

# **Council Communication**

Office of the City Manager

**Date** February 22, 2010

Agenda Item No. 60
Roll Call No. 10Communication No. 10-097

Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.

City Engineer

## **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and Authorizing the Execution of I-Jobs Grant Contract with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) for \$2,200,000 for the Expansion of the Franklin Avenue Library.

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval and authorization to execute Iowa's Infrastructure Investment Initiative (I-JOBS) Notice of Award and Grant Contracts with IFA. On August 31, 2009, IFA notified the City of Des Moines that they had awarded the City an I-JOBS grant in the amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 for the Franklin Avenue Library Renovation and Expansion project. At the next IFA I-JOBS Board meeting, the contract agreement will be on their agenda for approval.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$8,360,000

Funding Source: Various funding sources for construction as follows:

- \$2,200,000 I-JOBS grant,
- \$6,160,000 2009-10 CIP, Franklin Avenue Library Expansion, LIB051, Library Improvements, page 7, G.O. Bonds and Library Foundation Funds.

#### **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, Environmental and Water Quality, Housing Needs and Telecommunications and Renewable Energy. All projects require a funding match. As part of the application, there must be a commitment that the local match will be available should a grant be awarded.

On August 24, 2009, under Roll Call 09-1563, the City Council authorized submittal of the proposed Franklin Public Library Project application to the IFA under the I-JOBS Program. The project was identified as being competitive in the grant selection criteria. Important criteria considered were the local economic impact, number of jobs created, sustainability, and energy efficiency. The application was for a grant totaling \$2,200,000 of the estimated \$8,360,000 for project cost of the proposed Franklin

Avenue Library Renovation and Expansion project. The project includes approximately \$5,400,000 for construction with the remaining funds for technology, shelving, and furniture, temporary rental costs, moving costs, asbestos removal, engineering/architectural fees, and other project costs. The construction will renovate the 14,720 square foot existing library structure and create an expansion of 13,870 square feet. The final project will be submitted for a LEED Platinum rating, the highest level of certification possible.

On August 31, 2009, IFA notified the City of Des Moines that they had awarded the City I-JOBS funding in the amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 for the Franklin Avenue Library Renovation and Expansion project. Staff has worked with IFA to negotiate a contract between the State and the City and the Library Board as co-grantees. The State has prepared the contract, which is now being presented to City Council for consideration. The grant will be presented to the Library Board for its consideration at its February 23, 2010 meeting.

# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 24, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1563

<u>Action:</u> Submission of 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 for the Franklin Library Project. (Council Communication No. 09-619

) Moved by Kiernan to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

Date: January 26, 2010

<u>Action:</u> The Library Board approved ordering construction of the following: Franklin Avenue Library Expansion - Receiving bids, (03-09-10), and Setting date of hearing, (03-23-10). (Construction Estimate - \$5,505,000).

Date: July 30, 2009

Action: Library Board approved the proposal.

# ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Library Board actions for bidding and construction of approved projects.

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