



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Council Session

Item E-8

Public Hearing for Phase I Comprehensive Revitalization Community Block Grant Application

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Council Meeting: June 25, 2013

Subject: Public Hearing on Comprehensive Revitalization Block Grant Application

Item #: E-8 & G-18

Presenter(s): Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Background

In 2005, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) developed a program to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in non-entitlement communities. The program allocates grant funds over a multi-year period to meet locally identified needs that are CDBG eligible.

Eligible communities interested in the (2012-2015) Comprehensive Revitalization category must submit an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) by June 28 2013. A public hearing is required prior to submission of an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to solicit public comment and input into the proposed project and grant application. A legal notice was published on June 18, 2013 in the *Grand Island Independent* with notice of this council meeting and contact information for written comments.

Discussion

The City has updated and submitted its Comprehensive Needs Assessment and a Revitalization Strategy for the next three years of Comprehensive Revitalization funding to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment reviewed Low-to Moderate (LMI) Block Groups and documented all types and degrees of housing and community development needs within each area. The Revitalization Strategy identified a one, two and three year action plan to meet the needs of the (LMI) neighborhood(s) selected for investment. The Needs Assessment and Revitalization Strategy process involved citizen participation, particularly LMI residents, through public meetings and surveys in all development and implementation phases.

The City of Grand Island is requesting a 2013 Comprehensive Revitalization Grant for \$220,000 plus \$5,000 in General Administration to fund street, sewer, and housing improvements in the

selected low-to moderate income neighborhoods. The street and sidewalk improvements will be at the 4th Street intersections of Sycamore, Locust, and Walnut. Storm sewer improvements will also be made at the intersection of 4th and Locust. An Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program will be funded and available to LMI individuals and families in the project areas from this grant.

The City will provide the required local match of \$220,000. The required match will be more than adequately funded through projects in the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Projects Fund, General Fund Engineering Division and Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund.

ALTERNATIVES

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

1. Approve the 2013 Community Revitalization application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approves the 2013 Community Revitalization application and authorizes the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the 2013 Community Revitalization application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.