



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 09, 2011

Council Session

Item G14

**#2011-198 - Approving Storm Water Management Plan Program
Grant Application**

Staff Contact: John Collins, Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Scott Sekutera, Storm Water Technician

Meeting: August 9, 2011

Subject: Approving Storm Water Management Plan Program Grant Application

Item #'s: G-14

Presenter(s): John Collins, Public Works Director

Background

In 2005, the EPA expanded the "pollutant discharge" portion of the Clean Water Act of 1977 to include storm water runoff from all Nebraska communities with a population over 10,000. Subsequently, the City of Grand Island was designated as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Storm Water Community in 2005. The City was issued a storm water permit for the time period of July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2010 by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality that includes a Storm Water Management Plan. During the 2011 year the City has been operating on an Administrative Extension, with a new 5 year permit cycle expected to be January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2017.

As a result of the passage of LB1226 in the 2006 Nebraska Legislative Session, \$2.5 million in funding was allocated for cities and counties with Storm Water permits to implement their local Storm Water Management Plans (SWMPs).

Grant awards are distributed to applicants according to population size. The Public Works Department will prepare the attached grant application and forward to the Department of Environmental Quality for request of these funds.

The City has received funds from this storm water grant program each year since July 2007 for a total of \$377,590.59 to date.

The past grant funds have been used for activities such as educating the public, developers/contractors of the requirements of the permit; storm sewer stenciling; dry weather inspections; municipal evaluations and facility run-off control planning; mapping of the storm sewer system; and implementing BMPs at City owned facilities.

Additionally, the grant funds have purchased a vehicle, GPS equipment, printer/plotter and various water sampling equipment.

The funds from this grant will be used for additional mapping of the storm sewer system, finalizing and implementing the construction (erosion/sediment control) program, wet weather sampling and supporting education efforts through various media forms.

Discussion

The Storm Water Management Plan Program grant application is due Friday, September 2, 2011. A 20% match for the project is required and will be provided by the Public Works Department through salaries. Grant work under this program must be completed by June 30, 2013.

The City has seven (7) Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) that are identified in the storm water permit. Each MCM has a number of Best Management Practices (BMP's) that are used to carry out the MCM's. An example BMP is marking curb inlets that remind the public not to dump into the inlet because it drains to a stream or river.

Grant activities are restricted to the Best Management Practices (BMP's) and seven Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) identified in the City storm water permit. The seven MCM's are:

- 1) Education and Outreach
- 2) Public Involvement/Participation
- 3) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- 4) Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
- 5) Post-Construction Storm Water Management in new development and redevelopment
- 6) Pollution Prevention good housekeeping for municipal operations
- 7) Wet Weather Monitoring

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

Public Works Administration recommends that the Council approve submission of the storm water grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve submission of the storm water grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

NEBRASKA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

From the City of Grand Island (Sponsor)
Regarding Implementation of the
Storm Water Management Plan for Permit NER300010

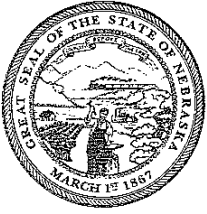
Submittal of this application constitutes a request for grant funding from the Storm Water Management Plan Program. Requirements of this grant are as follows:

- The Sponsor must provide at least a 20% cash match for any funds received
- This cash match and the grant award must be kept together in an account separate from any other funds
- These funds must be used only for implementation of the NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer permit NER300010
- These funds may not be used for normal operations and maintenance or flood control
- The project duration must not go beyond June 30, 2013
- The Sponsor must provide an annual report at the end of each state fiscal year

To request these forms electronically, call or e-mail Mary Schroer at 402-471-6988 or mary.schroer@nebraska.gov

PROJECT MANAGER INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

PROJECT MANAGER NAME Scott A. Sekutera	TITLE Storm Water Technician
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MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT REQUESTED \$364,999	PROJECT END DATE 6-30-2013
COGNIZANT OFFICIAL SIGNATURE <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor</p>	DATE



