



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 08, 2005

Council Session

Item G16

#2005-71 - Approving Grand Island/Hall County 2005 Homeland Security Grant

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul M. Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator

Meeting: March 8, 2005

Subject: Grand Island/Hall County 2005 Homeland Security Grant

Item #'s: G-16

Presenter(s): Paul M. Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator

Background

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is requesting a resolution of support and letter of agreement from each 2005 Homeland Security Grant applicant. This resolution and agreement will indicate participation from the Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Management Agency in this round of the 2005 Homeland Security grant cycle.

In 2004, Grand Island/Hall County received \$533,144 from NEMA's Homeland Security Grant to purchase Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Communication equipment to for 10 counties. There is now a 20 county Central Nebraska Region for an Interoperability Plan. We are applying for \$2,809,235.35 in the 2005 grant. The Grand Island Police Department, Grand Island Fire Department, Hall County Rural Fire Department, Hall County Sheriffs, Nebraska State Patrol, and Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Management all benefited from these awarded funds. In 2004 the CBRNE Event Rescue and Medical Supply Trailer for Hall County was also awarded to the Grand Island Fire Department, with the agreement that the GIFD would be a first-responder in this area on behalf of the Nebraska Hazmat Response Team

Discussion

The City of Grand Island/Hall County is requesting a continuation of equipment funding for the CNRI project, including funding for Emergency Management salaries, replacement of 911 equipment, as well as upgrades for Grand Island Fire Department and Hall County Rural Fire Department equipment. The 2005 Homeland Security Grant is requesting a resolution of support from this agency prior to any grant award.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the letter of Agreement and resolution
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 submits a resolution of support for the FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant through NEMA.

Sample Motion

Approve the resolution of support with NEMA and the 2005 Homeland Security Grant fund program for Grand Island and Hall County.

RESOLUTION 2005-71

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has provided funding through a Homeland Security Grant to local law enforcement agencies and local fire departments to replace or upgrade rescue equipment, to purchase wireless communication equipment, and to provide first responder equipment and a trailer; and

WHEREAS, such grant funding has allowed area agencies to purchase rescue equipment which will allow the different agencies to coordinate rescue operations to better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the City of Grand Island to continue receiving financial assistance to obtain equipment and supplies needed to prepare for various emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize funding assistance previously received, and encourage the continuation of such funding in order to be fully prepared to assess and conduct emergency rescue operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports participation in the 2005 Homeland Security Grant program through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and encourages continued funding for the purchase, replacement or upgrade of rescue equipment and/or reimbursement for emergency management personnel costs.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 8, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 3, 2005	☐ City Attorney