



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Council Session

Item I-2

#2013-125 - Consideration of Approving a Resolution to Authorize Filing Applications with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity

Council Agenda Memo

From: Chad Nabity, AICP

Meeting: April 23, 2013

Subject: Resolution to Authorize Filing Applications with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance

Item #'s: I-2

Presenter(s): Chad Nabity, Planning Director

Background

In October of 2012, the City of Grand Island was designated by the State of Nebraska as a Direct Recipient of Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds available through the State of Nebraska from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In March of 2013 the FTA, requested that the City provide three documents prior to April 30, 2013. The documents were the authorizing resolution that is the action item for meeting, a legal opinion from the City Attorney that the City is legally able to receive these funds and authorized to provide the necessary matching funds for the grant, and a Letter of Incumbency from the City stating the names of the persons that are currently in the positions identified in the Authorizing Resolution (Mayor, City Administrator and/or Designee, City Treasurer etc..). It is intended that the City would issue a new Letter of Incumbency any time that a person named in the previous letter leaves the City and is replaced.

Discussion

This resolution does not commit the City to providing transit nor does it commit the City to spending any money. It does however preserve the ability of the City to access 5307 urban transit dollars in the future. The City was named a direct recipient of 5307 funds for the 2013 fiscal year and can access those funds anytime within 6 years.

Approval of this resolution is a necessary step in continuing to offer public transportation within the City of Grand Island.

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 Resolution as submitted

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Staff to file applications for funding with the Federal Transit Administration.



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March 13, 2013

Honorable Jay Vavricek
Mayor
City of Grand Island
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RE: FTA 5307 Program Grand Island Direct
Recipient Requirements

Dear Mayor Vavricek:

The Governor of Nebraska has designated the city of Grand Island, Nebraska to serve as a Direct Recipient for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds. In order for the city of Grand Island to apply for grant funding, the city needs to provide the following documents (examples attached) by April 30, 2013 in order to apply for FTA FY2013 Section 5307 funding:

- Authorizing Resolution
- Legal Opinion
- Letter of Incumbency to the FTA

Please note that a supplemental agreement between NDOR and the city of Grand Island needs to be executed with each 5307 grant – this occurs electronically during grant processing.

For each of the sample documents attached, information in parentheses is instructional and should be struck from the final document, and the specific information requested provided in its stead. Regional Counsel Paula L. Schwach is willing to review documents in draft in order to facilitate submission of documents which will be acceptable to FTA. She can be reached at 816-329-3935 or at Paula.Schwach@dot.gov.

If you have any questions about FTA's Section 5307 program or metropolitan planning requirements please contact Joni Roeseler, Team Leader for Planning & Program Development at (816) 329-3936 or joan.roeseler@dot.gov

Sincerely,

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator

Cc: Kari Ruse, NDOR
Abe Anshasi, NDOR
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR
Dustin Butler, Hall County Transit, Director
Steve Riehle, Hall County, Engineer
Pamela Lancaster, Hall County, District 4 Supervisor
Mary Lou Brown, City of Grand Island

RESOLUTION 2013-125

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53; AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for a transportation project;

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, and may require the Applicant to provide the local share of the project cost;

WHEREAS, the Applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND NEBRASKA:

1. That Mayor is authorized to execute and file an application for Federal assistance on behalf of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration. The State of Nebraska acting through its Department of Roads ("NDOR"), is the Designated Recipient for small urbanized areas as defined by 49 U.S.C. 5302(4). The City of Grand Island, Nebraska has received authority from the Designated Recipient to apply for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance as a Direct Recipient. NDOR and the City of Grant Island will enter into a supplemental agreement with FTA each time the City of Grand Island applies for funds.
2. That Mayor is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transit Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.
3. That Mayor is authorized to execute the grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of The City of Grand Island, Nebraska.
4. That Finance Director/City Treasurer is authorized to draw against available grant funding using the ECHO web system.
5. That the City of Grand Island intends to insure that the matching funds necessary for providing transit services are included and that spending authority is authorized as needed within the approved annual budget of the City of Grand Island.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
April 19, 2013	☐ City Attorney

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 23, 2013.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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