



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Council Session

Item E5

**Public Hearing Concerning Grant Application to Nebraska
Department of Economic Development for Community
Revitalization, Phase II**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marsha Kaslon, Community Development Administrator

Council Meeting: April 10, 2007

Subject: Public Hearing Concerning a Community Development Block Grant through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Item #'s: E-5 & G-15

Presenter(s): Marsha Kaslon, Community Development Administrator

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) has offered the City of Grand Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to facilitate community revitalization. This will be the second phase of a three-part program. The City will be applying for CDBG funds in the amount of \$261,010, in which \$242,740 will be used for direct rehabilitation for homeowners or down payment assistance for first time homebuyers. Seven percent or \$18,270 will be used by Community Development for General Administration and a percentage not to exceed 7% for Housing Administration. A public hearing is required prior to submission of an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to solicit public comment input into the proposed project and grant application.

Discussion

Notice of the public hearing was given April 4, 2007 in the Grand Island Independent and public comment is solicited at this time.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the DED Grant application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the DED Grant application.
3. Modify the Economic Development Grant application to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue
5. Refer the issue to a Committee.
6. Postpone the issue to a later date.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the DED Grant application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Approve the Economic Development Grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.