



Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date: February 12, 2024
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Agenda Item: DCEO Grants Discussion

Summary: Attached spreadsheet currently shows grants that the city is currently eligible to receive funding through the State. Staff have been working with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) on these grants.

A couple of the grants which the city has already applied for have requirements that need to be met in order to receive reimbursement by the State through the DCEO program. These two applications have been submitted for work which the city completed prior to being informed of requirements, through the Office of Business Enterprise Program (BEP), that must be met. Based on conversations with DCEO staff, Josh Hassert and consultants for other municipalities, these requirements will need to be met. DCEO does not have the ability to waive them.

Therefore, staff is recommending that any DCEO grant application that has requirements that have not been met, to direct staff to do the following:

- Contact DCEO for the two projects in which BEP goals have not been met and have original application voided.
- Resubmit new applications based on a scope of work that fits the DCEO scope approved by the State.
- Include all DCEO requirements in the bid package so funding can be approved.

Attached is a summary the DCEO grants the city is currently eligible for, grant amount, current project in which funding was applied for, application status, BEP status and contacts.

The following projects have not been included in the 2025 budget and will be brought to council if and when the timing is best to meet all DCEO guidelines and when an estimated timeframe is known for reimbursement:

- Old City Hall Demo
- City Center Municipal Plaza (Grading, Underground, Sidewalks, Irrigation)
- Future City Center Improvements (i.e. indoor vehicle storage; interior safety upgrades, ect.)

Recommended Council Action: Provide staff direction on proposed project for DCEO grants that did not meet all of the DCEO requirements.

Financial Impact:

Funding Source: n/a

Budgeted Amount: n/a.

Cost: n/a

Attachments:

DCEO Grant Status Sheet