


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-028	Meeting:	January 13, 2020
	Agenda Item:	19	Roll Call:	20-0038
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing execution of grant agreement and cost share obligation, approving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Administrative Plan, and authorizing voluntary acquisition of property for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2019 HMGP Buyout Project, Grant No. DR-4386.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving and authorizing execution of grant agreement and cost share obligation, approving HMGP Administrative Plan, and authorizing voluntary acquisition of property for the FEMA 2019 HMGP Buyout Project, Grant No. DR-4386.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,329,658 estimated for acquisition, relocation, demolition, closing and labor.

Funding Source: 2019-20 Operating Budget, Page 85, Engineering Department, Special Revenue and Other Funds, Storms Mitigation/Recovery, S854:

- FEMA 75% - 997,244
- State of Iowa 10% - \$132,966
- City of Des Moines 15% - \$199,448

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The State of Iowa will receive FEMA funding under the HMGP as part of Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4386-1A (August 20, 2018) as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding that occurred in Iowa.
- The State of Iowa is making HMGP funds available for those eligible hazard mitigation project types that will reduce or eliminate the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences.
- The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires a FEMA approved local hazard mitigation plan prior to FEMA awarding HMGP project funds. On April 22, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0649, City Council approved and adopted the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- On May 23, 2019, the City of Des Moines submitted a Notice of Interest to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) in order to be eligible for consideration to apply for HMGP funds, and on May 23, 2019, the City received a formal invitation to complete and submit an application.
- City staff contacted property owners and eight (8) eligible owners have expressed interest in voluntary participation in the program.
- The properties have been appraised by an independent appraiser, which is a requirement for the application process.
- Acquired properties will be cleared of all structures and include a deed restriction limiting their use to green space only. This will allow the land to return to its natural state and restore its floodplain functions.
- On December 13, 2019, IHSEMD notified the City that federal assistance under the HMGP Program for Grant No. DR-4386 has been awarded in accordance with the scope of work and budget that were included in the application submitted and approved by IHSEMD and FEMA.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 24, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1015](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application and request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Proposed Voluntary Hazard Mitigation Acquisition Buyout and Demolition Project. ([Council Communication No. 19- 291](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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