



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item E3

**Public Hearing Regarding the 2009 CDBG Community
Revitalization Phase III Grant Application**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

Council Meeting: June 10, 2008

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

Item 3: E-3 & G-7

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) is taking applications for Phase 3 of their Community Revitalization program. The City of Grand Island is one of 8 communities eligible to apply for these funds for a designated project area. Phase 1 was completed and resulted in the rehabilitation of 9 homes and the purchase of 4 homes by low-income first-time home buyers. Phase 2 is underway and anticipates the rehabilitation of 7 homes and the purchase of 2 homes by first-time home buyers.

The City is applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$254,230, of which \$120,000 will be used for water main replacement (4-inch to 8-inch) to improve fire suppression capability, \$108,314 for direct rehabilitation for homeowners and/or down payment assistance for first time homebuyers, \$17,796 for General Administration and a percentage not to exceed 7% for Housing Administration (\$8,120). This grant requires a 1:1 match by the City in the amount of \$228,314. Neither General nor Housing Administration requires matching funds.

A public hearing is required prior to submission of an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to solicit public comment and input into the proposed project and grant application. The grant is due June 16, 2008.

Discussion

Notice of the public hearing was published on June 3, 2008 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. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the “Phase 3 Community Revitalization” Department of Economic Development grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the “Phase 3 Community Revitalization” Department of Economic Development grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.