

Department: CITY OF TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Date: October 8, 2014

Future Bond Election Proposed Project

**Project Name:** Buffalo Soldiers Memorial

**Location:** 1575 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, as part of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center Master Plan.

**Scope:** To establish a suitable memorial, that would be ADA compliant, to honor the Buffalo Soldiers, and showcase their exploits in the Southwest and war campaigns.

**Benefits:** Unfortunately, most Tucsonans and residents of this community do not know the rich history of the neighborhood and the significant contributions that Black Americans have made to Tucson, Arizona, and our nation. There are currently no monuments in Tucson that recognize or honor the contributions of Black Americans in the defense of the nation. This Memorial will help: Raise awareness of the contributions that the Buffalo Soldiers made in settling the Southwest, Arizona and their connection to Tucson, Pima County and Southern Arizona; Recognize the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers in protecting the nation in a time of war and “educate” the community about rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers and their positive impact on defending the nation and settling Southern Arizona and other Western states.

**Costs:** \$250,000

**Bond Funding:** \$250,000

**Other Funding:** None identified at this time.

**Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:** The Project Start and Finish Dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase and through a cooperative dialogue between the City of Tucson and Pima County.

**Project Management Jurisdiction:** The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** Future operating and maintenance costs will be minimal and will be the responsibility of the City of Tucson.

**Regional Benefits:** This project will have a regional benefit by “educating” the community about rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers and their positive impact on defending the nation and settling Southern Arizona and other Western states.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 2

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Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure.