

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorize the purchase of public furniture for the NRH Library from Library Interiors of Texas (TMC Choice Partners Cooperative Contract No. 23-022MF-14, NCPA Cooperative Contract No. 07-84, OMNIA Cooperative Contract Nos. 07-78 and 07-127, and TIPS Cooperative Contract Nos. 230301 and 210305), wilsonbauhaus (TIPS Contract No. 230301 and OMNIA Contract No. R191802), and Workplace Solutions OMNIA Cooperative Contract No. R191816 in the amount of \$468,887 utilizing ARPA funding.

PRESENTER: Cecilia Barham, Director of Library Services

SUMMARY:

This item is for the purchase of public furniture to replace the current furniture in the NRH Library not to exceed \$468,887 utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Funding for this project was approved by Council as an ARPA Grant amendment at the April 24, 2023 Council meeting. The furnishings within the NRH Library premises are original installations dating back to the opening of the facility at its present site 16 years ago. During this time, the library has had 2,065,828 visitors utilize the space and furniture. Following continuous public utilization over the span of 16 years, compounded by rigorous sanitation measures implemented during the pandemic, it has become evident that a replacement of the furnishings is imperative to providing a clean, comfortable place for patrons. Additionally, excessive wear and tear has caused non-repairable damage to much of the library's furniture.

This project will replace only the public service area furniture and includes:

Children's Area Furniture

Furniture for this area includes seating for children and parents to read; study tables and chairs, computer carrels for children's learning computers; and seating for the children's play areas.

Adult Services Furniture

Furniture for this area includes a variety of seating for adults to sit and read, work, and



study; study tables and chairs; tables and chairs for the study and collaboration rooms; and computer carrels for the public use computers.

Lounge, Local History Room, and Lobby Furniture

Furniture for these areas includes seating for all ages to sit and read, study, and work.

Community Room

Furniture for this area includes stacking chairs and their accompanying storage racks for use at Library events and for reserved use of the Community Room by local agencies and non-profits organizations.

While evaluating the impending furniture refurbishment project, the library's personnel undertook a comprehensive examination, which included visits to local libraries for comparative analysis of their furnishings and rigorous testing of public seating options. In compliance with all City and ARPA purchasing requirements, a selection committee diligently scrutinized pricing proposals from various manufacturers and vendors to ascertain the most favorable terms in alignment with our budgetary constraints.

Vendor	Cooperative Contract(s)	Total
Library Interiors	TMC Choice Partners Cooperative Contract No. 23-022MF-14 NCPA Cooperative Contract No. 07-84 OMNIA Cooperative Contract Nos. 07-78 and 07-127 TIPS Cooperative Contract Nos. 230301 and 210305	\$330,035.52
wilsonbauhaus	TIPS Contract No. 230301 OMNIA Contract No. R191802	\$111,225.46
Workspace Solutions	Omnia Contract No. R191816	\$27,626.02
Total:		\$468,887.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the purchase of public furniture for the NRH Library from Library Interiors of Texas, wilsonbauhaus, and Workplace Solutions in the amount of \$468,887 utilizing ARPA funding.