

TO: James L. App, City Manager  
FROM: Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director  
SUBJECT: Workforce Housing Grant Program: Appropriation of Funds  
DATE: November 6, 2007

Needs: For the City Council to make budget appropriations for projects to be accomplished with the City's allotment of 2004 and 2006 Workforce Housing Reward (WFHR) Grant funds.

- Facts:
1. On June 30, 2005, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded the City \$241,767 in 2004 WFHR Grant funds.
  2. On July 13, 2007, HCD notified the City that it had been awarded \$58,719 in 2006 WFHR Grant funds
  3. At its meeting of August 16, 2005, by minute action, the City Council approved the following list of eligible projects for accomplishment/assistance with 2004 WFHR funds:
    - a. Install curbs, gutters, sidewalk, street light on 28<sup>th</sup> Street, in front of Oak Park Senior Housing Project (estimated cost of \$167,000);
    - b. Install LED-lighted crosswalks at several locations (estimated cost of \$140,000);
    - c. Install curbs, gutters, sidewalk in Riverside Avenue adjacent to the Fairgrounds Parking Lot (estimated cost of \$295,000);
    - d. Install paving, curbs, gutters, sidewalk (one side) on Vine Street, between Marion Avenue and 36<sup>th</sup> Street (estimated cost of \$365,000).
  4. The City has completed the first two projects listed above (28<sup>th</sup> Street improvements and LED Crosswalks in Scott Street) for a total of \$116,767, leaving a balance of \$125,000. (The Housing Authority reimbursed the City for \$125,000 of the \$167,000 spent for 28<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements.)
  5. At its meeting of March 8, 2007, by minute action, the City Council approved the use of up to \$60,000 in 2006 WFHR Grant funds for the Riverside Avenue curbs, gutters, sidewalks project. The intention was to supplement this amount with the remaining \$125,000 balance from 2004 WFHR Grant funds and \$5,000 in 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to accomplish the first phase of this project.
  6. The total project has evolved to include the following improvements in Riverside Avenue, between 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Street and on the south side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street, east of Riverside Avenue: construction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drive approaches, street lights, street trees, undergrounding overhead electrical lines, drainage improvements, decorative fencing and retaining walls, landscaping (with the retaining walls along 24<sup>th</sup> Street), LED Crosswalks (at the entrances to the Event Center in Riverside

Avenue), and solar-powered parking lot lighting (since the existing parking lot lighting is fed with overhead power lines that cross Riverside Avenue).

6. On September 18, 2007, the City Council awarded a design contract to RRM Design Group in an amount not-to-exceed \$108,000 for the design of all improvements for this project..

Analysis and  
Conclusion:

In order to meet the City's obligations for the design contract for the project, a total of \$183,700 in 2004 and 2006 WFHR Grant funds will need to be appropriated. (The \$5,000 in CDBG funds for this project were appropriated on August 7, 2007.)

Completion of some construction is a condition of use of the WFHR Grant funds. Funds not used for design will be used for a first phase of improvements, which may include LED crosswalks at the main and 21<sup>st</sup> Street entrances to the Paso Robles Event Center.

Policy  
Reference:

State regulations for the Workforce Housing Grant Program

Fiscal  
Impact:

The \$183,700 in WFHR Grant funds will be augmented with \$5,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The combined \$188,700 will cover design and a first phase of sidewalk improvements along Riverside Avenue. The total project, which involves constructing sidewalks along the south side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to the Paso Robles Event Center, and appurtenant improvements (retaining walls, street lights, landscaping, undergrounding of utilities, parking lot lighting, and LED-lighted crosswalks) is expected to exceed \$1 million. The project is a candidate for funding with a portion of the Redevelopment funds that had been set aside for a new City Hall.

Options:

- a. Adopt Resolution 07-XXX appropriating \$183,700 in Workforce Housing Reward Grant Funds for the Riverside Avenue Sidewalks Project.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing option.

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City Planner

Attachment: Resolution Appropriating Workforce Housing Grant Funds

ED\HOUSING\WORKFORCE HOUSING GRANT 2007\APPROPRIATION CCR 110607

RESOLUTION NO. 07-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
APPROPRIATING \$183,700 IN WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD GRANT FUNDS  
FOR THE RIVERSIDE AVENUE SIDEWALKS PROJECT

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WHEREAS, on June 30, 2005, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded the City \$241,767 in 2004 Workforce Housing Reward (WFHR) Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2007, HCD notified the City that it had been awarded \$58,719 in 2006 WFHR Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of August 16, 2005, by minute action, the City Council approved the following list of potential projects for use of 2004 WFHR Grant funds:

- a. Install curbs, gutters, sidewalk, street light on 28<sup>th</sup> Street, in front of Oak Park Senior Housing Project (estimated cost of \$167,000);
- b. Install LED-lighted crosswalks at several locations (estimated cost of \$140,000);
- c. Install curbs, gutters, sidewalk in Riverside Avenue adjacent to the Fairgrounds Parking Lot (estimated cost of \$295,000);
- d. Install paving, curbs, gutters, sidewalk (one side) on Vine Street, between Marion Avenue and 36<sup>th</sup> Street (estimated cost of \$365,000); and

WHEREAS, the City has completed the first two projects listed in the preceding recital for a total of \$116,767, leaving a balance of \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 8, 2007, by minute action, the City Council approved the use of up to \$60,000 in 2006 WFHR Grant funds for the Riverside Avenue curbs, gutters, sidewalks project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that a budget appropriation of \$183,700 (= \$125,000 in 2004 WFHR funds plus \$58,700 in 2006 WFHR funds) to Account No. 227-910-5452-430 for the Riverside Avenue Sidewalks Project is hereby approved.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk