



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
August 1, 2023

TOPIC: Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub Building Project

AGENDA TITLE

Approve an Agreement with LOC Architects for Professional Architectural Services for the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub and an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Project 23-2601 (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with LOC Architects for professional architectural services for the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub Building project in the amount of \$350,120 with a contingency amount of \$35,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$385,120, for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2023 and expiring July 31, 2026, with an option for one two-year extension, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.
2. Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program to include \$385,120 of funding for the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub project (Project No. 23-2601).

DISCUSSION

The Santa Ana Zoo (Zoo) is owned by the City of Santa Ana and is operated by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Agency (PRCSA) and a non-profit support organization, Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ). In addition to being a public zoological garden dedicated to wildlife, environmental education, and the conservation of endangered species, the Santa Ana Zoo is a recreational facility and an important civic asset that attracts approximately 250,000 visitors annually.

On May 3, 2022, Council adopted a resolution approving the acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Natural Resources Agency for the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub Building Project and authorized the City Manager to execute grant documents. The new educational hub building will include a multipurpose space, classrooms, and serve as a hub for community volunteers and education staff. The classrooms are flexible in design to maximize their use potential throughout the day and year. This facility will serve as a reception area for schoolchildren visiting the zoo and is directly adjacent to the existing outdoor amphitheater. The sides of the building will

open out to the general zoo area, amphitheater, and staff and service areas. The facility will use environmentally sustainable materials in its construction.

On February 22, 2023, the Public Works Agency (PWA) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 23-033 to select a professional architectural services firm for the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub Building project. These services include all design and engineering as required for the project scope. The RFP was advertised on the City’s online procurement management and publication system, PlanetBids, with electronic proposals due March 7, 2023. Eleven responsive proposals were received and evaluated by a selection committee comprised of PWA staff, Santa Ana Zoo staff, and a representative from FOSAZ. The following table summarizes the three top-ranking firms that were interviewed by the selection committee after the first round of proposal reviews:

Firm	City	Rank
LOC Architects	Los Angeles, CA	1
TAIT & Associates	Santa Ana, CA	2
Dahlin Group, Inc.	Irvine, CA	3

Based upon the scope of work and selection criteria outlined in RFP 23-033, Staff recommends awarding an agreement to LOC Architects (Exhibit 1). The selected proposal demonstrates that this firm has the necessary capacity and expertise to complete professional architectural services for the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub Building project.

The State of California Natural Resources Agency has approved and fully executed an amendment to Grant Agreement GF2107-0 (Exhibit 2) to allocate \$385,120 for the design phase of this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with the action.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2023-24 funds (Exhibit 3) will be carried over and budgeted as seen in the table below.

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit – Account No. (Project No.)	Fund Description	Accounting Unit, Account Description	Amount
2023-24	16113262-66200 (23-2601)	PRCSA Capital Grants	State Resources Agency Grant, Building Improvement	\$385,120
TOTAL				\$385,120

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EXHIBIT(S)

1. Agreement with LOC Architects
2. Grant Agreement Amendment
3. Fiscal Year 2023-24 CIP Sheet

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