

City of Biggs

City Administrator agenda item request for the next
(X) Regular () Adjourned Regular () Special Meeting

Meeting Date: January 23, 2012 6:00PM

Date: January 13, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: City Administrator
Subject: 2012 CDBG Grant Project Application (Direct Staff)

Council will consider projects for an application for grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced this month the availability of approximately \$48,500,000 for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Typical activities funded under these allocations include: business assistance projects and programs; Micro-enterprise assistance programs; housing rehabilitation programs and projects; homeownership assistance programs; housing acquisition projects; public infrastructure projects; public facility projects; public services programs; and planning and technical assistance grants.

Staff advertised and held a design phase public hearing on January 3, 2012 to review and discuss potential projects for the City to apply. Additionally, staff explored possible projects and discussed possible project ideas with the Public Works Committee.

PAST PROJECTS:

The City has been successful in the past in obtaining funds through this funding source. Those past projects include:

Homebuyer Program, Housing Rehabilitation Program, Well Replacement Project, West Side Storm Drainage Project, Income Survey, Housing Inventory Study, Wastewater Facilities Plan, Economic Development Downtown Study, Housing Element Update, Library ADA Design Plan, and others over the past 20 years.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS:

During the hearing held on January 3, 2012 - staff reviewed the possible projects, scoring impacts, CDBG Application and program changes introduced under the new Super NOFA Process and found the following projects to be the priorities for this application process:

C Street Well Treatment

This project would provide treatment for the C Street well – currently a back-up well for fire suppression – to enable it to function on line and in concert with the other wells. The result would be potable water to add needed back-up capacity to the drinking water system, and online fire suppression capacity.

The project is expected to produce an application in the amount of \$950,000.

Pump Station and Headworks @ Sewer Plant

The project is currently outlined as part of a larger project under the application process with USDA - due to the fact USDA will not be providing any grant funds - application under the CDBG program would allow the costs of this project to be removed from the USDA loan and reduce the impact of debt service to the City.

The project is expected to produce an application in the amount of \$1,300,000.

Planning Technical Assistance Project

Master Plan Update for Water, Sewer, Storm and Streets with GIS overlay. Project is expected to cost \$100,000. This is not for research; it would bring current our master plans and incorporate related GIS data into to the City electric infrastructure GIS tool.

OTHER PROJECTS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED:

1. Street improvements for F, G and H (street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and drainage)
2. Replacement of Orangeburg pipe remaining in the sewer system
3. Historic Hotel retrofit and renovation
4. Homebuyer Program to assist with the purchase and rehabilitation of homes in Biggs.
5. East Side Collector Drainage plan
6. Downtown dead-end fire flow plan

REQUESTED ACTION:

Direct Staff to proceed with preparing an application under the 2012 CDBG Program for the activities listed above or for other projects as determined by the Council and prepare for application submittal public hearing to be held in March 2012 and final approval. Application to be submitted on or before April 6, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Grant preparation: \$3500 grant writing plus undetermined professional staff support
Grant award: Up to \$2,000,000
Match: None Required for main project; 5% Match required for PTA portion