve the plant's maximum representative potential and original design intent. Plants will require removal of dead and dying flowers, dead or conflicting branches and stems, proliferating stems, dried foliage, or as directed by the LPCC.

Pests and Diseases: Use integrated pest management strategies to ensure that the original design is adhered to and all plants are in a healthy and vibrant condition throughout the entire season.

Litter Removal: Remove and properly dispose any refuse or litter.

Weeding: All planting locations require routine weed removal whereby the weed and its root are eliminated from the location. Weed removal shall also occur every two weeks between May 1 and November 1 in tree grates, tree pits, curbs, and sidewalks.

Mulching: Project locations may require mulch and/ or compost to maintain adequate moisture levels.

Missing Plant Material Replacement: Replace all missing plants or materials according to the original design within 48 hours.

General Clean Up: At the end of the season, project locations require the removal of all plant material and returned to its pre-planted state.

General Requirements and Standards:

1. COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. The contractor must respond to all directives and/ or inquiries within 24 hours unless otherwise directed.
- b. The contractor is required to attend seasonal meetings at the LPCC before the start of each season to go over goals, objectives, seasonal work plans, and expectations.

2. SCHEDULES AND REPORTING:

- a. **Seasonal Program Schedules:** Seasonal program schedules must be submitted with the work plan in the planning phase.
- b. **Monthly Schedules:** Monthly schedules are required and must be submitted prior to the first day of each month. Monthly schedules must consist of the proposed work schedule to be accomplished that month, including but not limited to, installation, watering, fertilizing, maintenance, and removal. Monthly schedules should reflect the overall seasonal project schedule.



- c. **Schedule Approval:** The LPCC must receive notification of any changes to all schedules a minimum of 48 hours prior to such changes. If required, the LPCC may change either the seasonal program or monthly schedule.
- d. **Weekly Work Reports:** Weekly work reports are required for all services provided. Weekly work reports are to be completed by supervisory personnel and must consist of actual work completed, listing hours, arrival, and departure times from job sites, locations, type of work completed, findings, and recommendations. If the contractor fails to submit weekly work reports, it will be assumed that no work was performed and no payment will be made

Timeline: Bids are due by Monday, August 26 at 5:00 p.m.

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Legend

- SSA
- Lincoln Park/Clark St
- TIF
- Ward

Lincoln Park/ Clark St SSA #23



WORK PROJECT

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