



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**FROM: KRISTAN LUNDQUIST, DIRECTOR**

**TITLE: AGREEMENT WITH PLAYSYSTEMS, INC. FOR SYSTEM-WIDE PLAYGROUND REPAIRS**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Miracle Playsystems, Inc. for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at designated park locations in an amount not to exceed \$67,781.29.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Miracle Playsystems, Inc. for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at designated park locations.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided the City of Salinas with \$51,567,313 in relief funds. In September 2021, the City Council allocated ARPA funds for a number of government service projects, including \$2 million for playground structures, park benches, and barbeque grills, the majority of which was to be spent in the 93905 and 93906 zip codes which were hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Salinas has 35 playgrounds located in parks/facilities across the city. An assessment of the playgrounds was conducted as part of the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Planning effort in 2017. The majority of the playgrounds were found to be in fair and/or good condition. The playground at Williams Ranch Neighborhood Park was found to be in poor condition and in need of replacement.

In May 2022, staff provided an update to the Finance Committee on the recommended projects identified for ARPA funding. This report included playground surfacing material system-wide, two new playground structures at Williams Ranch and Northgate Neighborhood Parks, and tables, benches, and barbeque grills.

Following the review with the Finance Committee in May 2022, staff, in conjunction with the playground manufacturing companies associated with each park, conducted an assessment to identify costs for necessary playground repairs. Across the system, we have playground apparatus from four different playground manufacturing companies including Miracle Playsystems, Inc, Ross Recreation, Playcraft and Play World.

In September 2022, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Miracle Playsystems, Inc. in the amount of \$165,128.09 and with Ross Recreation in the amount of \$64,886.33 for system wide playground repairs. A breakdown of the original repair costs is included below:

The City has Miracle Playsystems, Inc. playgrounds in twelve (12) parks.

| Park                              | Zip Code | Repair Costs          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Claremont Manor Neighborhood Park | 93901    | \$ 74,572.94          |
| Clay Street Play Lot              | 93901    | \$ 5,794.71           |
| El Dorado Park                    | 93906    | \$16,050.00           |
| Laurel Heights Neighborhood Park  | 93905    | \$ 7,589.40           |
| Laurel Neighborhood Park          | 93906    | \$ 7,996.84           |
| Laurelwood Neighborhood Park      | 93906    | \$10,136.98           |
| Maple Play Lot                    | 93901    | No repairs identified |
| Mission Park                      | 93901    | \$ 5,362.057          |
| Northgate Tot Lot                 | 93906    | \$13,151.63           |
| Santa Rita Neighborhood Park      | 93906    | \$13,052.09           |
| Soto Square                       | 93906    | \$ 5,096.37           |
| Woodside Neighborhood Park        | 93901    | \$ 6,324.56           |

The City has Ross Recreation playgrounds in twelve (12) parks.

| Park                          | Zip Code | Repair Costs             |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Azahel Cruz Pocket Park       | 93905    | No repairs identified    |
| Central Community Park        | 93901    | \$ 1,236.90              |
| Closter Park                  | 93905    | Prop 68 Total Renovation |
| Creekbridge Neighborhood Park | 93906    | \$10,563.25              |
| El Gabilan Play Lot           | 93905    | \$ 5,817.82              |
| Jaycees Tot Lot               | 93905    | \$ 5052.96               |
| Los Padres Neighborhood Park  | 93905    | No repairs identified    |
| McKinnon Neighborhood Park    | 93906    | \$16,756.75              |
| Monte Belle Community Park    | 93905    | \$ 5,818.68              |
| Myrtle Court Play Lot         | 93905    | No repairs identified    |
| Natividad Creek Park          | 93905    | \$13,817.05              |
| Sobranes Neighborhood Park    | 93905    | \$ 5,822.92              |

Given the age of most of our playgrounds and wear and tear, staff can encounter damaged equipment any given day. Since the original agreement with Miracle Playsystems was executed, we have identified additional equipment needing repairs. The new repairs total \$67,781.29 and are identified in the chart below.

| Park                         | Zip Code | Repair Costs |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Claremont Park               | 93901    | \$1,685.75*  |
| El Dorado Park               | 93906    | \$13,980.68  |
| Hartnell Neighborhood Park   | 93901    | \$7,841.11   |
| Laurelwood Neighborhood Park | 93906    | \$ 23,147.34 |
| Santa Rita Neighborhood Park | 93906    | \$18,626.41  |
| Bonds                        |          | \$2,500      |

\*Freight charges that were omitted from the original agreement with Miracle.

The new repairs included in this agreement continue to meet the City Council’s direction of spending the majority of the funding in the 93905 and 93906 zip codes.

The repairs to these playgrounds are considered sole source as other playground manufacturing companies’ equipment is not compatible with another manufacturer’s equipment. Consistent with Purchasing Policies and ordinance (2576) the purchase of equipment in the amount of more than \$30,000 with one vendor requires City Council authorization.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The playground repairs are consistent with the City Council Goals of Youth and Seniors.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funds are appropriated and available in account 3911.55.8171.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Agreement with Miracle Playsystems Inc.