
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor McNeill, Lansing City Council
FROM: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
DATE: January 26, 2023
SUBJECT: Discussion on Potential BASE Grant

Explanation: The State released the BASE (Building A Stronger Economy) grant program last year. Lansing submitted a joint application with Leavenworth County to construct a sewer line to the corner of K7/McIntyre to promote future growth; unfortunately, the grant application was not successful. Our previous grant breakdown was listed below:

- \$2,921,750 State BASE Grant
- \$500,000 Leavenworth County
- \$1,073,250 City of Lansing
- \$4,495,000 Total

The State has announced the second round of the BASE Grant program, due January 31. Unfortunately, Leavenworth County is not able to participate with the City in this application. Assuming similar figures to February/March 2022, the breakdown could look like below:

- \$2,921,750 State BASE Grant
- \$1,573,250 City of Lansing
- \$4,495,000 Total

We hope to have a rough updated construction estimate Thursday evening. If we wanted to phase this project to minimize the City's contribution, we could apply to have the sewer installed to the northwest corner of the property, instead of all the way to McIntyre Road. Constructing to the northwest corner of the property makes that parcel more developable and could allow the City a more reasonable share of the cost but doesn't benefit the southern side of McIntyre as much. We could also ask the State of Kansas for a greater amount in the application.

Policy Consideration: None

Financial Consideration: If the City's share is approximately \$1M or less we may be able to pay our contribution with funds directly from the Wastewater Utility Fund. If our contribution is over \$1M we likely would need to issue debt to service our share of the project.

Action: Guidance from City Council on how to proceed with potential grant application for new sewer line southward toward McIntyre/K7.