

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2010/11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (NORTH 4th STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This program is part of the City's 2010/11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan project to pave an existing gravel street. The street to be paved is North 4th Street, which is 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 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (curb, streets, sidewalks, etc.) is in targeted low- and moderate-income census tracts. The objective will be to replace and/or repair curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and/or street resurfacing areas that have deteriorated and are causing pre-mature pavement failure. The overall goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the viability and aesthetics of our core existing neighborhoods.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$319,500 for the base bid with an add alternate to repair the intersection of N. Hazel Avenue estimated at \$58,000. Bids will be evaluated before the award to make a decision on the add alternate. The project is established with financing in the amount of \$325,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds. Engineering and construction administration estimated at \$50,000 will be covered by remaining G.O. Bond funds in the 2008/09 Asphalt Pavement Improvements Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2010/11 Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North 4th Street) by establishing July 21 as the date of letting and July 27 as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the plans and specifications for this project, 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 2010/11 Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North 4th Street) by establishing July 21 as the date of letting and July 27 as the date for report of bids.