



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Council Session

Item E3

**Public Hearing on Application for Community Development Block
Grant Program**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Meeting: March 13, 2012

Subject: Approving Community Development Block Grant
Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Predevelopment Grant
Application

Item #'s: E-3 & G-7

Presenter(s): Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Background

The City of Grand Island is eligible for a Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development Planning Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a planning project that meets the CDBG national objective of aiding in the elimination of conditions related to slum and blight.

A Community Development Block Grant has been prepared for \$30,000 to fund the Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Planning Grant and general administration of the grant (\$27,900 project cost/\$2,100 general administration) to develop a revitalization plan for downtown infrastructure and growth. A combination of matching funds and in-kind services of \$20,000 has been committed from City of Grand Island Program Income Reuse Funds (\$12,500) and from Business Improvement District #8 (\$7,500) for a projected project cost of \$50,000, including general administration.

A legal notice was published March 3, 2012 in the Grand Island Independent for a public hearing at the March 13, 2012 Council meeting.

Discussion

At this time the Council is requested to approve the Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development Planning Grant application to develop a revitalization/redevelopment plan for downtown infrastructure and growth.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development Planning Grant application
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 approve the Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development Planning Grant application.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development Planning Grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

2012 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Overview Phase 1 Pre-Development

Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalization or redevelopment of downtown infrastructure, • Address health and safety concerns • Develop a capacity for greater growth
Due Date	March 30, 2012
Grant Funding	\$30,000 maximum CDBG
Match	25% (of which 12.5% may be in-kind) Potential sources for match: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Improvement District #8 • Program Income Reuse Funds
Applicant	City of Grand Island
Public Hearing	March 13, 2012 (Publication date – Sat., March 3, 2012)
Time Frame for Strategic Planning	June 2012 – March 2013
Scoring Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem Statement - 50 to 175 points • Leverage/Financial Support - 50 to 150 points • Business Community Support – 50 to 150 points • Capacity/Commitment – 75 to 225 points • On-Site Review - 50 to 150 points • Bonus Points – 30 maximum (Nebraska Community Improvement Program, Main Street Community, Redevelopment Authority)
Projected Budget	\$50,000 (\$30,000 CDBG + \$20,000 local contribution)(60%/40%)

Phase II Application

Objective	Implement Downtown Revitalization Plan (short-term, intermediate, long term goals)
Due Date	March 29, 2013
Grant Funding	\$350,000 maximum
Match	25% (of which 12.5% may be in-kind) Potential sources for match: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Improvement District #8 • Program Income Reuse Funds • Community Redevelopment Authority • Economic Development Corporation • Transportation Enhancement Grants • Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program • Private Investments/Partnerships • Other grants
Applicant	City of Grand Island
Time Frame for Phase II	Contract Negotiations – February/March 2013 2-year Grant Award beginning – April 2013

Joni Kuzma, CSW (updated 2/20/12)

