

**City of Milwaukee Department of City Development
Finance & Administration- Purchasing Section**

**Finance & Personnel Committee Approval Required
For Single Source Contract**

Background:

User Department:	Department of City Development
Purchasing Agent:	Scott Stange
Contract Description:	Design, implement and build up to 7 relaxation respites as part of the Healing Spaces Initiative.
Vendor Name and Location:	Groundwork Milwaukee, Inc (Milwaukee, WI)
Contract Term:	One (1) year for 2022 Healing Space Initiative program
Original Contract Amount:	New Contract
Expenditures to Date:	N/A
Current Contract Amount:	N/A

Purpose of Request:

Enter into a single source contract with Groundwork Milwaukee, Inc. for the 2022 Healing Space Initiative program

Background:

In early 2021, Bader Philanthropies Inc. issued a direct grant to the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC), a component unit of the Department of City Development (DCD) to fund and administer the Healing Spaces Initiative (HSI). Groundwork Milwaukee Inc. (Groundworks) was listed on the grant application as the lead partner and contractor for this pilot program. NIDC entered into a contract with Groundworks to design, implement and build, up to 10 Healing Spaces on vacant City lots in the Harambee neighborhood. The success of the 2021 pilot HSI was largely due to Groundwork's integral collaboration. Groundworks not only has experience building out green spaces and maintaining a high concentration of urban gardens throughout the Greater Milwaukee community, they are also in a unique position to bring partners together to engage in these healing spaces. Groundworks has the physical capacity to complete projects and engage Green Jobs and Education participants, while having a historic understanding of the community need for healing. Groundwork's insight and support helped shape how the program was structured, implemented and successfully administered through the first year of funding.

The 2021 funding from Bader will be exhausted in 2022 to complete the 2 remaining spaces identified as part of the pilot year, in Harambee.

Funding for the 2022 HSI program is coming from City funds allocated in the 2022 budget to DCD. This request for a single source contract between DCD and Groundworks is to allow for the seamless continuation of the HSI efforts and to build on the successes of the pilot year.

Therefore, DCD requests to single source to this company for one (1) year, for the 2022 HSI program. This contract would be in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.



DCD Finance and Administration Manager

4.6.22

Date