



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Council Session

## Item C3

### Proclamation "Community Development Week" March 28-April 3, 2005

*The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides Nebraskans with safe, affordable and accessible housing and infrastructure; and quality jobs and investment, through financing new and expanding business. The CDBG program was established in 1974 as a part of the Housing and Community Development Act, and in 1981, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) instituted a CDBG program. In 1986, the National Community Development Association initiated National Community Development Week to remind Congress of the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This reminder is no less important today than it was almost 20 years ago.*

*As the CDBG program manager for HUD, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development encourages Nebraska communities to celebrate Community Development Week through a variety of activities to increase public awareness and educate residents about services and facilities provided in each community. In conjunction with other activities throughout the state, the City is proclaiming March 28 – April 3 as Community Development Week in Grand Island.*

*In recognition of the benefit the CDBG program provides to the City of Grand Island, this proclamation represents acknowledgement of the programs value. For example, in 2004 program income reuse funds were used to provide down payment assistance to three (3) first-time, low-income homebuyers. The program income reuse fund is comprised of loan pay-offs from past down payment assistance and owner-occupied rehabilitation loans.*

*These three down payment assistance loans totaled \$29,740. The average loan was \$14,896.67. The taxable value for these three homes totals \$146,642. Current statistics regarding the CDBG program shows that it is an economically proven program in Nebraska, with evidence that \$6.85 is spent privately for every \$1 of CDBG money spent. Grand Island is fortunate to have continued Block Grant investment.*

*The contribution of Community Development programs to the community far exceeds the above figures. The Senior Center expansion and renovation, combined with a maximum of \$25,000 of improvements to ten (10) homes in Grand Island between 2003-2005, will make a significant economic contribution to Grand Island.*

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THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City of Grand Island  
State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Nebraska's communities are the foundation for providing a high quality of life for its residents; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has demonstrated a dedication to the economic, social, and cultural growth in this community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has actively supported community development activities, including a first-time homebuyer down payment assistance program; owner-occupied rehabilitation program; public works projects, including the Grand Generation Center expansion and renovation; and acquisition and demolition in Grand Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of March 28 – April 3, 2005 as

***“COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK”***

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all citizens OF Grand Island to support community development activities this week and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk