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	Agenda Item No.	50
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-1527</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-497</u>
	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to apply for an Enhance Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.

SYNOPSIS:

This action authorizes the City Manager to submit an Enhance Iowa CAT grant application for \$540,000 for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. The City of Des Moines and the 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. (6AC) have collectively raised \$1.1 million to date for the streetscape project. The funds raised to date are in addition to the City’s \$1 million in Capital Improvement Program funds that are available annually for streetscape projects. The submission of a CAT grant application will support the ongoing fundraising efforts to construct a transformational streetscape project along 6th Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: No fiscal impact will result from this authorization.

Funding Source: The total estimated project budget for the 6th Avenue Streetscape is \$7.1 million over three (3) phases. The estimated project budget for Phase 1 is \$2.7 million.

The breakdown of the \$1.1 million raised to date includes: \$600,000 from Des Moines Area MPO, \$250,000 from Iowa Great Places, \$150,000 from Mercy Hospital, \$75,000 from the Wellmark Foundation, and \$25,000 from Bankers Trust.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The 6th Avenue Streetscape Project will have a transformational impact on this key gateway corridor into downtown and will further the ongoing revitalization efforts already underway there.
- The streetscape project is planned to be built over three (3) phases from Hickman Road to I-235. Phase 1 will include Hickman Road to College Avenue. Phase 2 will include College Avenue to University Avenue. And Phase 3 will involve University Avenue to I-235.

- In 2013, the City of Des Moines received technical assistance from the EPA and the design firms of Vireo and BNIM to incorporate sustainable and green infrastructure best management practices into the streetscape project.
- In 2014, the City Council approved a contract with Confluence to lead the overall design development for the streetscape project.
- In 2015, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 6AC to partner on the planning, fundraising, and implementation of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project.
- It is anticipated that Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project will be constructed in calendar year 2018.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 9, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1874](#)

Action: [Memorandum](#) of Understanding with the 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. for the implementation of Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. ([Council Communication 15-590](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council action for administration of construction contracts.

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