



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Council Session

Item G-11

**#2017-184 - Approving Application for the Nebraska Public
Transportation Assistance Program**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Transit Program Manager

Meeting: June 27, 2017

Subject: Approving Application for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

On June 14, 2016 via Resolution No. 2016-138 City Council approved the agreement between the City and Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska for public transit services. Such approval consisted of an agreement providing compensation to Senior Citizens Industries, Inc (SCI.) in the total amount of \$638,430 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The City has opted to renew the agreement beyond June 30, 2017 in increments of two months, as noted in the original resolution. Compensation for the extended service is at the following monthly rates: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 - \$54,798.64 per month and July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – \$56,442.60. Service will be provided both in the City of Grand Island and County of Hall via a unified system operated by Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.

The Federal Transit Authority's (FTA) 5307 Urban Transit Funds pay for portions of the City of Grand Island's contract with SCI, and the remainder is the City's responsibility. Some activities are covered at a ratio of 80/20, and others are covered at a ratio of 50/50.

Funds are available through the State of Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program to aid the City in meeting the required matching funds. Last year, the City of Grand Island was awarded Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance in the amount \$152,385.00 for the period of July 1, 201 to June 30, 2017. The state funds will be used towards the City's local matching obligation for 5307 Urban Transit funds.

Funds from the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program are competitive, and the City must complete a new application every year.

Discussion

Public Works Transit Division is requesting a resolution to move forward with the annual application for matching funds under the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance program in the amount of \$157,205.00 or 25% of overall eligible operating costs,

whichever is greater. Upon the State's review of all submitted requests the City will be notified of the exact amount they are to receive, based on funds available vs. funds requested.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve
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 the Council approve the Application for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program to aid the City in providing public transit services.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Application for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program.

RESOLUTION 2017-184

WHEREAS, funds are available through the State of Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program to aid the City financially in providing public transit services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is in contract with Senior Citizens Industries, Inc, for implementation of a Transit Program using 5307 Urban Transit funds, and thereby eligible for State of Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program funds; and

WHEREAS, such State funds will be used towards the City's local matching obligation for 5307 Urban Transit funds to Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the application to the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$157,205.00 or 25% of eligible operating costs, whichever is greater.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 27, 2017.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
June 23, 2017	☒ City Attorney