



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 40  
Roll Call No. 09-  
Communication No. 09-619  
Submitted by: Saul Amdursky, Library  
Director

## AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification and approval of submission of a grant application to the State of Iowa for grant funds from the Iowa Infrastructure Investment Initiative 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 Library's Franklin Avenue Renovation and Expansion project meets the threshold for eligibility for this sub-grant program. The grant application was submitted by the August 3, 2009 deadline, 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. The Library Board has already authorized a submission to I-Jobs for 2.2 million dollars; however, subsequent discussions with State officials indicate a need for City Council authorization, as well. It is recommended the City Council provide the necessary documentation to support the proposal that has been submitted to the State of Iowa.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The total project cost of the Franklin Avenue project is budgeted at \$8,300,000. \$2,200,000 in matching funds would be required if the City received funding for this request.

Funding Source: It is planned that funding will come from cash-on-hand and donations from the Des Moines Public Library Foundation. FY2009-10 CIP, Franklin Avenue Library Expansion, CP042-LIB051, Library Improvements, page 7.

## 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 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.

<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>I-JOBS Request</b>
\$8,300,000	\$2,200,000

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 27, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1395

Action: 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. (Council Communication No. 09-518) Moved by Meyer to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: July 30, 2009

Action: Library Board approved the proposal.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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