



Item: House Bill 645 Local Government Infrastructure Grant Program

From: City Staff

Initiated By: Montana Department of Commerce

Presented By: Cheryl Patton, Assistant City Manager

Action Requested: Approve Project List for use of HB 645 Funds

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission approve the list of projects for use of HB 645 funds attached as Exhibit A; and authorize the City Manager to process the “change of scope” request to the Montana Department of Commerce”.

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the project list attached as Exhibit A for submittal to the Montana Department of Commerce as a “change in scope” from the projects approved in HB 645. These funds were appropriated through the Montana Reinvestment Act for the Local Government Infrastructure Grant Program.

Background: The City of Great Falls was approved for funding in the amount of \$957,754 by HB 645 during the 2009 state legislature. The funding specified two projects: West Bank Roadway Construction and Civic Center Roof Replacement.

Significant Impacts

The “change in scope” application to the Montana Department of Commerce is necessary because the West Bank Roadway project was substantially completed prior to the date of fund availability. Therefore, a substitute list of projects must be submitted to MDOC for the City to access full funding appropriated to the City by HB 645. Projects must be included that can have the funds expended by September 2010.

Citizen Participation

Citizens may comment during City Commission consideration of the agenda item at the meeting.

Workload Impact

Since staff will be responsible to administer the contracts, report monthly on the funds expended, the contractors utilized and the jobs created/retained; workload impact will be more time consuming with the addition of four new projects replacing the single West Bank Roadway project.

Purpose

The purpose of the Local Government Infrastructure Grant Program under the Montana Reinvestment Act is the same as for the United States American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; to stimulate the economy, create jobs and reinvest in the infrastructure of Montana's cities and towns. Projects must meet the following criteria:

- (i) Designing, erecting, repairing, and remodeling public buildings or making energy efficiency improvements to public buildings;
- (ii) Designing, constructing, and repairing sewers, sewage treatment and disposal plants, waterworks, and reservoirs;
- (iii) Designing, constructing, and repairing bridges, docks, wharves, breakwaters, and piers;
- (iv) Designing, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, and repairing roads;
- (v) Acquiring, opening, or widening any street and improving the street by designing, constructing, reconstructing, and repairing pavement, gutters, sidewalks, curbs and vehicle parking strips;
- (vi) Designing, building, renovating, and equipping parks and other recreation facilities; and
- (vii) Installing street lighting.

Project Work Scope

Projects recommended are included in Exhibit A.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Staff reviewed projects that could be completed within the time designated and that met the criteria above. Projects were recommended that did not have the potential for funding through other sources such as CDBG, CTEP, etc.

Concurrences: Staff's recommendations have not been submitted to other agencies or bodies for concurrence.

Fiscal Impact: The City has the potential to receive \$957,754 from the State of Montana for projects that fit the criteria.

Alternatives: The City Commission can approve any substitutions to the list recommended by staff that fit the criteria listed above.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Exhibit A

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Project List

(i)	Civic Center Partial Re-roof	\$160, 000
(ii)	Police Dept Re-roof	180,000
(iii)	Civic Center Theater Air Conditioning	275,000
(iv)	Convention Center Air Conditioning	195,000
(v)	Broadwater Bay Boat Dock Parking	147,000

Costs are estimates. Projects are recommended to be funded in the priority order shown. Funding available to the City of Great Falls is \$957, 754.00