

ITEM # 12
DATE: 06-09-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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

BACKGROUND:

On March 6, 2009, HUD notified the City that the organization has 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.

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Plan will focus on neighborhood curb replacement. All curb and gutter to be replaced are 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 to improve neighborhood aesthetics and reduce infiltration into the subgrade, which will improve the appearance of the neighborhood and lower future street maintenance costs.

Under this program, deteriorated concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced along **South Russell Avenue**. Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$100,000. Costs for engineering and construction administration, estimated at \$5,000, will be covered with remaining funds from the Public Works Department's 2009/10 Neighborhood Curb Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) by establishing July 8, 2009, as the date of letting and July 14, 2009, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will allow the City to utilize federal stimulus funding 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 the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) by establishing July 8, 2009, as the date of letting and July 14, 2009, as the date for report of bids.