

Playground Replacement Project - Addendum No. 2

Questions and Answers

1) I didn't see any drawings or specs for the playgrounds. Are there any drawings already done?

A: Currently, we do not have site plans or technical drawings available for the new playground structures. As this is a “turn key” design build, we are asking the contractors to be responsible for the following:

Design Proposal: Proposal must identify equipment and layouts that maximize “play value” and safety withing the specified budget of \$210,000 for all four sites.

Technical Drawings: The awarded contractor will be responsible for preparing and providing all necessary site plans, equipment specifications, and installation drawings required for the project as needed.

2) What type of CDBG funds are being used?

A: The project is funded through the City of Ventura Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds are being categorized under Public Facilities and Improvements.

3) Are there minimum standards for the play equipment to be proposed for each area?

A: Yes. As this project involves public facilities and federal CDBG funding, all proposed equipment and installations must meet the following mandatory minimum standards:

Safety Certifications: All equipment must follow the ASTM F1487 (Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Public Playground Safety Handbook. IPEMA certification is strongly preferred as third-party validation that the equipment meets these standards.

Age Groups: All four play structures should be designed for children in the 2–5



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and/or 5–12 age ranges, as these playgrounds serve multi-family public housing communities. Bidders should propose equipment appropriate for the footprint.

Component Requirements: There is no fixed "minimum number" of components, we are seeking "turn-key" proposals that maximize play value within the \$210,000 total budget. Proposals will be evaluated on the diversity of play activities (climbing, sliding, sensory, etc.) and the quality of the layout.

ADA & Accessibility: All designs must comply with ADA Standards for Accessible Design (Chapter 10). This includes maintaining the correct ratio of ground-level play components to elevated components and ensuring an accessible route to all play areas.

Surfacing: Proposals must include Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) or Rubber Mulch/Chips that meet ASTM F1292 for impact attenuation and ASTM F1951 for ADA accessibility.

4) What permits specifically will be required for the project

Ventura Housing does not maintain a list of specific permits required for this project. We are looking for the contractor to identify, apply and obtain all necessary permits from the City of Ventura and any other regulatory agencies required for the demolition of existing equipment and the installation of the new playgrounds. All associated permit fees, plan check fees and administrative costs must be included in the total bid amount, which must not exceed the \$210,000 project cap.

5) Will that extend the timeline for completion, pending permit reviews and approval?

A: **The project completion date remains May 29th, 2026.**

6) Will that require architectural plans?

A: **It is the responsibility of the contractor to determine if architectural or engineering plans are required and to provide them as needed for the completion of the project. This includes any plans necessary for obtaining City of Ventura permits, performing site preparation, or completing the equipment installation.**

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7) Contractor License Requirements, A, B, C61/D34, C12?

A: Bidders must possess a valid and active California Contractor's License in one or more of the following classifications as required for the construction and completion of this project at the time of the bid submittal: Class A, B and C-61/ D-34

While Class C-12 (Earthwork and Paving) is relevant to surfacing and site preparation, it is generally insufficient for the primary contractor overseeing a full playground installation unless paired with one of the licenses above.

In addition to the license classification, it is important to note that CSLB must be in "Good Standing", contractors and subcontractors must be registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), and that a certification showing that the playgrounds meet ASTM and CPSC standards is provided upon completion.

8) Is this project subject to the BABA Act or are they exempt since they are under the \$250,000 threshold. We have a manufacturer overseas we would like to use for procurement of equipment.

A: No, Because the total cost of this project is \$250,000 or less, it is exempt from "Buy America, Build America" requirements. Contractors may use overseas manufacturers. To ensure safety and quality, all equipment must be IPEMA certified and meet all ASTM and CPSC safety standards. The contractor is responsible for providing documentation of these third party certifications prior to installation.

9) Do you have a basic design criterion: example – the playground must include 2 decks and at least one slide etc..

A: No, Ventura Housing is mandating a specific number of decks, slides or components. Contractors are challenged to propose a configuration that maximizes play value, safety and durability within the fixed budget.

10) Is there a particular age group we should design for: either 2-5 years, 2-12 years, or 5-12 years?

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A: Age Groups: All four play structures should be designed for children in the 2–5 and/or 5–12 age ranges, as these playgrounds serve multi-family public housing communities. Bidders should propose equipment appropriate for the footprint.

11) Is there a particular color scheme we need to follow?

A: There is no pre determine color scheme for the four sites.

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