



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Council Session

## Item I-6

**#2013-252 - Approving Acceptance of Grand Island as U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Grantee**

Staff Contact: Marco Floreani

RESOLUTION 2013-252

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, as a designated Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to accept status as an U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Grantee; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified Grand Island as a MSA and offered the City of Grand Island entitlement status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island may accept or defer entitlement status; and

WHEREAS the City must notify HUD, in writing, by September 7, 2013 with intentions to accept or defer entitlement status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is hereby authorized to accept status as a HUD entitlement grantee; and

The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant applications and other documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant process.

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

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
July 22, 2013	▣ City Attorney

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

**Meeting:** July 23, 2013

**Subject:** Approving Acceptance of Grand Island as U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Grantee

**Item #'s:** I-6

**Presenter(s):** Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

## **Background**

In a letter addressed to Mayor Vavricek, dated June 3, 2013, the City of Grand Island was identified as a potential entitlement grantee for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in fiscal year 2015. As a Metropolitan Statistical Area (metropolitan cities with populations over 50,000), Grand Island has the opportunity to accept status as an entitlement grantee for the 2015 fiscal year or defer status.

## **Discussion**

The City of Grand Island has two options in regards to CDBG funding, accept status as an entitlement grantee or defer status as an entitlement program grantee and continue participating through the State CDBG program. The City must notify HUD, in writing, by September 7, 2013 with intentions to accept or defer entitlement status. Should the City choose to accept, the letter to HUD must provide the start date for the City's CDBG program. City staff recommends that the program year coincide with the City's fiscal year of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. The program year will be used to set submission dates for the required planning and reporting documents and set timelines for the expenditure of CDBG funds. The CDBG funding the City will receive will vary depending on the federal budget approved by Congress. HUD's 2014 entitlement funding estimate for Grand Island is \$366,214.00.

As an entitlement community, the City of Grand Island would receive funds directly from HUD on an annual formula basis. As an entitlement grantee, the City would report directly to HUD and be responsible for all grant administration. The entitlement program funds do not require a local match for CDBG funds, whereas the Nebraska Department of

Economic Development Program CDBG funds typically requires a local match of at least 25 percent.

After notifying HUD of the City's intention to participate, Grand Island must develop and submit a Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan acts as the City's comprehensive planning document under the CDBG program. The Consolidated Plan must be received by the Omaha HUD field office 45 days prior to the program year start date of October 1, 2014. In addition to the Consolidated Plan, the City will also develop and follow a detailed citizen participation plan. The plan should provide opportunities for citizens to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan and the way CDBG funds are used in the community.

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve and accept status as an HUD entitlement grantee 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 and accepts status for Grand Island as an HUD entitlement grantee and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve status for Grand Island as an HUD entitlement grantee and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.