

# **City of Grand Island**

Tuesday, September 09, 2008 Council Session

# Item G13

**#2008-246 - Approving Application for 2008 Transportation Enhancement Program Grant** 

**Staff Contact: Steve Paustian** 

City of Grand Island City Council

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Meeting: September 9, 2008

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Staff to Apply for Trail Grant

**Item #'s:** G-13

**Presenter(s):** Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

#### **Background**

One of the requirements for applying for grant funding for trail construction is to receive authorization to apply from the City Council.

#### **Discussion**

It is the intention of the Park and Recreation Department to construct a trail addition connecting the State Street Trail to the new trail addition associated with the Capital Avenue widening project (see map). Total construction and engineering costs are estimated to be \$274,828.00. The Federal match (80%) will be \$219,862.40 and the City share (20%) will be \$54,965.60.

## **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 pass the resolution authorizing staff to apply for the grant.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve Resolution 2008-246 authorizing Park and Recreation Department staff to apply for the trail grant.



#### RESOLUTION 2008-246

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1996, by Resolution 96-188, the City of Grand Island approved and adopted the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Development Plan, which included the development of a hike/bike trail system for the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Parks and Recreation Department to construct a trail addition connecting the State Street Trail to the new trail addition associated with the Capital Avenue widening project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has two applications to submit for Transportation Enhancement Funds for two quality projects and is required to prioritize the grant requests for selection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the priority project for this grant cycle is the State Street and Capital Avenue Hike & Bike Trail Connector and the City is requesting grant funding for such project; and

WHEREAS, if granted, assistance would be provided for 80% of the project costs, for a total of \$219,862.40; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has available a minimum of 20%, for a total of \$54,965.60 of the project cost and has the financial ability to operate and maintain the completed facility in a safe and attractive manner for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports the construction of the hike/bike trail as a priority project, and further approves and authorizes applications for assistance from the Transportation Enhancement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such application and other documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant process.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on September 9, 2008.

Attest:	Margaret Hornady, Mayor	
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk		