



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2010**

**Council Session**

## **Item E8**

**Public Hearing for 2010-2011 Community Revitalization CDBG  
Supplemental Application**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

**Council Meeting:** September 14, 2010

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Community Revitalization Phase 2  
Block Grant Application

**Item #:** E-8 & G-15

**Presenter(s):** Joni Kuzma, Community Development

## **Background**

In 2005, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) developed a Community Revitalization program to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in eight Nebraska municipalities with populations between 20,000 and 49,999. The program allocates grant funds over a multi-year period to meet locally identified needs that are CDBG eligible. In November 2009, the 2005 Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Revitalization Strategy was updated and a 3-year action plan developed through 2013.

Phase 1 of the Action Plan was funded in March 2010 for \$257,794 is funding water main and fire hydrant replacement on West 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Elm to Pine Streets. The Phase 2 application is due September 20, 2010 and requires a public hearing 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. A legal notice was published in the September 4, 2010 Grand Island Independent with notice of this council meeting and contact information for written comments.

## **Discussion**

For Phase 2 Community Revitalization, the City is applying for a grant to carry out the second phase of a Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy for a selected low-to-moderate income area of Grand Island. The request includes grant funds of about \$229,401 for four (4) blocks of water main expansion to 8' pipe and seven (7) Ludlow fire hydrant replacements and an amount not to exceed 7% (about \$16,058) for General Administration. The City will provide the minimum amount of 2 CDBG to 1 City matching funds for eligible projects. The project would begin about mid-October 2010 to be completed approximately the end of September 2011.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the Community Revitalization Supplemental application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that Council approve the Community Revitalization Supplemental application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the Community Revitalization Supplemental application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents