

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM  
(CURB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM)**

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 6, 2009, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the City that we had been allocated \$130,258 of Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In order to receive CDBG-R funds, the City submitted a Substantial Amendment to its 2008-09 CDBG Annual Action Plan. **As part of this amendment, \$100,000 was directed towards a Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program with the remaining \$30,258 allocated to the Eco-Smart Housing Retrofit Program. The Housing Coordinator has confirmed with HUD that it would be acceptable to cover cost overruns of the Curb Replacement Program by reducing the budget for Eco-Smart Housing Retrofit Program.**

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program was focused on neighborhood curb replacement. All curb and gutter replaced were located in a targeted census tract where at least 51 percent of the residents have income at or below 80 percent of the Story County median income level. The goal of neighborhood curb replacement is to strengthen and improve City neighborhoods by replacing deteriorated or missing curb and gutter. This work improves neighborhood aesthetics and reduces infiltration into the subgrade, which lowers future street maintenance costs. Under this program, deteriorated concrete curb and gutter was planned to be removed and replaced along South Russell Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street only. However, there was enough HUD funding to extend the project limits to include the final ½ block of South Russell south of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

On August 25, 2009, City Council awarded the contract of Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$83,750.00. Construction was completed in the amount of \$101,022.50.

Engineering, design and administration were in the amount of \$15,150. Engineering and Administration costs are covered with remaining funds from the Public Works Department's 2009/10 Neighborhood Curb Program. This brings the total costs to \$116,175.88.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) project as completed by, Con-Struct, Inc, of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$101,022.50
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project has been completed in accordance with the City's approved plans and specifications.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) project as completed by, Con-Struct, Inc, of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$101,022.50.