



Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy
2020-2023 Masonry Contract RFP
Questions and Answers
August 21, 2020

1. Is there an estimated budget for this scope of work?

The Conservancy has an estimated budget of approximately \$250,000 for masonry work on the Greenway between **September 2020 - June 2023**.

**Please note: the original RFP contained an error. The RFP document has been modified to reflect the correct contract dates above.*

2. Does the Conservancy anticipate this contract being awarded to a Union or Non-Union shop?

Although the Conservancy is not required to contract with union employees, all of the masonry contractors the Conservancy has hired in the past have been union shops. Therefore, we anticipate responses to this RFP will reflect union labor rates.

3. “Best Value” is noted as one of the evaluation criteria. Could you please detail what this means to the Conservancy?

Section 6.1 of the RFPs outlines the Conservancy’s standard definition of “Best Value” as it applies to our organization. This definition is meant to communicate that a variety of factors are considered when choosing a consultant and that the lowest bid may not necessarily equate to Best Value.

4. What is the anticipated timeline for these projects?

Please review the schedule outlined in each RFP. We anticipate that this contract will begin in September of 2020 and run through June 2023.

The contractor will perform masonry repairs and restoration at least twice annually, as prioritized by the Greenway Conservancy Maintenance staff and in accordance with the unit pricing submitted in response to this RFP. The Conservancy would expect the selected contractor to be available to complete masonry work on the Greenway between approximately March 15-May 31st and September 15-November 30.

5. What hours are contractors allowed to work on the Greenway? Is Saturday work allowed?

Contractors may work from 7a-7p Monday-Friday on the Greenway. However, we prefer work to take place between 7a-3:30p, while Conservancy staff is on-site and available. Saturday work is not usually necessary or advisable. Contractors are to give the Conservancy staff at least 72 hours notice before arriving on site to begin working. Conservancy staff will meet the contractor on site at the onset of their work.

6. What is the limit of work on each parcel?

Each of the parcels along the Greenway have a slightly different layout and relationship to the Clity of Boston sidewalks. Generally speaking, the Conservancy may require masonry work anywhere within the back of the city curb. The Conservancy will provide a list of priority projects (and associated maps) to the contractor each season for pricing.

7. How should Parcel 13 (Armeanian Heritage Park) be addressed as scope in these projects?

The Armeanian Heritage Foundation is the owner of Parcel 13 and, although the Conservancy is contracted to maintain this space, we are not the owners. This parcel is not included in the scope of this work. If there is masonry work to be done here, it will be contracted separately.

8. Are contractors allowed to bring vehicles on site while they are working?

As a general rule, if necessary to do their work, the Conservancy allows contractors one vehicle on the park. The Conservancy will work with the selected contractor to recommend appropriate places to park vehicles in the park.

Due to high pedestrian traffic in the park, the safety of park visitors is top priority. Contractors are expected to keep their work footprint clearly delineated and as small as possible.

9. Is the Conservancy able to estimate annual square foot/linear foot minimums for each of the line items in the Fee Proposal?

Masonry needs change year to year along the Greenway which makes estimating minimums very difficult. To the extent possible, the Conservancy will work with the contractor to provide meaningful square foot/linear foot quantities of work to make efficient use of their resources.