



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Council Session

Item G15

**#2012-189 - Approving Authorization to Apply for Additional
Disaster Prevention Funds**

Staff Contact: Marco Floreani

Council Agenda Memo

From: Marco Floreani, Community Development

Meeting: July 24, 2012

Subject: Approving Authorization to Apply for Additional Disaster Recovery Grant Funds

Item #'s: G-15

Presenter(s): Marco Floreani, Community Development

Background

In September 2009, the City of Grand Island was awarded a Disaster Recovery Grant (#08-DPI-005) for \$803,500, plus \$40,175 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 Administration, is projected at \$1,003,675. 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

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has notified City Staff of additional funds for Disaster Recovery Funding. The total amount of additional funding has yet to be determined, but Department of Economic Development Staff has instructed interested communities to submit a letter of interest for the returned funds.

The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of the Disaster Recovery Funding authorized to file an application under the Community Development Block Grant Program. This

additional funding will provide administrative costs and help fund the develop of a additional gravity collection sewer infrastructure preventive maintenance construction projects in the Disaster Recovery Area.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve a resolution granting authorization apply for additional Disaster Recovery Grant Funds.
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 Approving authorization to apply for additional Disaster Recovery Grant Funds.

Sample Motion

Move to approve authorization to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to affect acceptance of the grant application #08-DPI-005, Disaster Recovery Grant.



July 10, 2012

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Better Tomorrow. Today.*

Merci Suarez
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PO Box 94666
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RE: Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Program Recovery Grant #08-DPI-005
Project No.: Lift Station No.7 Repairs – 2011-S-1, Lift Station No.7 Improvements – 2011-S-1A
City of Grand Island, Nebraska, Hall County
Venue: Procurement and guideline review in acquiring professional consulting engineering services.

Miss Suarez

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City staff has reviewed Chapter 7 of the Administration Manual for procurement in professional consulting services and would entertain Black & Veatch's, and local sub-consultant Olsson Associates as eligible consultants. You're accepting review comments would be appreciated.

Please find timeline and public document archives in relating to the procurement in professional consulting engineering services for Lift Station No. 7 projects.

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On June 7, 2011 three (3) professional engineering firms submitted performance and qualification submittals; Black & Veatch, Kansas City Missouri; CH2M Hill, Denver Colorado; and HDR Engineering, Omaha Nebraska. <https://www.grand-island.com/modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=3410>

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We appreciate your assistance in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry A. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Terry" and last name "Brown" clearly distinguishable.

Terry Brown P.E.

Manager of Engineering Services

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RESOLUTION 2012-189

WHEREAS, The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has notified City Staff in additional funds be returned by other communities in Disaster Relief Funding, and

WHEREAS, The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of the Disaster Relief Funding authorized to file an application under the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for acceptance of the grant application.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 24, 2012.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
July 24, 2012	▣ City Attorney