



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Council Session

Item E-4

Public Hearing on the Development of 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities

Council action will take place under Request and Referrals item H-1.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Community Development

Meeting: April 25, 2017

Subject: Public Hearing on the Development of 2017-2018
Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities

Presenter(s): Charley Falmlen, Community Development
Administrator

Background

Grand Island became 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, and the Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan represents the City's goals for CDBG funding in broad scope, it identifies the areas and focus of CDBG priorities.

The City has chosen to complete a 3-year Consolidated Plan which is currently in place and covers the time period of 2016-2018. The Five Priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan are as follows in order of identified importance:

- Increase Quality & Affordable Housing Options
- Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses
- Support Public Services for Neighborhoods and Vulnerable Populations
- Improve Public Facilities
- Create Re-Investment Opportunities in Downtown

The Annual Action Plan breaks down the priorities and lists specific dollar amounts and which projects will be funded in the assigned year. A separate Annual Action Plan is prepared for each Fiscal Year. The public hearing today is to discuss the planned programs for the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion

Projects being considered for the 2017 Annual Action Plan are outlined in the Power Point presentation.

Alternatives

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

1. Accept the Development of 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.
2. Do not accept the Development of 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the Development of 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the Development of 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.

March 22, 2016

**Development of 2017 Action Plan for
CDBG Activities**

Objective

To inform the public of the priorities identified by the Community Needs Assessment and the planned priorities for CDBG funding through the 2017 Annual Action Plan.

HUD requires the Community Development Division to hold one public hearing during the planning process, and another once the plan is complete and ready for submission.

Overview

HUD has yet to announce the City of Grand Island's funding allocation for the program year to begin on October 1, 2017. However, it is necessary to begin planning processes, despite the delayed allocation announcement, to allow the City adequate time to prepare the Annual Action Plan. Because of this factor, this presentation and public hearing will only discuss projects, and not their actual allocations of funds.

For the current program year, the City received \$348,927 in CDBG Funds for fiscal year 2017.

Community Development has also created a Stakeholders group to serve as a consultation body during the process of deciding on CDBG funding amounts.

The next public hearing which will review the exact dollar amounts for each project will be held in late June or early July.

The Funding Priorities

To gain perspective on the City's goals for funding priorities over the next 3 years, and to meet the consultation requirements of the Consolidated Plan, the City identified the following five priorities listed in order of priority:

- Increase Quality & Affordable Housing Options
- Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses
- Support Public Services for Neighborhoods and Vulnerable Populations
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Prospective Projects

At this point and time the City is planning on implementing three projects with 2017-2018 CDBG funding. These projects include:

- 🏊 ADA Accessible Playground Equipment for Lion's Club Park
- 🏊 Continuation of Small Business Rental Assistance Program through Railside
- 🏊 Continuation of the Public Service Grant (Previously called the Continuum of Care Grant)

At this point and time, it is anticipated that the implementation of the Lion's Club Park portion of the project will take up a vast majority of the funds and is anticipated to cost over \$200,000.