

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

On March 6, 2009, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program will focus on replacement of curb and gutter 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. This work improves neighborhood aesthetics and reduces water infiltration into the subgrade, which lowers future street maintenance costs. This project was located along South Russell Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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

Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$17,272.50, is the balancing change order for the project. Project item overruns are for extending **the project limits to include the final half block of South Russell, South of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Due to this extension, the total project cost is \$1,022.50 above the \$100,000 allocation as outlined above. The Housing Coordinator has confirmed with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it is acceptable to cover cost overruns of the Curb Replacement Program by reducing the budget for the Eco-Smart Housing Retrofit Program.**

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$17,272.50, for the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program)
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project allows the City to utilize federal stimulus funding to strengthen and improve one residential neighborhood.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$17,272.50, for the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (Curb Replacement Program).