

Public Hearing: December 1, 2008

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 and Utilities

OPPONENTS: Unknown

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: None

APPLICANT: Public Works and 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.

D I S C U S S I O N

The Nebraska Legislature passed LB1226 which provides funding for the Stormwater Management Plan grant 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 \$539,508 and no more than \$1,989,875 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, 2010.

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.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$647,409.60 to \$2,387,850.00

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: \$107,901.60 to \$397,975.00 (20% cash match of NDEQ amount)

NON CITY: \$539,508.00 to \$1,989,875.00 NDEQ

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:

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REVIEWED BY:

Director of Public Works and Utilities

M e m o r a n d u m

To: City Council Members

From: Ben Higgins
Watershed Management

Subject: Bill Number 08R-297:
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

Date: November 13, 2008

cc: Greg MacLean, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Trish Owen

The City of Lincoln at this time has not received the award amount or the signed agreement by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. This information will be provided prior to the public hearing scheduled for December 1, 2008. This resolution is being introduced without the agreement as the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality typically provides only a three week time period to return a signed copy to them from the date they send over their signed agreement. As this is a relatively short time period to get it through the City Resolution process for signature (especially during holidays), the agreement is introduced prior to the signed agreement from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to ensure that the city signed Resolution is returned in adequate time.