



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Council Session

Item G-12

#2022-176 - Approving Agreement for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program

Staff Contact: Keith Kurz PE, Interim Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Transit Program Manager

Meeting: July 12, 2022

Subject: Approving Agreement for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program

Presenter(s): Keith Kurz PE, Interim Public Works Director

Background

On June 25, 2019 via Resolution No. 2019-197 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 \$697,213.17 for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The City has the option to renew the agreement beyond June 30, 2022 on an annual basis for a two (2) year period, after which time proposals will be solicited. Compensation for the extended service is at the following rates, billed monthly: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021- \$718,129.57 annually and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022– \$739,673.46 annually. 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.

On March 8, 2022, via Resolution No. 2022-55, City Council approved a contract amendment with Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. for the remainder of their fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2022, as well as to their FY 2022/2023. The amendment resulted in an increase of \$67,404.64, for a revised total amount of \$807,078.10 for the remainder of FY2021/2022 (March 1, 2022- June 30, 2022), and an increase of \$174,108.61, for a revised total amount of \$935,972.27 for FY 2022/2023 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023).

The Federal Transit Authority's (FTA) 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants reimburse a portion of the City of Grand Island's contract with SCI. Additionally, 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants reimburse the City for a portion of the public transit project administration conducted by the Public Works Transit Division. FTA reimburses the City for capital expenses at a ratio of 80/20, and operating expenses 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. If awarded, these State funds will be used towards the City's local matching obligation for 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants.

Funds from the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program are competitive, and the City must complete a new application every year. On April 14, 2020, via Resolution No. 2020-91, City Council approved applications to be submitted administratively, with the agreement being present to City Council for approval.

Last year, the City of Grand Island was awarded Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program funding in the amount \$200,820.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Discussion

On April 1, 2022 the Mayor signed the application requesting State funds in the amount of \$239,982.00 from the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program.

Public Works Transit Division is requesting a resolution to enter into the agreement for matching funds under the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance program in the amount of \$239,982.00.

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 2022-176

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 Urbanized Area Formula Grants, 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 Urbanized Area Formula Grants; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, via Resolution No. 2020-91, City Council approved applications to be submitted administratively, with the agreement being present to City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program application was signed by the Mayor on April 1, 2022 requesting State funds in the amount of \$239,982.00 from the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program.

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 agreement for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program in the amount of \$239,982.00.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 12, 2022.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 11, 2022	☐ City Attorney