



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item E6

**Public Hearing on Amendment for Community Development Block
Grant Funds**

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Council Agenda Memo

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Meeting: May 10, 2005

Subject: Public Hearing for Amendment to CDBG Rehab Grant

Item #'s: E-6 & G-15

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

Background

In August 2003, the City was awarded a \$270,400 Block Grant from the Department of Economic Development for rehabilitation of residential owner-occupied homes. Of this amount, \$250,000 was to be used for rehabilitation of 10 owner-occupied homes based on a standard maximum amount of \$25,000 per home; \$10,000 (\$1,000 per house) for Lead-Based Paint assessment and/or remediation and General Administration of \$10,400. The period covered under the grant contract is August 15, 2003 to August 15, 2005 (24 months).

To date, four houses are under contract and rehabilitation is underway. The Community Development Division is still taking applications (11 distributed between 4/29 and 5/2) and has six additional homes to approve and complete.

Discussion

The number of applications received for homes located in the CDBG project area has been insufficient to meet the contracted number of homes needed to meet the grant termination deadline. The purpose of the requested amendment to the Block Grant application is to expand the CDBG project area from the original boundaries in northeast Grand Island to encompass the entire City of Grand Island.

This request to amend the grant application has been discussed with Department of Economic Development staff. A public hearing is required to amend the original grant

application and request amendment approval from the Department of Economic Development.

ALTERNATIVES

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

1. Approve the Block Grant Amendment to expand the boundaries of the CDBG Project Area for this grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Block Grant Amendment to expand the boundaries of the CDBG Project Area for this grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the Block Grant Amendment to expand the boundaries of the CDBG Project Area for this grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents.

