

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Item # 157.
Meeting Date: May 26, 2009
First Reading Date: _____

Topic:

Consider and take action to receive non-housing Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds as a non-entitlement community, allowing staff to enlist assistance from an ORCA approved engineering firm and grants administrator.

Background:

HUD has allocated funds to address the impacts of Hurricane Ike through an extension of the Community Development Block Grant program. The Houston-Galveston Area Council awarded \$165,839,163 to Galveston County (excluding the City of Galveston). Of that, \$66,335,665 was awarded for non-housing purposes. Galveston County approved a Method of Distribution resulting in approximately \$2 million to League City. Funds generally follow the guidelines of the CDBG program with additional criteria that limit eligible activities to items that received damage during Hurricane Ike, as well as facilities that "failed to function" in their normal capacity.

League City is an entitlement city and, as a result, has two options. As an entitlement city we can take on the task of scoping all projects, determining costs, assembling applications, and administering the grants in-house. As an alternative, the Office of Rural Community Affairs (the State agency managing the non-housing CDBG Disaster Recovery program) has established a series of approved engineering firms and grant administrators to assist non-entitlement communities. League City has the option to become a non-entitlement community ONLY FOR THIS PROGRAM. Given the very substantial time requirements and limited timeframe associated with this program, staff strongly recommends becoming a non-entitlement community.

To change our status, ORCA requires a letter from Mayor Randall requesting the status change along with our choice of engineering and grant administration contractors. Staff recommends PBK to conduct engineering services and The Riveron Law Firm for grant administration. ORCA will contract directly with the engineering and grant administration firms. The city will not have its own contract with those firms. Engineering costs are anticipated to be between 10-25% of the total grant funding (depending on project complexity). Engineering costs will be paid out of the city's grant funds. Administrative costs (including personnel hours and grant administration contractor costs) will be paid out of the city's grant funds. Administrative costs will be capped according to the total amount of funding received and the number of projects under the program. Staff anticipate an administrative cap of roughly \$180,000.

Origination:

Planning Department

Attachment:

1. Spreadsheet of Method of Distribution approved by Galveston County (final amount pending)
2. ORCA list of approved engineering firms and grant administrators

Recommendation:

Staff Recommends Approval. A possible motion could be: "To agree, for purposes of the non-housing portion of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program, to be considered a non-entitlement community; allow Mayor Randall to make such request to the Office of Rural and Community Affairs of the State of Texas; and request the services of PBK and The Riveron Law Firm in application and administration of the program.

FUNDING

Non-housing CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds will be available upon receipt from ORCA.

Signed [Signature] 5/22/09 Date 5/22/09 Approved by [Signature] City Administrator
Staff Member
Finance Approval
APPROVED
MAY 26 2009
CITY COUNCIL

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

City Council Meeting Agenda Item Data Sheet

Item #

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Meeting Date, June 23, 2009

First Reading Date: _____

Topic:

Consider and take action to approve the list of priority projects to submit for funding using non-housing Texas Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds.

Background:

As presented at the May 26, 2009 council meeting, HUD has allocated funds to address the impacts of Hurricane Ike through an extension of the Community Development Block Grant program. Through coordination with the State of Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs, Houston-Galveston Area Council and Galveston County, League City was tentatively allocated approximately \$2.1 million (a number that is not expected to decrease, but may increase). The funds are specifically intended to address non-housing issues in which a system or item eligible for funding under typical CDBG regulations received damage during Hurricane Ike or "failed to function" in its normal capacity.

City staff has coordinated with PBK engineering firm to establish a list of projects that would qualify as eligible and also improve our capacity during future storm events. Each project has been prioritized and will be funded according to need. PBK anticipates that the majority of projects could be funded as "first tier" projects with the funds available through this program; however, if the cost of first tier projects turns out to be less than anticipated, then the consultants selected for this project will pursue completion of the next priority project.

Disaster Recovery funds available under this program do not require a local match.

Award funds for the identified projects will be made available upon acceptance of the grant application by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Origination:

Department of Land Management

Attachment:

1. Map of proposed projects

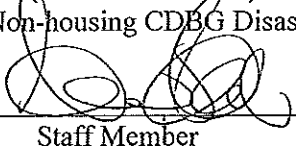
Recommendation:

Staff is recommending approval of this item.

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE) N/A

Non-housing CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds will be available upon receipt from ORCA.

Signed



Staff Member

Date

6/19/09

Approved:

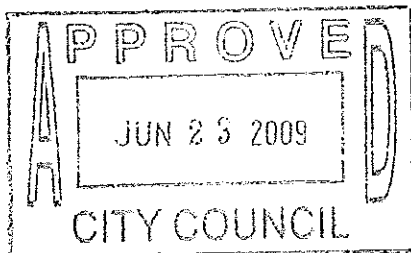


City Administrator

Date

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Tony Allender, AICP, Director of Land Management

ACTION TAKEN BY CITY COUNCIL



Approved priority list as stated with any remaining monies to be used for other generators to the extent of the grant.



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Text File

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Title

Consider and take action on a resolution establishing depository/authorized signatories for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds awarded to League City by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (Director of Planning & Research)

Staff recommends approval.

Body

Background: On June 23, 2009, City Council approved application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for installation of generators at critical lift stations that failed to function during Hurricane Ike. As part of the program, the City of League City was required to select from among a list of grant management and engineering firms to manage and implement the project. League City selected Riveron Law Firm as the grant management firm and PBK as the engineering firm. In December 2009, an award of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds was granted to the City of League City for addition of generators to 12 lift stations at a total cost of \$3.1 million.

As part of the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program, the City of League City is required to pass a resolution designating up to three individuals to serve as depository and authorized signatories. The resolution will allow for any of the three individuals to sign State of Texas Purchase Vouchers and/or request for payment forms for the program.

Staff recommend that City Council select the following individuals to serve as signatories:

1. Marcus Jahns, City Manager
2. Mike Loftin, Assistant City Manager, Management Services
3. Lonna Stein, City Controller

Origination:

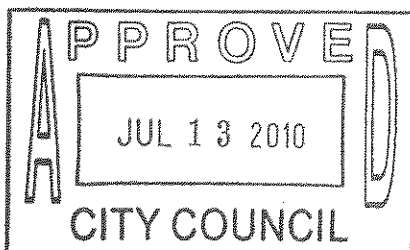
Department of Planning

Attachment:

1. Resolution establishing Signatories

Recommendation:

Staff is recommending approval of this item.



Resolution No. 2010-22