Request for Proposals (RFP) for
Landscaping Services on Commercial Corridors 2026

Greater Southwest Development Corporation (GSDC) serves the City of Chicago's southwest side community.

GSDC's mission is to be a catalyst for creating and maintaining a vital Southwest Chicago community by empowering, building, and sustaining development that raises the quality of life for our neighborhood residents, businesses, and industries.

GSDC's vision is a thriving Southwest Chicago community.

GSDC's organizational values:	GSDC's Staff & Contractor values:
1. DEI	1. Collaboration
2. Integrity	2. Communication
3. Respect	3. Learner
4. Expertise	4. Results-Driven

A. Purpose:

Greater Southwest Development Corporation (GSDC), as Sole Service Provider for Special Service Area (SSA) #3 and Special Service Area (SSA) #59-2022, seeks a landscaping company that can support SSA's efforts in beautifying the southwest community with an infusion of living beauty on the commercial corridors. For the full Scope of Services, see Sections B and C.

Beautification efforts will take place along commercial corridors, described as Special Service Area #3 and Special Service Area #59-2022.

2026 Services will be provided for six months, beginning May **1, 2026, and** concluding on **October 31, 2026**. The

contractor can be considered for renewal. Each year, SSA #3 and SSA #59-2022 the community has flowering planters. Each planter requires seasonal clean-up, flower planting, ongoing watering, maintenance, and winterizing.

Service Requested:

➔ Plantings for Planters– All RFP responses should:

- ◆ Propose an annual design (2 to 3 options).
- ◆ Provide a plant list that should include both perennials and annuals. Please include plants and planters maintenance for each season, including a timeline.
- ◆ Consider that all planter pots are expected to have the same flower design.
- ◆ Replace dead plants as needed.
- ◆ Plants will be planted in planters' locations/sites per the GSDC map.
- ◆ The expectation is that plants should be ready for corridor placement at the beginning of the season
- ◆ The relocation of some planters may be needed throughout the season.
- ◆ A weekly schedule of watering, weeding, and time in the corridor is required.

➔ Weeding

◆ GSDC seeks to keep commercial corridors in each SSA meticulously weed and garbage-free. ◆ Each SSA corridor expects to have all planters, tree beds, sidewalks, and plant beds located on SSA corridors to be weeded.

➔ Watering

- ◆ SSA expects all flowers to be watered throughout the season. GSDC cannot provide water.

➔ Winterizing

- ◆ All planters are expected to be winterized during October 2026

➔ Additional services may be contracted as needed.

C. Scope of Services:

SSA#59

SSA# 59-2022 - Located on 59th Street from South Oakley Avenue to South Homan Avenue; on Western Avenue from 60th Street to 57th Street; on Kedzie Avenue from 57th Street to 62nd Street.

➔ Flowerpots

- ◆ 65 flowerpots (Height: 29”, Outside 36”, Inside 30”, Base circumference: 21”)

➔ 58 tree rounds maintenance

- ◆ Tree beds should be cleaned out
- ◆ Mulch tree beds (once a year)
- ◆ Trim trees as needed
- ◆ Weed trees and tree beds as needed

➔ Sidewalk Maintenance

◆ Control weeds by spraying sidewalks, corners, and trees in the SSA#59-2022 commercial corridor ◆ Provide parkway maintenance to 25 street parkway areas monthly. Services may include: ● Grass

mowing, weed whacking, and trunk removals

SA#3

SSA#3 - Located on 63rd Street from Bell Avenue to Cicero Avenue; Western from 61st Street to 64th Street; Pulaski from 56th Street to 70th Street; Cicero Avenue from 63rd Street to Marquette Road.

- ➔ Flowerpots
  - ◆ 160 flowerpots (Height: 29”, Outside: 36”, Inside: 30”, Base: 21”)
- ➔ 140 tree rounds maintenance
  - ◆ 60 Tree Beds - 63rd Street from Bell to Central Park
  - ◆ 90 Tree Beds - 63rd and Central Park to Cicero Avenue; on Cicero Avenue from 63rd Street to Marquette Road; on Pulaski from 56th Street to 70th Street
  - ◆ Tree beds should be cleaned out
  - ◆ Mulch tree beds (once a year)
  - ◆ Trim trees as needed
  - ◆ Weed trees and tree beds as needed

➔ Sidewalk Maintenance

- ◆ Control weeds by spraying sidewalks, corners, and trees in the SSA#3 commercial corridor once a month

D. Damages:

Any damage to planters or other personal or public property shall be reported to the Maintenance Manager immediately. Failure to report damage or accidents within 24 hours will be considered a breach of contractual duty. The contractor shall be solely responsible for the cost of any damage caused by the contractor's personnel or equipment.

E. Garbage:

Garbage and disposal location is the contractor's sole responsibility.

F. Payment:

Interested parties will provide a proposal with an option that includes the cost of flowers. The contractor must provide monthly invoices reflecting the job breakdown.

G. Selection:

The final selection will be made based on the following factors and the proposed fee. Preference will be given to City of Chicago companies. Responses can be made for one or both SSAs, although preference is given to companies who respond to both SSAs' RFPs and indicate savings for the quantity of work.

Proposals should include the following for each SSA:

- ♦ Scope of Services
- ♦ Proposed Timelines
- ♦ Related Fees
- ♦ Give monthly reports
- ♦ The selected subcontractor will be required to attend a mandatory pre-planting meeting with the Commercial Corridor staff.

Submit a proposal for all services by **March 15, 2026.** Proposals must be submitted to the attention of

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For questions concerning this RFP, contact Cynthia Granciano at 773-735-6572 Ext.428 or by email at the address displayed above. When submitting your proposal, include the name of the main contact person at the company.

This letter is not to be construed as a contract or commitment of any kind.