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	Agenda Item No. 12 Roll Call No. <u>10-1023</u> Communication No. <u>10-414</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer, Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to submit a grant application to I-JOBS for disaster mitigation, approval to pursue Smart Planning Principles, and approval of City of Des Moines matching fund commitment requirements.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council authorize staff to submit grant applications to I-JOBS for disaster mitigation, approve consideration of Smart planning Principles, and approve City of Des Moines matching fund commitment requirements. In 2010, the Iowa Legislature appropriated funds from FY 11 revenue bonds to the I-JOBS Board for a Disaster Mitigation Grant Program for grants to cities and counties. The money is intended to assist in the development and completion of public construction projects relating to disaster mitigation, including construction, replacement, or reconstruction of local public buildings in a manner that mitigates damages from future disasters, including flooding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$17,500,000 in matching funds would be required if the City received funding for all requests. WRA projects would be \$2,250,000, if all of those grant requests were funded. It should be noted, there is a \$12,000,000 cap that can be awarded to a single entity. The impact lists the grand total because it is not known 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 \$875 million dollars has been approved by the Legislature for the program. Program funding was 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. As part of the application, there must be a commitment that the local match will be available should a grant be awarded.

The 2010 program known as I-JOBS II, is subdivided into various sub-grant programs, one program being a \$30 million competitive Disaster Mitigation program. The City has projects, which meet the threshold for eligibility for this sub-grant program. The applications must be in no later than August 2, 2010. All projects require a local match of at least 50%. The applications will be evaluated by the I-JOBS board based upon a 200-point scale. The projects will receive points based upon the following criteria:

1. Job Creation 40 points
2. Financial Feasibility 40 points
3. Sustainability 20 points
4. Energy Efficiency 20 points
5. Benefits for Disaster Mitigation 40 points
6. Readiness to Proceed 40 points

Also required is a commitment to consider Smart Planning Principles prior to grant award. There are ten primary principles in a Comprehensive Smart Plan. They include the following:

1. Collaboration
2. Efficiency, Transparency, and Consistency
3. Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy
4. Occupational Diversity
5. Revitalization
6. Housing Diversity
7. Community Character
8. Natural Resources and Agricultural Protection
9. Sustainable Design
10. Transportation Diversity

The City will agree to perform a review to determine the feasibility of a Comprehensive Smart Plan. Within three (3) years of award, the City agrees to adopt or amend said Comprehensive Smart Plan to correspond with City goals.

The I-JOBS II program has a \$12,000,000 funding limit to a single entity or city. The City is applying for Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) projects because an applicant must be a city or county. The Iowa Finance Authority, the organization handling this for the State, agreed 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, by priority, for which the City will be submitting applications for I-JOBS II funding:

Priority	Description	Estimated Project Cost	I-JOBS Request
1	New Central Fire Station	\$9,000,000	\$3,000,000
2	Central Place Levee Improvements	\$4,200,000	\$2,100,000
3	Closes Creek Watershed Improvements	\$10,000,000	\$4,150,000
4	Stormwater Pump Station – SE 4 th & Shaw	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
5	Upgrade Pumps – SE 4 th & Railroad	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
6	Sanitary Sewer Lining in Problem Areas	\$3,500,000	\$1,750,000

	Subtotal City	\$29,700,000	\$12,500,000
7	WRA Southern Tier High Flow Pump	\$4,500,000	\$2,250,000
	Subtotal WRA	\$4,500,000	\$2,250,000
	TOTAL	\$34,200,000	\$14,750,000

The match for City Projects is \$17,200,000.

The match for WRA Projects is \$2,250,000.

A separate \$30,900,000 non-competitive program of targeted allocation was also a part of the I-JOBS II program. The City was awarded \$8,500,000 under this targeted, non-competitive I-JOBS fund for the Court Avenue/Water Street Storm Water Pump Station, Riverpoint Sewer Separation Project, Tonawanda Ravine Improvements, Fire Department Training and Logistics Facility, and WRA Equalization Basin Utilization in May of this year. The grant agreements for these projects will be presented to City Council in the near future.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Accept award of grants, construction of projects.

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