



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Council Session

Item E7

**Public Hearing for 2010-2011 Community Revitalization CDBG
Phase 2 Application**

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

Council Meeting: May 10, 2011

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

Item #: E-7 & G-8

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 and a Supplemental Grant of \$229,401 was received in October 2010. A Phase 2 application is due May 17, 2011 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 May 3, 2011 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 third phase of a Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy for a selected low-to-moderate income area of Grand Island. The request includes grant funds of about \$227,750 for rehabilitation of up to 9 owner-occupied homes and amount not to exceed 8% (about \$21,690) for General Administration and 8% (\$21,690) for Housing Administration. The City will provide the 1:1 matching funds through eligible public works, utilities, Community Redevelopment Authority and community development projects. The project would begin July 2011 to be completed approximately the end of August 2012.

ALTERNATIVES

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

1. Approve the Community Revitalization Phase 2 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 Phase 2 application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Community Revitalization Phase 2 application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents

*Please run the following legal notice in the legal section of the Grand Island Independent on **Tuesday, May 3, 2011.**

The Affidavit of Publication may be sent to:

Joni Kuzma
Community Development Division
P. O. Box 1968
Grand Island, NE 68802

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given, that on May 10, 2011 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, the City of Grand Island will hold a public hearing concerning an application to the Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant is available to local governments for community development activities.

The City of Grand Island is requesting a \$271,130 grant to carry out Phase 2 of a Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy for a selected low-to-moderate income area of Grand Island. The request includes grant funds up to \$227,750 for rehabilitation of up to 9 owner-occupied homes and an amount not to exceed 8% (\$21,690) for General Administration and 8% (\$21,690) for Housing Administration. The City will provide a minimum of \$227,750 in matching funds for eligible projects.

100% of the total amount of requested CDBG funds, with the exception of General Administration will be used to benefit low and moderate income people; there will be no displacement of people as a result of these CDBG activities.

The grant application will be available for public inspection at the Community Development Office, which is located on the 2nd floor of City Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application. Written testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. Written comments addressed to Joni Kuzma, Community Development Division, P. O. Box 1968, Grand Island, NE 68802, will be accepted if postmarked on or before May 9, 2011.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, braille, large print or recorded materials, please contact RaNae Edwards, City Clerk, 308-385-5444, Ext. 111 no later than May 9, 2011.

Joni Kuzma
Community Development Administrator
