



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/22/2022

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-62: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN REQUESTING ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG) CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSAA) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING FUNDING FOR THE GRAY STREET TWO-WAY CONVERSION PROJECT.

BACKGROUND:

On Thursday September 1, 2022, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) announced the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) call for projects. ACOG is receiving \$8.9 Million CRRSAA funds and intends to fund eligible projects in the ACOG MPO area.

The described funds will remain available for obligation until September 30, 2024. These obligated balances must be spent by September 30, 2029. All projects must be located on a functionally classified road. Funds cannot be spent on local roads or roads that are a part of the state highway system.

Due to the short timeline for obligation and expenditure, eligible projects have been limited to the following criteria:

- Safety projects such as signage, pavement markings, pedestrian signals, guardrails and other projects that do not require extensive environmental assessment
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects such as signage, pavement marking and other projects that do not require extensive environmental assessment
- Minor resurfacing projects that do not require extensive environmental assessment
- Previously selected STBG-UZA or TAP projects that have completed environmental assessment by September 30, 2024

Municipalities within the ACOG MPO area can submit applications for requesting up to \$500,000. Submitted project applications will be chosen based on quality, need and ability for project to be completed within the federally allotted timeframe. The deadline for grant application is October 31, 2022. The award of grants is anticipated in March 2023.

DISCUSSION:

One other type of project allowed under the CRRSAA guidelines is an existing STBG-UZA project that could benefit from the additional \$500,000 in CRRSAA funding. The Gray Street Two-Way Conversion project clearly falls into that category as it received only partial funding through the STBG-UZA program. The guidelines from ACOG for CRRSAA stipulate that the local share of any project requesting supplemental funds through CRRSAA must remain at a minimum of 20%. With the additional \$500,000 in CRRSAA funding, the Gray Street Two-Way Conversion project will remain funded at the local level at 55.44%.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2223-62 (CRRSAA Funding for the Gray Street Two-Way Conversion Project) requesting ACOG CRRSAA funding in the amount of \$500,000 supplementing existing STBG-UZA funding.