

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 4, 2016

Regular Meeting

Item Public Inp2

Council to receive a report from Panhandle Area Development District.

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Quarterly Report for the City of Scottsbluff for the period ending September 30, 2015

The Panhandle Area Development District undertook the following activities in the past quarter:

- Assisted the City of Hay Springs, Nebraska obtain release of funds for its planning grant which PADD wrote and submitted the application which was funded in the amount of \$13,500. PADD will also act as the grant administrator for this grant, PADD has also been contracted by the City to undertake the planning process and complete a Comprehensive plan for the City. Numerous meeting will be held with the community and the planning commission to develop this comprehensive plan.
- Assisted the City of Crawford, Nebraska obtain release of funds for its planning grant which PADD wrote and submitted which was funded in the amount of \$13,500. PADD will also act as the grant administrator for this grant, PADD has also been contracted by the City to undertake the planning process and complete a Comprehensive plan for the City. Numerous meeting will be held with the community and the planning commission to develop this comprehensive plan.
- Worked with the Village of Lyman and submitted a successful grant application to the Dept. of Environmental Quality to obtain funding for the crushing of scrap concrete which will be used to pave alleys in Lyman. The amount of the grant was \$32,000.
- Worked with the City of Crawford and submitted a successful grant application to the Dept. of Environmental Quality to obtain funding to replace the city's recycling dumpsters. The amount of the grant was \$70,000.
- Assisted Cheyenne County with the closeout of two Economic Development grants. The closeout assistance included providing information during the monitoring of both grant by the Department of Economic Development and also attending the Cheyenne County Commissioner meetings to conduct second public hearings on both grants.
- Assisted the City of Sidney, Nebraska obtain labor standards information requested by the Dept. of Economic Development for their Downtown Revitalization grant.
- Worked with the Village of Harrison, Nebraska acting as both grant administrator and labor compliance officer for their CDBG public works funding of \$250,000 for a new water distribution system. Submitted request for funds documents and semi annual reports, attended construction progress meetings, verified contractor payrolls and conducted Davis Bacon employee interviews on the job site. Total cost of the project \$1.9 million.
- Worked with the City of Scottsbluff in its comprehensive planning process. Assisted with public meetings to obtain public input on the plan.
- Submitted a CDBG public works application for the Village of Lyman, Nebraska for funding to upgrade their storm water drainage system. This application was not selected for funding by the Department of Economic Development.

- PADD obtained a grant in the amount of \$113,273 from the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in a one year grant to develop and inventory of brownfields across the 11 counties of the panhandle. A series of community meetings are being held to identify and prioritize needs and link them with opportunities for redevelopment of brownfields.
- PADD's Economic Development Loan Fund made two loans. One for the expansion of an existing business in Morrill County. The loan will assist the business create 3 full time and 2 part time positions following the expansion. The other loan is a line of credit for an existing manufacturing business in Scotts Bluff County. The line of credit will help the business save 3 full time and 1 part time positions.
- Working with the City of Bayard with an income survey. The survey is being conducted to determine the percentage of low to moderate income persons in Bayard. The city does not qualify under the American Community Survey and must be 51% or greater to be eligible to CDBG funds.

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