



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Council Session

Item E-6

Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations

No Council action will be needed but discussion will take place under Request and Referrals item H-1.

Staff Contact:

Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Community Development

Meeting: June 28, 2016

Subject: Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations

Presenter(s): Charley Falmlen, Community Development

Background

Grand Island began the process of becoming an Entitlement Community in September 2015. A large part of the planning process for this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) model is the creation of the 3, 4 or 5-year Consolidated Plan, which also includes the Annual Action Plan. The City has chosen to complete a 3-year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is included in the Consolidated Plan for 2017-2019. A separate Annual Action Plan is prepared for each Fiscal Year, in which a Consolidated Plan is not created.

A Public Hearing regarding the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was held on March 22, 2016. This Public Hearing included the results of the Community Needs Assessment which were being used to identify items for the Priority Needs portion of the Consolidated Plan. No comments were recorded.

Discussion

The Consolidated Plan identifies community development needs, goals, and priorities for Grand Island, and contains a housing and homeless needs assessment, a housing marketing analysis, and a strategic plan. The Action Plan addresses the intended use of an estimated \$348,927 in entitlement grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and identifies community development priority needs, objectives, and activities to be implemented during FY 2016-17. All proposed activities are subject to approval and final adoption by the Mayor and the Grand Island City Council during the August 9, 2016 City Council meeting. The following table summarizes the proposed allocations for planned activities in FY 2016-17:

\$50,000 – Housing Development Corporation Purchase-Rehab-Resell Program Support
\$80,000 – “Continuum of Care” Grant to address housing needs of low income, extremely low income and homeless persons

\$50,000 – Housing Improvement Partnership Program Support
\$35,000 – Small Business Rental Assistance Program
\$75,000 – The Revitalization Fund for Small Business Owners
\$58,927 – Program Administration

\$348,927 – TOTAL

The proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be available for review at the following locations after June 28, 2016:

- Grand Island City Hall, City Clerk’s Office, 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801.
- Grand Island Public Library, 211 N. Washington Street, Grand Island, NE 68801.
- Hall County Housing Authority, 911 Baumann Drive, Grand Island, NE 68803.
- City of Grand Island’s website at www.grand-island.com categorized under “Regional Planning” then “Community Development”.

Questions, comments or suggestions are encouraged concerning the 2017-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2016-2017 Action Plan and will be accepted until July 28, 2016. All interest parties may request copies of all documents or submit written comments details to Charley Falmlen, Community Development Division at 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801, or by email at charleyf@grand-island.com. The approved Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before August 15, 2016.

No action is required by the City Council.