



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Council Session

## Item E6

**Public Hearing on Amendment to Extend CDBG Grant**

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# Council Agenda Memo

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**Council Meeting:** June 14, 2005

**Subject:** Public Hearing for Amendment to CDBG Rehab  
Grant for Extension

**Item #:** E-6 & G-21

**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, eight houses are under contract and two applications are pending approval. We anticipate that all funds for the Rehab Grant will be obligated by the grant deadline of August 15, 2005. However, all work on the units may not be complete by the August deadline. Therefore, we are requesting an extension of six months as recommended by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to finish all work on the project.

## Discussion

Since the number of applications received for homes located in the CDBG project area was been insufficient to meet the contracted number of homes needed to meet the grant termination deadline of August 15, 2005, this amendment would extend the grant completion date to February 15, 2006.

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 allow us to request amendment approval from the Department of Economic Development. A legal notice regarding this public hearing was published in the Grand Island Independent on June 4, 2005.

### **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 give permission for Community Development to request an amendment from the Department of Economic Development for a six-month grant extension and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents
2. Deny the extension request
3. Refer the issue to a Committee.
4. Postpone the issue to a later date.

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Block Grant Amendment to give permission for Community Development to request an amendment from the Department of Economic Development for a six-month grant extension and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents

### **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve the Block Grant Amendment to give permission for Community Development to request an amendment from the Department of Economic Development for a six-month grant extension and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents.