



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX.G.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 Oklahoma Department of Commerce 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. 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 the CDBG-NDRC program

and must apply through one of the two eligible applicants in the state of Oklahoma which are the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) and the City of Moore. The ODOC has requested The City partner in an application for funding unmet disaster recovery needs within the community.

An interdepartmental committee comprised of City staff and administrators has been meeting to coordinate long-term recovery efforts since shortly after the Presidential Disaster Declaration (DR-4117) was issued for the May 19, May 20 and 31, 2013 severe weather events. After reviewing the regulatory guidance and restrictions associated with the Federal Register Notices, the Committee developed and submitted to ODOC a list of unmet needs. The table below outlines the drainage activities submitted to ODOC with additional planning activities associated with the proposed review and development of codes to assist with implementation of PlanOKC and improve resiliency, as well as the establishment of a special needs housing program that was identified by the Oklahoma City Field Office of HUD and Planning staff.

Community Development Block Grant	
National Disaster Resiliency Competition	
Planning Activities	
	Citywide Drainage Master Planning
	PlanOKC Implementation (Development Code Resiliency)
Public Facilities and Improvements	
Drainage facilities	
	Twin Creek
	SW 25th Street and South Walker Avenue
	NW 4th from Classen Boulevard to North Shartel Avenue
	NW 7th to NW 5th Streets along west side of railroad tracks
	North Walker Avenue from NW 4th Street to Robert S. Kerr Avenue
	NW 10th Street and North Dewey Avenue near EMSA facility
	Edwards Elementary Project
	Belle Isle Bypass Reconstruction
	Deep Fork and Will Rogers Park
	NW 36th Street and Venice Avenue
	NW 36th Street and Francis Avenue
	NE 23rd Street and Martin Luther King Avenue - Kings Crossing
	2501 SW Murray Avenue
	Melrose Lane and Glade Avenue
	Deep Fork Small Tributary east of Independence Avenue
Housing Activities	
	Special Needs Housing (acquisition/rehabilitation or new construction)

The items that will ultimately be included in the second phase of the application process will be negotiated with ODOC to develop the most

competitive application possible for the State.

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

Review

Planning Department

Recommendation: Public hearing be held and Resolution be adopted.