

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 6, 2009, 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.

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program 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 from Lincoln Way to South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

On Wednesday, July 8, 2009, bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Engineer's Estimate	\$100,000.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$ 83,750.00
Manatt's, Inc.	\$ 85,202.68
TK Concrete, Inc.	\$ 89,463.50
Jasper Construction Services, Inc.	\$ 97,403.40
Absolute Concrete	\$103,970.87

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.

In order to enter into a contract with the contractor, the City must receive a Community Development Block Grant Recovery Agreement. **At the time this report was written the City has not received the agreement from HUD.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program).
  - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program).
  - c. Award the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$83,750.
2. Accept the report of bids for the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) and delay award.
  3. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project originally planned for the use of Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. **At this time, however, the agreement from HUD has not been received by the City.**

If the agreement is received by the time of the Council meeting, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$83,750.

If the approval by HUD has **not** been received by the time of the Council meeting, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 2, thereby accepting the report of bids for the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program) and delaying award until the agreement is in place.