



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Session

Item G-13

#2017-128 - Approving Civic and Community Financing Fund Grant Application

Staff Contact: Charley Falmlen

Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Community Development

Meeting: April 25, 2017

Subject: Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grant Application

Presenter(s): Charley Falmlen, Community Development Administrator

Background

The City of Grand Island's Community Development Division is proposing to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF.). The application will be requesting \$1,125,000 from the CCCFF to assist in funding the proposed \$6.4 million of improvements being done to the Veteran's Sports Complex.

The City of Grand Island submitted a non-binding Letter of Intent to Apply on March 31, 2017, outlining the basic scope of the project and the project needs.

Funding from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund requires a 1:1 match, 50% of the match can be in-kind and at least 50% must be a cash match. Matching dollars are available as part of the Food and Beverage tax funding awarded. In order to qualify, the project must take place on City owned property.

Discussion

This complex currently consists of four ball fields and a lake which is surrounded by a hike/bike trail. The expansion will add six additional ball fields, picnic areas, additional green space, and the City of Grand Island's very first splash pad. The objective of this expansion is to provide a high-quality facility for the residents of Grand Island, but also to pull in visitors from across the state of Nebraska, by greatly expanding Grand Island's capacity for hosting baseball and softball tournaments. This project will have vast and important impacts on Grand Island's quality of life, recreation opportunities, and visitor revenue.

Specific design plans for this project are under contract with Olsson & Associates. This matter is specifically related to approval of permission to apply for grant funds from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund for \$1,125,000 in funding for the project, and is not an action item for the project itself.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve the grant application
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approves the application for the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the pre-application and subsequent full application for the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development

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CCCFF Grant

 **Program deadline:** 06/01/2017 11:59 PM CDT

Application Stage

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<u>CIVIC AND COMMUNITY CENTER FINANCING FUND APPLICATION FORM</u> (/s/3571463/154392/)		INCOMPLETE	Start (/s/3571463/154392/)
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Annually, the Department of Economic Development, accepts applications from Nebraska municipalities for grants to support the development of civic, community, and recreation centers under the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund program. The intention is to support projects that foster maintenance or growth of communities.

To be considered for the program applicants must meet eligibility requirements, provide a letter of intent to apply, and submit a completed application online using <https://neded.fluidreview.com> (<https://neded.fluidreview.com/>). The letter of intent shall be signed by the chief elected official and received by the Department no later than April 1 of the current program year.

<u>CCCFF Application Part II.</u> <u>Project Budget</u> (/s/3571463/154408/)		INCOMPLETE	Start (/s/3571463/154408/)
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CCCFF monies may be used for new construction or the renovation or expansion of existing facilities. These funds may not be used for programming, marketing, advertising, and related activities. The grant may be used for site and infrastructure improvements directly related to the construction, renovation, or expansion of an eligible facility. It also may be used for the purchase and installation of fixed seating, lighting, carpeting, and other fixtures at a facility, but not for temporary and/or portable furniture or equipment. As a part of a CCCFF planning grant, the funds may also be used for preliminary planning related to the development or rehabilitation of eligible projects.

Grant assistance must be matched at least equally from local sources; and at least fifty percent of the local match must be in cash. Neither the local match nor the items listed for grant assistance should include amounts already spent prior to the date of this application for grant assistance. Following these guidelines, please upload the project budget showing the estimated line item costs for the project itemized by the proposed funding sources (grant and match) and project totals.

<u>CCCFF Application Part III.</u> <u>Project Description - Project</u> <u>Narrative (/s/3571463/154980/)</u>		INCOMPLETE	Start (/s/3571463/154980/)
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Provide the following information as ONE ATTACHMENT on a maximum of 15 pages, submitted materials will be

clearly demarcated and in categorical order. All pages should be numbered at the bottom center. Please review all items below prior to completing the project narrative. Avoid repeating the same narrative in each section; narratives that are clear and concise are more likely to score higher than those that are highly repetitive. Each categorical criterion shall be reviewed and assigned a score of 0-10 points (60 points maximum). Where applications include more than one attachment in this section or more than 15 pages, those attachments or pages will not be considered as a part of the application review. You are encouraged to be clear and concise with your response to each criteria. The Application Guidelines include additional information about review criteria. **NOTE: in this section, Planning projects need only provide a narrative regarding Financial Support.**

1. **Retention Impact:** provide data and/or an explanation of how the proposed project shall retain existing residents.

Funding decisions by the Department shall be based on the likelihood of the project retaining existing residents in the community where the project is located, developing, sustaining, and fostering community connections, and enhancing the potential for economic growth in a manner that will sustain the quality of life and promote long-term economic development.

2. **New Resident Impact:** describe the anticipated impact on new residents.

Funding decisions by the Department shall be based on the likelihood of the project attracting new residents to the community where the project is located.

3. **Visitor Impact:** describe the anticipated impact on tourism and visitor attraction.

Funding decisions by the Department shall be based on the likelihood of the project enhancing or creating an attraction that would increase the potential of visitors to the community where the project is located from inside and outside the state.

4. **Financial Support:** describe and provide evidence of local financial support.

Assistance from the fund must include a 100% match (i.e. matched at least equally from local sources). At least fifty percent of the local match must be in cash. Preference shall be given to those projects with a higher level of local matching funds compared to those with a lower level of matching funds. Neither the local match nor the items listed for grant assistance should include amounts already expended prior to the date of application for grant assistance.

5. **Readiness and Local Public Support:** describe and provide evidence of local public support.

The applicant's fiscal, economic, and operational capacity to finance and manage the project and ability of the applicant to proceed and implement its plan and operate the civic or community center.

6. **Project Planning:** describe and provide evidence of planning efforts in support of the project.

Projects with completed technical assistance and feasibility studies at the community- or area-wide level shall be preferred to those with no prior planning.

CCCFF Application Part IV.
Additional Attachments
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[Start \(/s/3571463/154410/\)](#)**Attachment 1 (REQUIRED):** Documentation of Match Commitment

Provide "Attachment 1", written documentation supporting the amount and source of funding identified in Part II. Project Budget. The documentation should come from the provider of the matching funds. Documentation should also identify the amount of secured as compared to unsecured (e.g. pledged or pending) matching funds to-date.

Attachment 2 (REQUIRED): Letters of Support

Provide "Attachment 2". As referenced in the Application Form, a signed Letter of Intent from the Chief Elected Official of Municipality must be included. The original letter shall be sent to the CCCFF Coordinator and received on or before April 1. In addition, include letters of support from community stakeholders in support of the proposed project. The documentation should supplement the local public support identified in Part III. Project Description.


Attachment 3 (where applicable): Planning Documents or "Other Attachments" as appropriate.

Provide "Attachment 3", any design or conceptual documents related to the proposed project. The documentation should supplement the project planning identified in the project summary and/or Part III. Project Description.

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RESOLUTION 2017-128

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, will seek the opportunity to apply for a \$1,125,000 grant from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund from the State of Nebraska's Department of Economic Development Department; and

WHEREAS the City will submit an application for the Veteran's Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island will submit an application as a result of project readiness, signified by the financial understanding of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is hereby authorized to apply for a \$1,125,000 grant request from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund from the State of Nebraska's Department of Economic Development Department; and

The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such process.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 25, 2017.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
April 21, 2017	▣ City Attorney