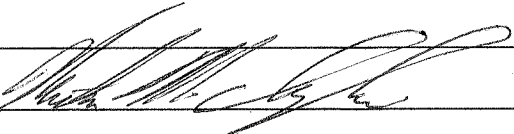


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE August 25, 2010	AGENDA NO. VII. C. 8. a.	SUBJECT: Accepting grant from DOLA for City Complex
Department Head:		
City Manager:		
PRESENTED BY:	Nathan M. Cherpeski	

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt alternative 1 accepting the grant and authorizing the Mayor and staff to complete the necessary paperwork.

Background

Over a year ago, the City submitted a grant application to the Department of Local Affairs for the City Complex. We received notification this week that the City has been awarded \$500,000 for the project. This will assist in putting the finishing touches on the facility. It is necessary to have a fully executed contract with DOLA prior to any bid award. Authorizing the acceptance of the grant and allowing the Mayor to sign the agreement once it arrives will help the City stay on the time line established at the last Council meeting to move forward rapidly.

Issue Before the Council

Does the Council accept the grant and authorize the Mayor and staff to complete the necessary paperwork?

Alternatives

1. Accept the grant and authorize the Mayor and staff to complete the necessary paperwork
2. Decline to act at this time and give staff further direction.

Fiscal Impact

This grant will help lessen the impact to the City's operating budgets and allow the project to move forward at this time.

Legal Opinion

The City Attorney will be present to answer any questions.

Conclusion

Accepting the grant is a vital step in moving forward with the project. This is the first of several hurdles that will need to be cleared for the project to move forward.

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August 25, 2010

The Honorable Kathy Rogers, Mayor
City of Alamosa
P.O. Box 419
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RE: EIAF #06804 - Alamosa Municipal/Public Safety Complex

Dear Mayor Rogers:

The Colorado Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Advisory Committee met recently to review requests for grants from state severance tax and mineral lease revenues. These revenues are derived from oil, gas, carbon dioxide, coal and metals extracted in Colorado.

Competition was intense for the limited amount of funds available this cycle, making the decision process even more difficult than usual. I am deeply appreciative of your patience and understanding during this past year, putting many of your projects on hold until funding has become available.

Limited resources have prevented me from offering funding for the entire project; however, I am willing to offer to enter into a contract for a grant in the amount of \$500,000. This offer of funds is from federal mineral lease proceeds.

Please contact Debra Downs at (719) 589-2251 for information on how to proceed. As you know, no state funds should be obligated before a grant contract is fully executed. Expenditures made prior to the contract being fully executed cannot be reimbursed by the state. This award offer is valid for one year from the date of this letter.

Good luck with your project. Let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

cc: Congressman John Salazar
Senator Gail Schwartz
Representative Ed Vigil
Nathan Cherpeski, City Manager
Debra Downs, DOLA