



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

**Council Session (Corrected)**

## **Item E-6**

### **Public Hearing on Contract Amendment for Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-102**

**Staff Contact: Jaye Monter, Finance Director**

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Tonja Carey, Community Development Specialist

**Meeting:** March 25, 2014

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Contract Amendment Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-102

**Item #'s:** E-6 & G-11

**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. In late August of 2013, after receiving the \$240,000 13-CR-002 grant, the City became aware of additional funds available from this program; therefore the \$300,000 13-CR-102 supplemental grant was applied for and awarded on October 9, 2013 with approved project activities improvements to public facilities, streets and sidewalks.

## Discussion

The City of Grand Island is now seeking a contract amendment for the Supplemental Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-102 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and from Broadwell Avenue to Plum Street. Within this area, the immediate target within the Public Works department will consist of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Project Activities</b>	<b>CDBG Funds</b>	<b>City Match</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Public Facilities	45,000	45,000	90,000
Streets	250,000	250,000	500,000
General Admin	5,000	0	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>595,000</b>

### **Proposed Contract Budget**

<b>Project Activities</b>	<b>CDBG Funds</b>	<b>City Match</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Streets	295,000	295,000	590,000
General Admin	5,000	0	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>595,000</b>

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.