

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Monday, December 7, 2015
Regular Meeting

Item Bids1

Council to consider approval of the Western Nebraska Economic Development recommendation of Hanna Keelan for the regional housing study and authorize funding of the study.

Staff Contact: Nathan Johnson, Assistant City Manager

Agenda Statement

Item No.

For Meeting of: December 7, 2015

AGENDA TITLE: Council to consider approval of the Western Nebraska Economic Development recommendation of Hanna Keelan for the regional housing study and to authorize funding of the study.

SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION: Administration

PRESENTATION BY: Assistant City Manager, Nathan Johnson

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The Western Nebraska Economic Development (WNED) Group solicited and received three (3) proposals for the regional housing study encompassing the communities and counties in Scotts Bluff, Kimball and Morrill.

Proposals Received:

RKG - \$35,000

Western Economic Services, LLC - \$22,905

Hanna Keelan - \$58,000* (applied for a NIFA grant to cover 49% of the cost) – if awarded grant new total is \$29,850

A WNED subcommittee met via conference call and reviewed the three (3) proposals. The subcommittee determined that Hanna Keelan's proposal was the most adequate due to the inclusion of the implementation piece once the study is complete; along with the previous work completed in Western Nebraska including WNED partner communities and prospective partner communities.

The WNED Group discussed the proposals and funding at their 11/19/15 regularly scheduled meeting determining that participating entities would need to fund their individual portion at a level not to exceed \$1.75 per/capita. The per/capita amount would be reduced if Hanna Keelan is awarded the NIFA grant.

The City of Scottsbluff's funding portion is approximately \$26,320 (without NIFA grant) based on a population base of approximately 15,040.

Due to the potential of other partner communities not being able to contribute at an equitable level and WNED's wishes not to further delay the project, City staff is recommending the amount not to exceed \$38,000.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: WNED unanimously approved the regional housing study proposal submitted by Hanna Keelan.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: City staff recommends approving WNED's recommendation of Hanna Keelan for the regional housing study and to authorize funding the study in the amount not to exceed \$38,000.

EXHIBITS

Resolution Ordinance Contract Minutes Plan/Map

Other (specify) _____

NOTIFICATION LIST: Yes No Further Instructions

Please list names and addresses required for notification.

APPROVAL FOR SUBMITTAL: _____
City Manager

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