



**CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Grandview Library and Brand Library & Art Center Audio Visual Renovation Project.

1. Motion awarding a contract to Western Audio Visual & Security, in the amount of \$130,752 for the Grandview Library and Brand Library & Art Center Audio Visual Renovation Project per Specification No. 3833, plus a 10% contingency for \$13,075, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for August 4, 2020 **calendar**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council approve the Motion awarding a contract to Western Audio Visual & Security, in the amount of \$130,752 for the Grandview Library and Brand Library & Art Center Audio Visual Renovation Project, per Specification No. 3833, plus a 10% contingency for \$13,075, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

During fiscal year 2018-19, The Brand Library & Art Center presented 100 arts and music programs and welcomed nearly 150,000 visitors to the library and galleries. The events included a dance series of performances featuring dance companies from all over Southern California; a music series bringing virtuoso classical musicians to Glendale for chamber music concerts; the plaza series with 250 or more visitors coming every Friday night in June, July, and August; and exhibitions such as “Valley Girl Redefined” which drew large audiences and garnered significant press coverage, including a review in The New Yorker and radio interviews on KPCC’s “The Frame” and “Take Two.” “This is Our Time” presented the inaugural Annual Brand Classroom Showcase of Glendale Unified School District (ABCS of GUSD), a partnership with GUSD high schools.

The enhanced programming, exhibitions, significant growth in attendance, and recognition of Brand Library & Art Center presents an opportunity to further enhance its reputation as a destination for the arts in Southern California. In 2019, the Associates of Brand Library & Art Center, the non-profit group that sponsors much of the cultural programming at Brand, celebrated 50 years of supporting and promoting the arts in Glendale. Efforts are underway to increase fundraising activities, enhance community engagement and develop partnerships with various arts and cultural organizations. This project at Brand Library will implement improvements to the audio-visual system in the Recital Hall, Galleries, and Atrium that will support the professional appearance and increased programming at Brand. The scope of work includes installation of a surround sound system, live sound reinforcement (microphones, mixer, iPad control), video system upgrade with electric screen, ultra-short throw HD projector, and audio system with three zones for maximum flexibility in audio programming in these spaces. These improvements will expand the functionality of the Galleries and Recital Hall and facilitate partnerships with other arts organizations in the region to increase the visibility of the arts in Glendale.

The Grandview Library recently unveiled a new children’s technology-focused library, including a dedicated STEAM Space (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with technology-based activities, as well as expanded children’s collections featuring technology non-fiction books, international language materials, CDs, and DVDs. Enhanced programming at Grandview will be possible with upgrades to the audio-visual system including a new ceiling mounted projector, sound system and electronic screen that are included in the project scope.

On March 24, 2020 the City Council adopted a Resolution approving the plans and specifications and directed to the City Clerk to advertise for bids.

On April 2 and 6, 2020 the City Clerk advertised the project for bids in the Glendale Independent Newspaper. Additionally, the plans and specifications were sent to four specialty Audio Video contractors, namely Western Audio Visual & Security, AVI –SPL, Spinitar, and Diversified.

On April 21, 2020, three contractors attended the mandatory job walk.

On May 6, 2020, the City received one bid as follows:

Western Audio Visual & Security (Commerce, CA)	\$130,752
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Western Audio Visual & Security (WAV) has provided a responsive bid and they are a responsible bidder. WAV is currently completing a project for the GTV6 improvements and the work is satisfactory. The low bid received by WAV is above the design consultant (PlanNet) estimate of \$100,000, but after further review by the design consultant, it was determined that the bid represents a fair cost and current market value.

The other eligible bidders were contacted about not submitting bids and they informed staff that they were either unable to assemble all bidding requirements on time and/or did not have resources available to address the requested scope of work.

Project Schedule

This work is tentatively scheduled to begin October 2020 and be completed by the end of the year.

Environmental Review

This project is Categorically Exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Exemption pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for the Grandview Library and Brand Library & Art Center Audio Visual Renovation Project is available in the FY 2020-21 budget in the following accounts.

Department	Project	Account	Amount
Library, Arts & Culture	50094 – Brand Library Renovation	51150-4010-LAC-0020	\$39,175
Library, Arts & Culture	51725 – Branch Libraries	51150-4010-LAC-0020	\$104,652
Total:			\$143,827

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Approve the Motion awarding a Construction Contract for the Grandview Library and Brand Library & Art Center Audio Visual Renovation Project to Western Audio Visual & Security, in the amount of \$130,752 plus a 10% contingency of \$13,075, and reject all other bids.

Alternative 2: Do not approve the attached Motion. The Library, Arts, & Culture Department will continue to use the existing and modular AV systems.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

EXHIBITS

None.