



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX.F.1&2.
2/17/2015

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

1. Public hearing.
2. Resolution approving submission of a partner letter with the City of Moore authorizing The City of Oklahoma City to participate as a cooperative agency in submitting an application and all required certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Community Development Block Grant – National Disaster Resilience Competition funding.

Purpose A public hearing to allow citizen comment on the proposed application and partner letter are threshold requirements for applying for National Disaster Resilience Competition funding.

Background The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), FR-5800-N-29, of approximately \$1 billion made available from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-2). The funding will be awarded competitively among all states, counties and cities that received disaster recovery funding by the HUD Secretary under the Disaster Appropriations Act of 2013. Community Development Block Grant - National Disaster Resilience Competition (CDBG-NDRC) funding is considered Community Development Block Grant funding and must comply with regulations governing its use under 24 CFR part 570 as amended or alternative requirements provided in the Federal Register Notices associated with the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.

The grant competition is a two phase process. The initial phase requires framing unmet recovery needs, vulnerabilities and community development objectives, as well as establishing preliminary partnerships among cooperating agencies. The initial submission is due March 15, 2015. The second phase is invitation only. HUD will select a shortlist that will be required to provide a more extensive application and formalization of partnerships that can move the framing exercise into project determination and implementation. The second phase will begin approximately June 2015 with estimated funding awards being issued in August or September.

Since The City of Oklahoma City did not receive a direct federal allocation, it is not an eligible applicant under CDBG-NDRC and must

apply through one of the two eligible applicants in the state of Oklahoma which are the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the City of Moore. The City of Moore has requested that The City partner in an application for funding under the NOFA to fund resiliency improvements at the Draper Water Treatment Plant.

The Draper Treatment Plant lost power for approximately 24-hours due to the severe storms and tornadoes and is eligible by association with FEMA Major Disaster Declaration DR-4117. The loss of power resulted in greatly reduced water service to area homes, businesses and medical facilities until emergency power could be established. Much of the Moore area was impacted by the event. The City of Oklahoma City will receive from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce approximately \$24 million Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to upgrade the electrical systems at the facility. The CDBG-DR grant will ensure redundancy in electrical power to the plant. However, since the plant was affected by the disaster and CDBG-DR funding will be used to improve the facility, the Federal Register Notices that govern the use of these funds require the incorporation of resiliency and other improvements when rebuilding. The Draper Treatment Plant can be made more resilient by incorporating the proposed improvements outlined in the table below.

Priority	Project Name	Description	Project Cost
1.	Suction Flume Replacement	Replacement of high service pump station suction flume	\$ 2,840,000
2.	North Clearwell and Filter Effluent Transmission Resiliency Improvements	Installation of two clearwells to the north of the existing site and installation of transmission pipeline from filters to new clearwells.	\$27,145,440
3.	South Clearwell Storage and Resiliency Improvements	Installation of two new clearwells to the south of the existing site.	\$24,225,000
Total			\$54,210,440

Since the City of Moore is almost entirely dependent on The City of Oklahoma City for its public water supply, it has a vested interest in helping secure funding for the additional resiliency improvements at the Draper facility.

The Resolution and partner letter were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Council Neighborhood Conservation Committee on February 4, 2015 (Item No. 3.A.)

Review

Planning Department

Recommendation: Public hearing be held and Resolution be adopted.