



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Council Session

Item G6

**#2012-28 - Approving Extension Request for Community
Development Block Grant #08-DPI-005**

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Chad Nabity AICP, Regional Planning Director

Meeting: February 14, 2012

Subject: Approving Extension Request for Community Development Block Grant #08-DPI-005

Item #'s: G-6

Presenter(s): Chad Nabity, Planning Director

Background

In September 2009, the City of Grand Island was awarded a Disaster Recovery Grant for \$803,500.00, plus \$40,175.00 in General Administration, for installation of a sanitary sewer interceptor and sewer main collection system upgrade to address an urgent community development need that occurred as a result of high ground water levels and flooding between May 22 and June 24, 2008. The project encompasses two southern areas of Grand Island to improve protection of homes from future sanitary sewer backups. Total project cost, including Admin, is projected at \$1,003,675. No matching funds are required but the City has budgeted \$160,000 for the balance of project costs above the grant award.

Disaster Recovery Program funds are to be used only for activities related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas covered by the Federal Emergency Management agency (FEMA) declaration of major disaster 1770-DR. Only damages occurring during the incident period from May 22, 2008 to June 24, 2008 are considered.

Discussion

Due to a variety of program delays, the City of Grand Island is requesting a fifteen-month extension to the current contract end date for Disaster Program Recovery Grant #08-DPI-005. The current contract end date is March 30, 2012. The proposed contract end date is June 28, 2013. The Grand Island City Council is required to take action on the extension request for submission to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The extension request is being requested due to:

1. Staff changes in Community Development positions working on the project.
2. Consulting services in design oversight.

3. Review of plans, specifications and estimate by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Public Works staff fully believes that the project will be completed within the proposed extension date, if not before. A revised implementation schedule has been completed and will be provided with the extension request as required.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the Community Development Block Grant #08-DPI-005 extension request
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to later date

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approves the Community Development Block Grant #08-DPI-005 extension request.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Community Development Block Grant #08-DPI-005 extension request.

RESOLUTION 2012-28

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a Disaster Recovery Grant for \$803,500 for installation of a sanitary sewer interceptor and sewer main collection system upgrade to address an urgent community development need that occurred as a result of high ground water levels and flooding between May 22 and June 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the contract end date of March 30, 2012 is not a sufficient amount of time in which to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, an extension request of fifteen-months is desired and must be approved by the Grand Island City Council; and

WHEREAS, required documents for the extension request have been prepared and must be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for authorization.

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 request a fifteen-month extension for Community Development Block Grant #08-DPI-005.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 14, 2012.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 14, 2012	☐ City Attorney