



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Elizabeth Tyler, AICP, City Planner/Director

DATE: July 6, 2005

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING
AN EXTENSION OF A CITY OF URBANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT
(Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA)
Project No. 0405-01)**

Description

Included on the July 11, 2005 agenda of the Committee of the Whole is an Ordinance to extend the Neighborhood Organization Grant (NOG) Agreement for Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) which will allow them to continue to expend the previously awarded funds until December 31, 2005.

Issues

The issue is whether to approve the ordinance.

Background

On September 20, 2004, Council passed an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Neighborhood Organization Grant Agreement with Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA). Since that time, HEUNA has spent nearly, but not quite all their NOG award on appropriate expenses. Under the provisions of the original agreement, all such funds must be expended by June 30, 2005.

HEUNA is currently working with the Public Works department to gain approval for special signs denoting their geographic area. Their intention was to help pay for these signs with the funds remaining in their NOG allotment. However, since they are not yet ready to make purchases related to their special signs project, HEUNA contacted Grants Management staff to inquire about encumbering those funds prior to the close of the fiscal year.

Instead, staff has recommended that, as provided for in the program guidelines, the original agreement be extended so that funds may be requested at the time that expenses are incurred.

Options

1. Approve the ordinance as written.
2. Approve the ordinance with amendments.
3. Do not approve the ordinance.

Fiscal Impacts

There would be no fiscal impact to the city budget. The NOG funds in question were allocated by the 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan.

Recommendations

This item was reviewed by the Community Development Commission at their June 28 meeting. Both CDC and staff recommend that City Council approve this ordinance.

Memorandum Prepared By:

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Attachments:

An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Extension of a City of Urbana Community Development Block Grant Agreement (Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) Project No. 0405-01)

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-07-097

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A CITY OF URBANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT

(Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA)
Project No. 0405-01)

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2005, the Urbana City Council passed Ordinance No. 2004-09-121 approving and authorizing the execution of a Neighborhood Organization Grant Agreement with Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA), and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said Agreement allow for, under appropriate circumstances, extension of the period of time during which the NOG funds may be expended, and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff has determined that such appropriate circumstances exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Agreement described herein be extended for a period of six (6) months.

Section 2. That HEUNA may continue to utilize their NOG allocation until December 31, 2005.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
_____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
_____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor