



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Manager

## AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to submit a grant application to I-JOBS for flood related improvements, repair and mitigation and other public improvements and approval of City of Des Moines matching fund commitment requirements.

## SYNOPSIS:

The State of Iowa recently passed legislation for bonds to be issued in the amount of \$830 million for a variety of projects. The I-JOBS program is subdivided into various sub-grant programs, one program being a \$118.5 million competitive Flood Recovery and Rebuilding program. The city has projects that meet the threshold for eligibility for this sub-grant program and the applications must be in no later than August 3, 2009, for the first round of competition. All projects require a local match of either 25% or 50%. There is also a need to have a commitment that the local match will be available should a grant be awarded. It is recommended the City Manager be authorized to sign grant applications for submission to the State of Iowa.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$20,675,000 in matching funds would be required if the City received funding for all requests. WRA projects would be \$16,000,000, if all of those grant requests were funded. It should be noted, there is a \$50,000,000 cap that can be awarded to a single entity. The impact lists the grand totals because we do not know which projects may be awarded funding.

Funding Source: It is planned, depending on the projects approved, that funding will come from cash on hand, issuance of bonds, WRA funds or additional grant funds, if available.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The I-JOBS program is similar to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in that its prime goal is to create and retain jobs in Iowa. A total of \$830 million dollars has been approved by the Legislature for the program. Program funding is available for Public Improvements, Disaster Recovery, Transportation, Rebuilding Universities, Environment and Water Quality, Housing Needs and Telecommunications and Renewable Energy. All projects require a funding match. If a project is for replacing or rebuilding existing disaster-related damaged property, it may receive up to 75% I-JOBS funds. All other projects may receive up to 50% of project costs. As part of the application, there must be a commitment that the local match will be available should a grant be awarded.

The City is applying for WRA projects because an applicant must be a public organization (governmental agency) or a 501(c)3. The WRA is legally neither but it is a public organization. The Iowa Finance Authority, the organization handling this for the State, agreed that the WRA projects can be applied for, but only if through a city. The WRA will be responsible for providing the matching funds for their projects.

Below is a list of projects that may be applied for:

	<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>I-JOBS Request</b>
Birdland Levee Replacement	\$3,000,000	\$2,250,000
Central Place Levee Improvements	\$4,200,000	\$2,100,000
Closes Creek Watershed Improvements	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
Court Avenue/Water Street Storm Water Pump Station	\$6,300,000	\$3,150,000
I-235 Dean's Lake Outlet Storm Sewer	\$5,100,000	\$1,250,000
Riverpoint Sewer Separation Project	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000
Sanitary Sewer Lining in Problem Areas	\$3,500,000	\$2,625,000
Tonawanda Ravine Improvements	\$1,400,000	\$700,000
Fire Station #1	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
Fire Department Training and Logistics Facility	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>Subtotal City</b>	<b>\$42,000,000</b>	<b>\$21,325,000</b>
WRA Equalization Basin Utilization	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
WRA Southern Tier High Flow Pump Station Improvements	\$4,500,000	\$2,250,000
WRA Westside Pump Station Mitigation	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
WRA Westside Supplemental Equalization Basin	\$25,000,000	\$12,500,000
<b>Subtotal WRA</b>	<b>\$32,000,000</b>	<b>\$16,000,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,000,000</b>	<b>\$37,325,000</b>

The match for City Projects is \$20,675,000.

The match for WRA Projects is \$16,000,000.

The City received \$750,000 in I-JOBS funds for the Riverwalk in May of this year.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Accept award of grants.

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