



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 25-R-14 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Apply for Various Grants to Fund Improvements to the Hines Street Corridor.

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Date: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Issue Statement**

City Staff are requesting Council authorization to apply for grant funds to make improvements to the Hines Street Corridor. If funded, City Staff will return to City Council with a resolution to accept the awarded funds and not-to-exceed limits for budget items. The following grant opportunities require City Council authorization to apply; however, the City plans to apply to other opportunities as they open:

- Missouri's Department of Economic Development CDBG Competitive Application Cycle
- Ozarks Transportation Organization's Pedestrian Infrastructure Grant Program
- Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets for All Grant Program

### **Discussion and/or Analysis**

Grant application due dates:

- Ozark Transportation Organization's Pedestrian Infrastructure Grant will be due May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Safe Streets for All opened on March 31<sup>st</sup> and will be due June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Missouri's Department of Economic Development CDBG Competitive Application Cycle will open in April 2025. The due date has not been announced.

Other applications relevant to the Hines Street Corridor:

- A Reconnecting Communities Grant was submitted for a Hines Corridor Plan and engineering documents for sidewalk and the Hines/ZZ roundabout in 2024; application was unsuccessful.
- A FY2024 Safe Streets for All grant for an ADA Transition Plan was successful. This grant includes a sidewalk gap analysis. Once FHWA approves our grant agreement, an RFQ will be issued.
- A Show Me Zero grant was submitted in May 2024 for Hines/Lynn improvements and denied.
- Grant applications to the Rural and Tribal Assistance Program for a transportation plan update and preliminary engineering were submitted in March 2025. Awards were scheduled for June 2025. Staff are monitoring the status of this program to ensure the greatest odds of success.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.