



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

**Council Session**

## **Item E-5**

### **Public Hearing for Comprehensive Revitalization Supplemental Community Development Block Grant Application**

**Staff Contact: Marco Floreani**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

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

**Council Meeting:** September 24, 2013

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Comprehensive Revitalization  
Block Grant Application

**Item #:** E-5 & G-17

**Presenter(s):** Chad Nabity, Regional Planner

## **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. The City has been approved for Community revitalization Phase 1 funds in the amount of \$240,000.

On August 18, 2013, the City received a notice from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development that there were additional funds available for Comprehensive Revitalization activities. To receive funding, the City must apply for the additional supplemental funds.

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 September 19, 2013 in *The 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 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 Income (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 Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$295,000 plus \$5,000 in general administration to broaden and advance the grant activities approved in the Phase 1 2013 Comprehensive Revitalization Grant. These activities include infrastructure improvements in the selected low-to-moderate income neighborhoods, specifically, improvements to streets, curbs, gutters and sewers.

The City will provide the required local match of \$150,000. The required match will be funded through projects budgeted in the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Projects Fund, General Fund Engineering Division and Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund as well as an in-kind match of engineering services from the Engineering Division of the General 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 Supplemental 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 Supplemental application and authorizes the Mayor to sign all related documents.

### **Sample Motion**

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