

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 22, 2003 Council Session

Item E7

Public Hearing on Submittal of Grant Application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Renovation and Expansion of Senior Citizen Center

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development accepts applications through the Community Development Block Grant Program for grant funding to assist with public works activities, including community centers, senior centers, primary health and mental health clinics and dependent care facilities. Applications can only be submitted by municipalities. Community Projects staff had met with a number of agencies who had requested the City make application on their behalf. After careful review of the proposed projects and discussion with the DED Program Representative, City staff is recommending the submittal of an application for the renovation and expansion of the Senior Citizens/Grand Generation Center. The renovation will include an additional 4,300 square feet of space for program uses and 300 square feet for kitchen expansion. The City's request to CDBG is for funding in the amount of \$350,000; total cost of the project is anticipated to be approximately \$470,000. The grant requires a 25% match (\$117,500) which will be met by the Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. Community Projects staff will monitor and oversee the grant activities. The Grant is available for review in the office of the Community Projects Director. It is appropriate at this time to solicit public input. The action item is contained under the Consent Agenda.

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