



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2012**

**Council Session**

## **Item E6**

### **Public Hearing on Budget Amendment to CDBG Grant #08-DPI-005 – Disaster Recovery Funding**

**Staff Contact: Marco Floreani**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Marco Floreani, Community Development

**Meeting:** July 24, 2012

**Subject:** Public Hearing of Approving of authorization to apply for additional Disaster Recovery Grant Funds

**Item #'s:** E-6 & G-14

**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 development of an

additional gravity collection sewer infrastructure preventive maintenance construction projects in the Disaster Recovery Area. The estimated amount of additional funds needed to aid the project is \$243,915.

### **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.