

What is meant by "minor structural repairs and patching"?

Patching includes addressing visible issues where they exist such as significant oxidation on surfaces where water has pooled, toning of previous fills where degraded, and/or excavation of areas of bronze disease or corrosion. Minor structural repairs involve replacing and/or reattaching missing or broken elements.

Does the City expect to have the missing or broken elements identified in the original conservator's report reattached?

Yes, proposals should include the costs associated with minor structural repairs involving reattaching missing or broken elements that are identified in the Conservator's Report. These elements include the sailor's sword on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the sword tip and ring on the Ulysses S. Grant monument, the sword strap on the Admiral Farragut monument, and the sword strap on the General Philip Kearny monument. All pieces are currently in storage (see below example photos). Should funding allow for this work to be included at this time, it will be completed.



Is the City of Muskegon providing lift operators?

No, the City will provide the lifts but will not provide lift operators.

Is training expected to be on lifts or at grade?

Training of City Parks staff should take place concurrently with the work so as to demonstrate proper cleaning and waxing techniques. Training can be handled at grade unless it is necessary and/or desired to take place on the provided lift.

Is the final completion date September 2024 or September 2025?

The final completion date per grant requirements is September 2025, but the City of Muskegon is hoping to have the work started as soon as possible. The selected proposal will coordinate with City of Muskegon staff to coordinate a work schedule with the summer events schedule at Hackley Park.

Does the City have a preference for a local firm? What is the City's definition of local; is it limited to the city of Muskegon or a certain geographic region?

The City Commission may give preference to local vendors as follows.

- Vendors located in the City of Muskegon may be awarded purchases or contracts when the lowest qualified local bid/price is within 2% or less of the lowest qualified non-local bid.
- An additional 0.5% difference in bid amount (for a total of 2.5%) will be considered for those qualified vendors located in the City of Muskegon which are not-for-profit and provide social services to City of Muskegon residents.
- Vendors located in Muskegon County may be awarded purchases or contracts when the lowest qualified local bid/price is within 1% or less of the lowest non-local bid.

City staff will evaluate all proposals based upon the criteria required in the RFP and how well the response to the criteria meets or exceeds the services required.

Does the City expect the caulk/sealant to be replaced?

Yes, existing caulk and sealant in need of replacement should be replaced.

Is masonry work limited to cleaning? If not, please clarify extent of masonry treatment.

Yes, masonry work will be limited to cleaning with this work. The original conservator's report notes that the granite bases are in generally good condition, citing more visible discoloration on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument and the Ulysses S. Grant monument.