

Public Hearing: November 20, 2006

F A C T S H E E T

TITLE: Resolution to approve a Cooperative Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and the City of Lincoln for grant funding from the Stormwater Management Plan Program.

SPONSOR: Public Works & Utilities

OPPONENTS: Unknown

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: None

APPLICANT: Public Works & Utilities

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: To provide the authority to approve a Cooperative Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and the City of Lincoln regarding State of Nebraska grant funding from the Stormwater Management Plan Program.

D I S C U S S I O N

The Nebraska Legislature passed LB1226 in 2006, which established the Stormwater Management Plan Program. This grant program provides funding to cities and counties with federally mandated stormwater permit requirements to assist in implementing their required Stormwater Management Programs. The City of Lincoln is entitled to at least \$335,963 and no more than \$1,968,000 of these funds. If every eligible applicant requests funding, Lincoln will receive the minimum amount. If fewer apply, Lincoln will receive a larger share.

This is a resolution to allow the City of Lincoln to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with NDEQ for state grant funding. The grant application requires a 20% cash match that will come from the current operating budget and capital improvement program. Funds may only be used for projects and programs to implement the City’s Stormwater Management Program, and may not be used for normal operations, maintenance or flood control. Project duration may not go beyond June 30, 2008.

The City has made application for the maximum potential funding, and this is reflected in the activities outlined in the work plan, which is part of the grant application and referenced in the agreement (see attached). As of the preparation of this fact sheet, the City has not been informed of the award amount. Fewer activities will be implemented if the award amount is less than the maximum.

The Cooperative Agreement is expected to be mailed to the City on or around November 15th, 2006, and the signed agreement must be received by NDEQ no later than Friday, December 1st. Thus, it is important for the City Council to take action on this item on November 20, 2006.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$403,155.60 to \$2,361,600.00

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: \$67,192.60 to \$393,600.00 (20% cash match of NDEQ amount)

NON CITY: \$335,963.00 to \$1,968,000.00 NDEQ

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