

ITEM # 17
DATE: 7/8/08

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2008/2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
NEIGHBORHOOD CURB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND:

This program is part of the City's 2008/2009 CDBG Annual Action Plan project to remove and replace curb and gutter. All curb and gutter to be replaced are located in a targeted census tract where at least 51% of the residents have income at or below 80% of the Story County median income limits.

The goal of the Neighborhood Curb Replacement is to strengthen and improve City neighborhoods by replacing deteriorated or missing curb and gutter to improve neighborhood aesthetics and reduce infiltration into the subgrade, which will lower future street maintenance costs.

Deteriorated and concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced along N. Hazel Avenue from N. 3rd Street to Lincoln Way. Concrete curb and gutter will be placed on N. Hazel from N. 4th Street to N. 3rd Street where there is currently no curb and gutter. Engineering and construction administration expenses for the entire program were approximately in the amount of \$6,000.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$107,000. The project is established with financing in the amount of \$100,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds and \$9,000 from the 2008/2009 Intake Rehabilitation Program for related items. Engineering and construction administration will be covered by remaining funds in the 2008/09 Neighborhood Curb Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program by establishing July 24, 2008, as the date of letting and July 29, 2008, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the plans and specifications, the City of Ames will continue to strengthen and improve its neighborhoods. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program by establishing July 24, 2008, as the date of letting and July 29, 2008, as the date for report of bids.

CAF APPROVAL

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