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**Cc:** [Jensen Adams](#); [Savastino, Andrew](#); [Benal, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ARPA Grant Noncompetitive Procurement Request  
**Date:** Monday, July 29, 2024 1:08:02 PM  
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Hi Stephanie,

Sorry for the delayed response. I have reviewed the letter you attached on July 12<sup>th</sup> requesting a non-competitive procurement for the project.

I approve.

Please continue to work with the project partners to develop contracts for the work and send them to Thomas for review prior to signature.

Thank you,

Greg

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**From:** Dresen, Stephanie <Stephanie.Dresen@kcmo.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2024 2:12 PM  
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**Subject:** ARPA Grant Noncompetitive Procurement Request

Hello Mr. Powell –

Please find attached our letter requesting permission to utilize a non-competitive procurement process for this project. I've also attached the City's approved Solicitation Waiver (an internal document approving a non-competitive procurement process) for your review. It is also referenced in the attached request letter. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any more information from us to make your decision. Thank you very much and have a great weekend!

Sustainably,

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**Subject:** RE: Grant Question

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Hey Stephanie,

Sorry for the delayed response. We'll need a formal letter from the city that requests permission to utilize a non-competitive procurement process for this project. It does not need to be extensive.

Please refer to my email from May 30<sup>th</sup> for what to include.

If you have specific questions on the details of the letter please feel free to give me a ring.

Thanks,

Greg



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RE: ARPA DNR-SW-3ECA807E763C Noncompetitive Procurement Request


Mr. Powell,

On behalf of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ), we would like to request the permission of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources – ARPA Unit to utilize a noncompetitive procurement process for the ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Project DNR-SW-3ECA807E763C: Blue River Riparian Restoration. It is our understanding that federal rules (2 CFR 200.320(c)(4)) allow federal agencies or pass through entities, like the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, to authorize noncompetitive procurement processes at the request of a grant recipient.

The City is requesting the use of a noncompetitive procurement process for several reasons. Due to the nontraditional nature of the work containing a large community engagement, education, and outreach component, it is important to work with organizations with relationships already established in the communities surrounding the Blue River. All the proposed vendors are local organizations that are well-connected and uniquely situated as local experts for work in these communities. Additionally, all the proposed vendors were partners in writing the grant and were explicitly named in the application as those that would be carrying out the work. They have rich local knowledge of the Blue River and its watershed and really are the local, leading experts on both the outreach and restoration work that needs to be done. Finally, all the proposed vendors are local, not-for-profit organizations located in Kansas City, Missouri along the Blue River.

For your consideration, the City's approved Solicitation Waiver related to the noncompetitive procurement process is attached. This is the internal, City documentation necessary to approve a noncompetitive procurement process. Therefore, should the Missouri Department of Natural Resources approve this request to utilize a noncompetitive procurement process, OEQ has already received approval from the City's Finance Department to follow that process, as well. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need any additional information to make your decision.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Savastino, Chief Environmental Officer

