



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Council Session

Item E11

**Public Hearing on Application to the Nebraska Department of
Economic Development for an Economic Development CDBG
Grant**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Jerenne Garrouette

Meeting: September 14, 2004

Subject: Public Hearing Concerning Application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development Activity in the Local Community

Item #'s: E-11 & G-14

Presenter(s): Jerenne Garrouette

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development offers Community Development Block Grant funding for economic development. The City is applying for a grant in the amount of \$429,947 of which \$425,947 will be loaned to Standard Iron, Inc. for building construction and equipment purchases. The City will retain the remaining \$4,000 for audit and administrative expenses associated with the grant. The City will also loan Economic Development program income of \$74,053 for building and equipment. 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.

Discussion

The City's Revolving Loan Fund Committee met on September 7, 2004 to consider the Economic Development application. The Committee is recommending approval of the request for \$429,947 (\$425,947 loan; \$4,000 General Administration), plus Program Income of \$74,053 to be available to Standard Iron, Inc. for building construction and equipment purchases.

Notice of the public hearing was given in the September 4, 2004 Grand Island Independent.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the Economic Development Grant application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the Economic Development Grant application.
3. Modify the Economic Development Grant application to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Economic Development Grant application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Approve the Economic Development Grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.