



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 15
Roll Call No. 09-
Communication No. 09-346
Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Assistant City
Manager/Public Works, and Jeb E. Brewer,
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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to submit CDBG Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Applications to the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to submit four CDBG Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Applications to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for the construction of three infrastructure projects for the long-term recovery and restoration of damage done from the June 2008 flood.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$20,188,500

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$16,600,000 - CBDG Infrastructure Grant funds,
- \$3,150,000 - 2009-2010 CIP, Page Storm Water-4, City-wide Storm Water Utility Projects, STE057, Storm Water Utility Funds,
- \$438,500 - 2009-10 CIP, Page Sanitary-5, SAE054, City-wide Sanitary Sewer, Sanitary Sewer Revenue Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In the summer of 2008, there was extensive damage across Iowa from flooding and other severe weather. As part of the Federal Disaster Relief program, the State of Iowa has funds available under the Jump Start Program for Housing Assistance, Small Business Assistance, and Infrastructure Assistance. The Iowa Department of Economic Development is accepting applications for the Infrastructure Assistance program.

The first selection of projects considered any project submitted by an authorized agency to the Department by February 18, 2009. The Jump Start program had \$15.75 million in CBDG funds for Infrastructure Assistance to allocate state-wide with a \$2.5 million limit per project. Previously the City of Des Moines has received approximately 2% of the state-wide Housing and Small Business Assistance. The infrastructure projects were considered individually and not distributed on a percentage basis; however, as reference, if the infrastructure dollars had been distributed in a percentage allocation, the City of Des Moines portion would have been allocated approximately \$320,000.

On February 9, 2009, under Roll Call Number 09-230, the City Council authorized submittal of four project applications under the Infrastructure Assistance Program. The projects were identified as those being the most competitive in the grant selection criteria. Important criteria considered were the direct relationship of the project to the 2008 disaster, threat to health, safety, or welfare, benefit to low and moderate income persons and burden associated to the same group if local revenue was used to accomplish the project, and the ability to construct the projects quickly. Three of the four projects submitted were selected for funding, and the City of Des Moines has received contracts from the Iowa Department of Economic Development for the following:

- Contract Number 08-DRI-005 in the amount of \$2,500,000 for Five Storm Water Pump Stations in the Birdland and Central Place Areas
- Contract Number 08-DRI-006 in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Livingston Avenue Storm Sewer System Lining
- Contract Number 08-DRI-007 in the amount of \$1,200,000 for Lining of the Sanitary Sewers in the Eastern Portion of the Highland Hills Sanitary Sewer Subsystem which will be presented for City Council consideration on the May 18, 2009 agenda.

The State of Iowa has additional funds available under the Jump Start Program for Housing Assistance, Small Business Assistance, and Infrastructure Assistance. The Iowa Department of Economic Development is now accepting additional applications for the Infrastructure Assistance program. This second round of applications has \$32 million of CDBG funds available, and has a \$5 million project limit, so staff has prepared applications for larger construction projects.

Staff has prepared four additional project applications for submission under the Infrastructure Assistance Program. These additional projects proposed were identified as being competitive in the grant selection criteria. The additional four project applications proposed for submittal are as follows:

1. \$5,000,000 of the estimated \$6,100,000 for construction of the proposed Court Avenue - Water Street Sewer Separation Project. This project will separate the combined storm water and sanitary sewer system in the Downtown area and construct a storm water pump station to discharge storm water to the Des Moines River. The City of Des Moines proposes to use the \$5,000,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed construction only, and \$1,975,000 in City funds for design, construction, and contract administration.
2. \$5,000,000 of the estimated \$5,400,000 for construction of the proposed Jackson Basin Pump Station. The improvement would construct a permanent pumping facility and enlarge the existing storm water basin at the outlet of Crawford Creek to the Des Moines River. The basin is generally located west of E. 14th Street and south of the Des Moines River. The City of Des Moines proposes to use the \$5,000,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed construction only, and \$1,175,000 in City funds for design, construction, and contract administration.
3. \$1,600,000 for the proposed 33rd Street Sewer Separation Project. The project would be the construction of 70 feet of 42-inch storm sewer, 1,250 feet of 24-inch storm sewer, 290 feet of 21-inch storm sewer, 350 feet of 18-inch sewer, 700 feet of 15-inch storm sewer, 610 feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer and 1,020 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer in an area generally bounded on the North by University Avenue, on the East by 31st Street, on the South by Woodland Avenue, and on the West by 42nd Street, which has a total service area of approximately 220 acres in Des Moines, Iowa. The sewers in the area of the proposed improvements were installed nearly 100 years ago and were built to a standard that is no longer acceptable. The heavy rainfalls that occurred during 2008 caused the sewer system in this area to become overloaded and this caused sewers to surcharge resulting in numerous basement backups in the low lying portions of the sewer service area. The City of Des Moines proposes to use the \$1,600,000 in CDBG funds for construction only, and \$105,000 in City funds for design and contract administration.

4. \$5,000,000 funding request for the proposed Lower Union Sewer Separation Project. The project would be the construction of 6,000 feet of storm sewer, and several hundred feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer in an area generally bounded on the North by Thompson and E Sheidan Avenues, on the East by E 15th Street and Glenbrook Drive, on the South by E University Avenue, and on the West by the Des Moines River, which has a total service area of approximately 470 acres, in Des Moines, Iowa. The sewers in the area of the proposed improvements were installed nearly 100 years ago and were built to a standard that is no longer acceptable. The heavy rainfalls that occurred during 2008 caused the sewer system in this area to become overloaded and this caused sewers to surcharge resulting in numerous basement backups in the low lying portions of the sewer service area. The City of Des Moines proposes to use the \$5,000,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed construction only, and \$333,500 in City funds for design and contract administration.

The design and construction phase services for these proposed projects will be paid with sanitary and storm water utility fees.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-230

Action: Submission of four (4) CDBG Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Applications to the Iowa Department of Economic Development. (Council Communication No. 09-063) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: October 13, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1810

Action: Approving Jumpstart Small Business Assistance Program Grant Agreement. Sponsor: Mahaffey. (Council Communication No. 08-627) Moved by Mahaffey to approve. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: September 30, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1711

Action: Approving Jumpstart Housing Assistance Program Grant Agreement and Application for Jumpstart Small Business Assistance and CDBG Supplemental Funds to assist with recovery efforts due to flooding. Sponsor: Mahaffey. (Council Communication No. 08-589) Moved by Mahaffey to refer to the City Manager to review energy efficiency and elevation of the homes and businesses. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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