



City of Grand Island

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Council Session (Corrected)

Item E-5

Public Hearing on Contract Amendment for Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-002

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Council Agenda Memo

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Meeting: March 25, 2014

Subject: Public Hearing on Contract Amendment Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-002

Item #'s: E-5 & G-10

Presenter(s): Jaye Monter, Finance Director

Background

In 2005, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) developed a Comprehensive Revitalization program to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in non-entitlement communities. This program allocates grant funds over a multi-year period to meet locally identified needs that are CDBG eligible. The \$240,000, 13-CR-002 grant was applied for and awarded on August 5, 2013 with approved project activities such as sidewalk, street, sewer and rental housing improvements.

Discussion

The City of Grand Island is now seeking a contract amendment for Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-002 to change the scope of project activities within the grant to better fit project plans of the Public Works Department. The grant coverage area includes revitalization to the low to moderate neighborhoods from South Front Street to 12th Street, and from Broadwell Avenue to Plum Street. Within this area, the immediate target will consist of 4th and 5th Streets from Eddy to Sycamore, including Lion's Club Park. Improvements will include installing handicap accessible crosswalk ramps at each intersection and moving sewer inlets if necessary. Concentration on 4th and 5th Streets will create a more pedestrian friendly corridor. An irrigation system may be installed in Lion's Club Park as part of qualified matching funds.

City of Grand Island staff will submit the proposed budget amendment to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for their review.

Original Contract Budget

Project Activities	CDBG Funds	City Match	TOTAL
Storm Sewers	75,000	75,000	150,000
Arch. Barriers	120,000	120,000	240,000
Rental Rehab	40,000	40,000	80,000
General Admin	5,000	0	5,000
TOTAL	240,000	235,000	475,000

Proposed Contract Budget

Project Activities	CDBG Funds	City Match	TOTAL
Streets	235,000	235,000	470,000
General Admin	5,000	0	5,000
TOTAL	240,000	235,000	475,000

A public hearing notice was published in *The Grand Island Independent* on March 20, 2014.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve Community Development Block Grant contract amendment
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 Community Development Block Grant contract amendment.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Community Development Block Grant contract amendment and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.