



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Council Session

Item E3

**Public Hearing for Public Comment on the CDBG Funds for
Housing Rehabilitation**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marsha Kaslon, Community Development

Council Meeting: November 22, 2005

Subject: Public Hearing for Public Comment on the CDBG Funds Received from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Item #'s: E-3

Presenter(s): Marsha Kaslon, Community Development

Background

In August 2003, the City was awarded a \$270,400 Community Development Block Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) for rehabilitation of residential owner-occupied homes. \$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 February 15, 2006. (30 months).

Eleven (11) homes are under contract with \$196,770 expended. \$53,230 of the funds remain. An extension was requested to and granted from DED due to the lack of available contractors in the Grand Island area with Lead-Based Paint Work Safe Practices Certification which is mandated by funding. February 15, 2006 is the deadline to have all projects completed. All reporting requirements are up-to-date.

Discussion

The Community Development Division is required by the DED to hold a second public hearing inviting public comment on the Community Development Block Grant funds the City of Grand Island spent and the progress made during the process of the grant.

Recommendation

Hold a public hearing and take input from citizens on this issue. No other formal action is required at this time.