

428.16 Buffalo Soldiers Memorial

Location: This project is located 1575 E. 36th Street. The memorial will be placed in an outdoor location just south of the entrance into the Quincie Douglas Center.

Scope: Construct an ADA compliant memorial to honor the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers and showcase their exploits in the Southwest.

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 the rich history of the Buffalo Soldiers and their positive impact on defending the nation and settling Southern Arizona and other Western states.

Total Cost Estimate: \$250,000 (Cost is based on recent World War II Memorial at Armory Park)

Bond Funding Estimate: \$250,000

Other Funding Estimate: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$30,000 for planning and design, \$220,000 for construction.

Implementation Periods: 5

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 9 months, construction at 12 months.

Project Manager: City of Tucson (Project requested by City of Tucson)

Operator: City of Tucson

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Future operating and maintenance costs are estimated at \$500 a year and will be the responsibility of the City of Tucson.

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