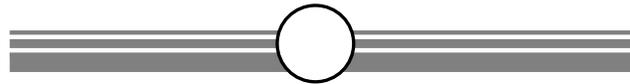


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STAFF REPORT

Item # 3

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Holly Smyth, Planning Director *HS*
Date: April 4, 2013
Subject: Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application
submittal to State Department of Housing & Community Development

Discussion:

On March 5th, City Council held a Design Phase public hearing on potential CDBG activities to apply for in the upcoming fiscal year. Applications are due to the State April 12th. Council directed staff to work on grant applications for the following activities:

1. Public Facilities Rehabilitation for the Lemoore Seniors, Inc. non-profit
2. Restaurant Business Incubator Planning Technical Assistance grant in partnership with West Hills College Culinary
3. Business Assistance, micro-enterprise assistance, business training for economic development
4. Potentially a Planning Technical Assistance grant for a local citizen providing homeless shelter (which staff determined that Kings County already has a CDBG grant in place for this activity which can be rolled into their current efforts)

On the first activity, Planning staff worked with the Building & Public Works Departments, Lemoore Seniors, Inc., Chevron Energy Solutions, the Building Maintenance Division and various contractors to pull together prevailing wage cost estimates for the necessary rehabilitation of the onsite buildings, as generally outlined in Attachment A to:

- a) Take care of health, safety and handicapped accessibility needs such as ceiling replacement, replacement of pvc fire sprinklers/ansul system/fire value, adding ADA accessibility components, and abating termites;
- b) Repair or replace deferred maintenance items such as exterior particle board paneling with stucco and new roofing
- c) Replacing inefficient utilities such as interior and exterior lighting, HVAC units, windows, and adding solar so that deficiencies can be eradicated and ongoing cost can be reduced to remain self supporting.

On the second activity, Planning staff has been working with West Hills College Culinary on a Planning Technical Assistance grant for a restaurant business incubator utilizing locally grown product in order to eliminate potential blight, create new targeted income jobs in non-competing niches, and to spur on economic revitalization in the heart of our historic downtown, as generally shown in Attachment B (which will be forwarded when complete).

On the third activity, Planning staff had discussions with Community Services Employment Training (CSET), Kings Economic Development Corporation and the City Project Manager to determine potential gaps that could be filled with Micro-Enterprise Training/Technical Assistance, Micro-Enterprise Loans, and Business Assistance Loans, as generally shown in

Attachment C (which will be forwarded when complete). We are also in the process of distributing a Business Needs Survey with Assistance from the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Merchants that will become part of the grant. This funding source is not anticipated to duplicate services already offered in Kings County but reach some of the smallest existing or new businesses or entrepreneurs (that meet the Targeted Income Household thresholds).

In all cases, eligible activities paid for with State CDBG funds must meet one or more of the three national objectives listed in CDBG Federal Statutes as follows:

- 1) Benefit to low income households or persons
- 2) Elimination of slums and blight
- 3) Meeting urgent community development need

The purpose of today's public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the activities the City is applying for this coming fiscal year under the State's CDBG program. Additionally, the Draft Resolution authorizes the City to file the grant applications. It should be noted that at the time of this report staff was still waiting for a few revised bids. Therefore, the dollar amounts in the resolution may change. A final version of Resolution 2013-06 will be presented Tuesday night for approval.

Budget Impact:

If awarded, the Draft Resolution outlines a maximum of \$2,500 in General Fund revenues that would pay for the required 5% match for the Planning Technical Assistance Grant. As outlined in the Resolution, grant administration costs and activity delivery for the various activities would be covered by the grant.

Recommendation:

The Council should:

- 1) Ask that the general public sign the public participation form that is being passed around the room, as required by the grant.
- 2) Ask for staff to present their report with any updates.
- 3) Open the public hearing to encourage citizen participation regarding the outlined grant application activities.
- 4) Approve Resolution 2013-06 to submit a CDBG application for the activities listed therein.