

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION – AMENDMENT TO FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Ames was awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Grand Avenue Extension through a competitive application process of the Water Quality Initiative Program administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). This program was established in order to assess and reduce nutrients in the state's watersheds. **City Council approved the original agreement on June 26, 2018 with a completion of June 30, 2019. With delays in right-of-way acquisition, a request for an extension to June 30, 2020 has been made and is included in the attached amendment.**

The City of Ames plans to incorporate stormwater quality BMPs to capture much of the runoff draining to and from the site to improve and protect water quality. The current storm sewer system discharges directly to Squaw Creek with little to no detention and/or treatment. A proposed stormwater wetland will provide significantly more treatment and detention than is required for the extension project. This wetland will greatly improve conditions from the existing area and stormwater from the extension project.

The Grand Avenue Extension continues to be included in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with funding identified since FY 2013/14 and continuing through FY 2018/19. Funding includes \$7,700,000 in G.O. Bonds, \$4,300,000 in MPO/STP Funds, and \$3,450,00 in Federal/State Grant Funds. In general, construction is anticipated to commence in FY 2019/20 with anticipated completion in 2021.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Funding Agreement Amendment for the Grand Avenue Extension revising the completion date to June 30, 2020.
2. Reject the Agreement.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of this agreement with the IDALS must happen before moving forward with construction of this project in the 2019/20 construction season. Delay or rejection of this agreement could require additional funding.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

**WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE**  
**Urban Conservation Demonstration Projects**

<b>CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>	URBAN18WQI-002
<b>Project Name:</b>	Grand Avenue Extension Urban Water Quality Project

**COST-SHARE GRANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1**

**BETWEEN** IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
(IDALS)

**AND** CITY OF AMES

This amendment is entered into by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship; hereinafter referred to as IDALS, and the City of Ames; hereinafter referred to as the Grantee.

I. Relative to the Grand Avenue Extension Urban Water Quality Project

II. Purpose of the Amendment

A. In response to the Grantee's request to extend the Project Completion Date in general accordance with Section 2 of the Cost-Share Grant Contract.

The Project Completion Date will be amended from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

B. This Amendment does not change any other provisions of the agreement.

III. Effective Date of this Amendment

This amendment takes effect upon signature by all parties below.

CITY OF AMES:

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Authorized Representative, Title

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Date

FOR IDALS:

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Julie Kenney, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

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Date