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July 22, 2011

Mr. Scott Sekutera
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RE: 2011 Storm Water Management Plan Grant Program – Application and Changes

Dear Scott:

The Nebraska Legislature passed LB1226 in 2006, which established the Storm Water Management Plan Program. This grant program has provided five years of funding to cities and counties with Storm Water permits to implement their local Storm Water Management Plans (SWMPs). A sixth year of grant funding is now available for distribution to these same cities and counties. **There have been a few changes to the program this year. The funds available to cities and counties has been reduced by \$500,000 from last year's amount with the total available this year at \$1,824,996. The award amounts this year will reflect the population changes in the 2010 Census. Finally, the Department is no longer requiring the use of a workplan that is separate from the Storm Water Management Plan. Instead, cities and counties will work directly from their approved NPDES MS4 Stormwater Management Plan when making decisions on how to spend the grant and matching funds.**

The **City of Grand Island**, permit #NER300010, is entitled to at least **\$73,978** and no more than **\$364,999** of these funds. Applicants located within urbanized areas will receive their share of funding from 80% of the total amount available and, those in non-urbanized areas will receive their share from 20% of the total. Funding within each category will be distributed amongst the applicants based on their population. If every eligible applicant in your category requests funding, you will receive the minimum amount – if fewer apply, you will receive a larger share.

If interested in obtaining funding, a signed copy of the enclosed application must be mailed (or emailed) to me by Friday, September 16th. Please let me know if you'd like an electronic copy of the application.

Enclosed are a 2011 Storm Water Management Plan Program timeline and the one page grant application. **Please be aware that 2011 grant funds will be disbursed only after the 2009 Storm Water Management Program Plan Grant (fourth LB1226 grant) has been closed-out and all stormwater grant reporting requirements have been met.**

If you have any additional questions, please contact me by e-mail at mary.schroer@nebraska.gov or by phone at 402-471-6988.

Sincerely,

Mary Schroer
Stormwater Coordinator

Enclosures

CC: Terry Brown

TIMELINE FOR 2011 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

- September 15, 2011 Applications must be received in the NDEQ Lincoln office no later than this date. Signed applications may be submitted electronically. Please contact me for an electronic application.
- End of September An Intergovernmental Agreement will be mailed to applicants for the cognizant official's signature.
- November 1, 2011 The signed Intergovernmental Agreement must be mailed to the Lincoln NDEQ office.
Recipients will receive the full grant amount by direct deposit within 30 days of NDEQ's receipt of the signed Intergovernmental Agreement providing the 2009 Storm Water Management Plan Grant (fourth LB1226 grant) has been closed-out and all other stormwater grant reporting requirements have been met.
- July 31, 2012 **The first annual report for the new grant is due.** The first annual report covers project activity from grant inception (the date the intergovernmental agreement is signed) to June 30, 2012. If no funds have been expended, please send a letter or email stating so.
- Also due at this time is an annual report for any other stormwater grants that are open. **(Please note: NPDES MS4 Permit reporting requirements are separate from the grant reporting requirements.)**

RESOLUTION 2011-198

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency expanded the “pollutant discharge” portion of the Clean Water Act of 1977 to include storm water runoff from Nebraska communities with a population over 10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Of Grand Island was designated as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Storm Water Community and was issued a storm water permit from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, the City Of Grand Island has developed a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) in conformance with the storm water permit; and

WHEREAS, the City Of Grand Island, Nebraska is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for a grant to implement the Storm Water Management Plans (SWMPs) and is entitled to a minimum of \$73,978.00 and no more than \$364,999.00 from the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting \$364,999.00 with the required twenty percent (20%) match for the project provided by the City of Grand Island, Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality is taking applications until September 2, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby authorized to apply for funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, for the Storm Water Management Plan Program Grant.

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

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 9, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 4, 2011	☐ City Attorney