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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** June 10, 2025

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Community Development Committee

**LIAISON:** Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Tim Burkman, City Engineer  
Engineering

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving an increase of \$150,000 for LaGrave, Bridge, and Chester Fire Station Façade Improvements for a total not-to-exceed \$679,570**

On August 13, 2024 (Proceeding No. 93795), the City awarded a contract to RAM Construction Services of MI, Inc. (RAM) and authorized expenditures in the amount of \$529,570 for this project which consists of various façade improvements at the LaGrave, Bridge, and Chester Fire Stations including mortar joint repairs, brick replacement, stone replacement, crack repairs, metal coping, re-painting, and miscellaneous painting.

The Bridge Street fire station was completed last Fall with only a minor use of contingency. RAM mobilized this spring to start the extensive façade repair project at the LaGrave station. The LaGrave station is over 114 years old and needs extensive façade repairs. Due to the age of the building and limited historical as-built information, it was very difficult to determine the full scope of repairs prior to construction. During the renovation of the façade, RAM discovered steel supporting columns that had a significant amount of oxidation that has greatly reduced their structural integrity. These columns support the primary entrance to the administration level on the South side of the building. In addition to the steel pipe repair, it was also discovered that a much larger amount of mortar and brick replacement is necessary. These additional funds are necessary to complete the unforeseen essential repairs, hold enough in contingency for the Chester Station, and an increase for construction engineering and inspection services.

The attached resolution provides for the approval of an increase in the scope of work and authorization of expenditures in the amount of \$150,000 with total expenditures not to exceed \$679,570. This amount includes the costs of the construction contract, construction engineering and inspection phase services by Restore Consulting LLC (Restore), contingencies, and previously authorized fees.

This project is being financed by the Capital Improvement Fund (Facilities Management). A budget request in the Capital Improvement Fund (Facilities Management) is necessary

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to finance this project and will be presented to the Fiscal Committee for consideration and approval at a future date.

cc:

Keith Borreson  
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Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving an increase authorizing additional expenditures for the project in connection with LaGrave, Bridge, and Chester Fire Station Façade Improvements.

WHEREAS,

1. On August 13, 2024 (Proceeding No. 93795), the City awarded a contract to RAM Construction Services of MI inc. (RAM) for the following project:

Façade Improvements at LaGrave, Bridge, and Chester Fire Stations  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

2. It is necessary to authorize expenditures for the aforesaid project; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the scope of work for the Project be increased at a cost of \$150,000 with total expenditures not to exceed \$679,570, which includes the construction contract, construction engineering and inspection phase services by Restore Consulting LLC (Restore), contingencies, and previously authorized fees. Said amount to be charged to the applicable Capital Improvement Fund (Facilities Management) code.
2. That the City Engineer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the necessary change order to the aforesaid contract with RAM.
3. That the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make payment, in amounts and to said payees, as the City Engineer or his designee requests in connection with the Project.

CORRECT IN FORM  
  
CITY ATTORNEY