



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Council Session

Item E5

Public Hearing for a Community Revitalization Assessment Grant Application

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

Council Meeting: April 12, 2005

Subject: Public Hearing for Community Revitalization
Needs Assessment Block Grant

Item #'s: E-5 & G-11

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) has developed a program for investing CDBG funds into eight Nebraska municipalities from 20,000 to less than 50,000 populations. This Comprehensive Revitalization category was approved in the 2005 Department of Economic Development CDBG Action Plan and an application process established. The proposed program would provide funds to Grand Island over a multi-year period to meet locally identified needs that are CDBG eligible. The City may receive approximately \$290,000 per year for 2006, 2007 and 2008 to use for redevelopment projects in a specifically defined low-to moderate income neighborhood within city boundaries.

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. A legal notice was published in the March 5, 2005 Grand Island Independent with notice of this council meeting and contact information for written comments.

Discussion

As an eligible community, the City is required to submit a Comprehensive Revitalization application to the Department of Economic Development by April 15, 2005 to complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and a Revitalization Strategy. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment must identify all areas of low and moderate- income concentrations and inventory all types and degree of housing and community development needs within

each area. The Revitalization Strategy must identify a one, two and three year action plan to meet the needs of the low- to moderate-income neighborhood(s) selected for investment.

The maximum Assessment/Strategy grant amount available is \$7,500 with a minimum 25% local cash match of \$2,500. This project may not exceed \$10,000 total.

ALTERNATIVES

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

1. Approve the Community Revitalization Needs Assessment and Strategy application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that public comment be solicited regarding the proposed application and that Council gives approval to the Community Revitalization Needs Assessment/Strategy application and for the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve submission of the proposed application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents