



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 09, 2007

Council Session

Item G13

**#2007-250 - Approving Extension of Contract End Date for CDBG
Grant 05-CR-015**

Staff Contact: Marsha Kaslon

Council Agenda Memo

From: Marsha Kaslon, Community Development Administrator

Meeting: October 9, 2007

Subject: CDBG Amendment Request for Community Revitalization, Phase 1

Item #'s: G-13

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Development Specialist

Background

In March of 2006, the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) awarded the City of Grand Island a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$296,113 for the purpose of Community Revitalization. Projects to be completed with these funds and matching funds were Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Down Payment Assistance for First Time Homebuyers and Infrastructure improvements.

The contract of the grant was to run from March of 2006 to August 31, 2007. However, due unforeseen circumstances, Community Development must request an amendment from DED. The reasons for an extension request are:

1. Lack of Spanish speaking contractors with Lead Based Paint Work Safe Practices training and certification for those clients that are non-English speaking who qualified for the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program.
2. Lack of General Contractors wanting to bid on smaller jobs with Lead Based Paint Work Safe Practices training and certification.
3. Wet weather that slowed the rehabilitation process for roofing jobs, window replacements and new siding installments.
4. The identification of nine income qualified homeowners willing to partake in the rehabilitation program was hampered by over-income applicants.

Discussion

Community Development must have Council Approval in the form of a resolution in order to submit the amendment request to DED. All of the funds have been obligated in this program. Right now, contractors are finishing up odds and ends of the contracts signed and ensuring that all Lead Based Paint issues have been met and have passed clearance testing.

Once this is complete, a final drawdown will be submitted to DED for final payment of the grant and will initiate close out procedures for Phase I of the Community Revitalization Grant. This will allow Phase II to continue of the Community Revitalization Grant and will allow more housing rehabilitation and down payment assistance to be offered through the City of Grand Island.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the request for an extension for the first Phase of Community Revitalization
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request for an extension for the first Phase of Community Revitalization
3. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the request for an extension to the Department of Economic Development until December 1, 2007.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the request for an extension to the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development until December 1, 2007 to ensure all files and close out paperwork is completed.

RESOLUTION 2007-250

WHEREAS, in March, 2006, the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development awarded the City of Grand Island a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$296,113 for the purpose of community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the contract of the grant expired on August 31, 2007, and completion of some projects have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed for grant completion and a request to extend the contract from the Department of Economic Development is required; and

WHEREAS, Council approval is required in order to submit the amended request to the Department of Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the request for extension of the contract of the grant from the Department of Economic Development is approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any related documents on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant programs.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 9, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 4, 2007	☐ City Attorney