



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Council Session

Item E-3

Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations

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

Staff Contact: Charley Falmlen

Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Community Development

Meeting Date: July 25, 2017

Subject: Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant 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 an Annual Action Plan. The City has chosen to complete a 3-year Consolidated Plan, which is valid from October 2016- October 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 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan was held on April 25, 2017. This public hearing notified the public of the Community Development Division's suggestions for CDBG funding, which are the result of thorough analysis of previous funding priorities and community needs assessments. All public comments made at the April public hearing and today's public hearing are recorded and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), along with the final 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion

The Annual Action Plan addresses the intended use of an allocated \$360,253 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 fiscal year 2017-2018. All proposed activities are subject to approval and final adoption by the Mayor and the Grand Island City Council later in today's City Council meeting. The following table summarizes the proposed allocations for planned activities in fiscal year 2017-2018:

\$25,000 – Public Service Grant to address needs of low income, extremely low income and homeless persons

\$150,000 – Playground Equipment for Lions Club Park

\$135,000 – 2017 Public Works Improvements

\$50,253 – Program Administration

\$360,253 - TOTAL

The proposed Annual Action Plan was made available for review at the following locations after June 30, 2017:

- 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"

Alternatives

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

1. Accept the report on the Community Development Block Grant 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations
2. Do not accept the report on the Community Development Block Grant 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the report on the Community Development Block 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the report on the Community Development Block Grant 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan Funding Allocations.

Objective

To inform the public of the priorities identified by the Community Needs Assessment and the planned priorities for the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Grand Island requires the Community Development Division to hold one public hearing during the planning process (held on April 25, 2017), and another once the plan is complete and ready for submission (today.)

Review of Priority Needs

An extensive overview regarding how the proposed projects align with the Priority Needs is available in the 2017-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan. For review, the identified Priority Needs in order are:

- 🏠 Increase Quality & Affordable Housing
- 🏢 Cultivate Small & Emerging Businesses
- 🏘️ Support Public Services for Neighborhoods
- 🏞️ Improve Public Facilities
- 🏙️ Create Re-Investment Opportunities in Downtown

Projects to Receive Funding

- ☛ **\$150,000 – Lions Club Park Playground Equipment**
 - ☛ Priority Need – Improve Public Facilities, Support Public Services for Neighborhoods & Vulnerable Populations

- ☛ **\$25,000 – Public Service Grant to address needs of low income, extremely low income and homeless persons**
 - ☛ Priority Need – Support Public Services for Neighborhoods & Vulnerable Populations

- ☛ **\$135,000 – Public Works ADA Ramps in Blight & Substandard Area #1**
 - ☛ Priority Need – Improve Public Facilities, Support Public Services for Neighborhoods & Vulnerable Populations

- ☛ **\$50,253 – Program Administration**
- ☛ **\$360,253 - TOTAL**

Public Comment Period

The proposed 2017-2018 Action Plan was available for review at the following locations from June 30, 2017 until July 24, 2016:

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Comments were to be submitted to:

- Community Development Division at City Hall
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