



February 19, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Owatonna will be hosting a Public Hearing, as part of a Citizen Participation Plan, to obtain citizen input on community development needs and the proposed activities in the CDBG application. The following will be reviewed and/or discussed at the public hearing:

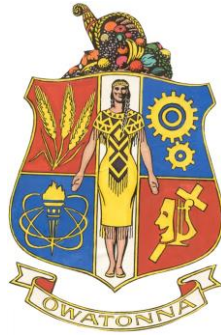
1. Citizen input on identifying community development and housing needs of the community; including the discussion of Slum & Blight and its role in overall community development.
2. Review the proposed CDBG activities and benefiting location(s), which includes the application for Small Cities Development Program to assist in financing the North Cedar Avenue Streetscape Project
3. Overall cost and proposed financing of the project
4. Implementation schedule
5. Past performance of the City of Owatonna in carrying out CDBG responsibilities
6. Compliance with historic or requirements. Include whether or not there are or may be historic or potential historic buildings in the project area and how the community intends to address compliance with federal regulations governing historic properties.

Date: March 2, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Council Chambers, Owatonna Administration Building: 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN 55060

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DATE: February 25, 2021
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Community Development Dept. – Greg Kruschke
SUBJECT: Streetscape Grant Application

Purpose:

Council to hold a Public Hearing and approve application for a Streetscape Grant from the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Background:

Staff is working to secure a grant for \$600,000 to assist with the North Cedar Avenue Streetscape Project. The Phase II Application is due on March 12th, for this final application the City needs to act on the following:

- 1) Hold a public hearing on the project and our Citizen Participation Plan
- 2) Adoption of the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan
- 3) Approve the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
- 4) Approve the Local Government Resolution for the Grant – Resolution 35-21
- 5) Approve the final application for the SCDP Grant

Morgan Hill, with ISG has been assisting the City with this application. She will be present during the Council Meeting to walk through the attached PowerPoint presentation.

If we are awarded grant dollars for this project, the City will hold another public hearing to meet requirement of the Citizen Participation Plan.

Budget Impact:

No impact on these actions. Hopefully, the City will receive the \$600,000 grant to assist with the desired streetscaping.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff is recommending approval.

NORTH CEDAR AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT

City of Owatonna, MN

March 2, 2021

Project Summary & Community Development Needs

- With a focus on accessibility, connectivity and usability, the Cedar Avenue Streetscape Project is an integral part of the City's goals, which are to expand quality of life, attract and retain a quality workforce, and remain a strong competitor in economic development.
- This public hearing will allow for discussion and/or community input surrounding the following:
 - Project Specifics
 - Citizen input on identifying community development and housing needs of the community; including the role of Slum & Blight and its role in overall community development
 - Resolution passed 12/15/2020
 - Identify other needs in the community that might be addressed through the CDBG program.

SCDP Proposed Activities

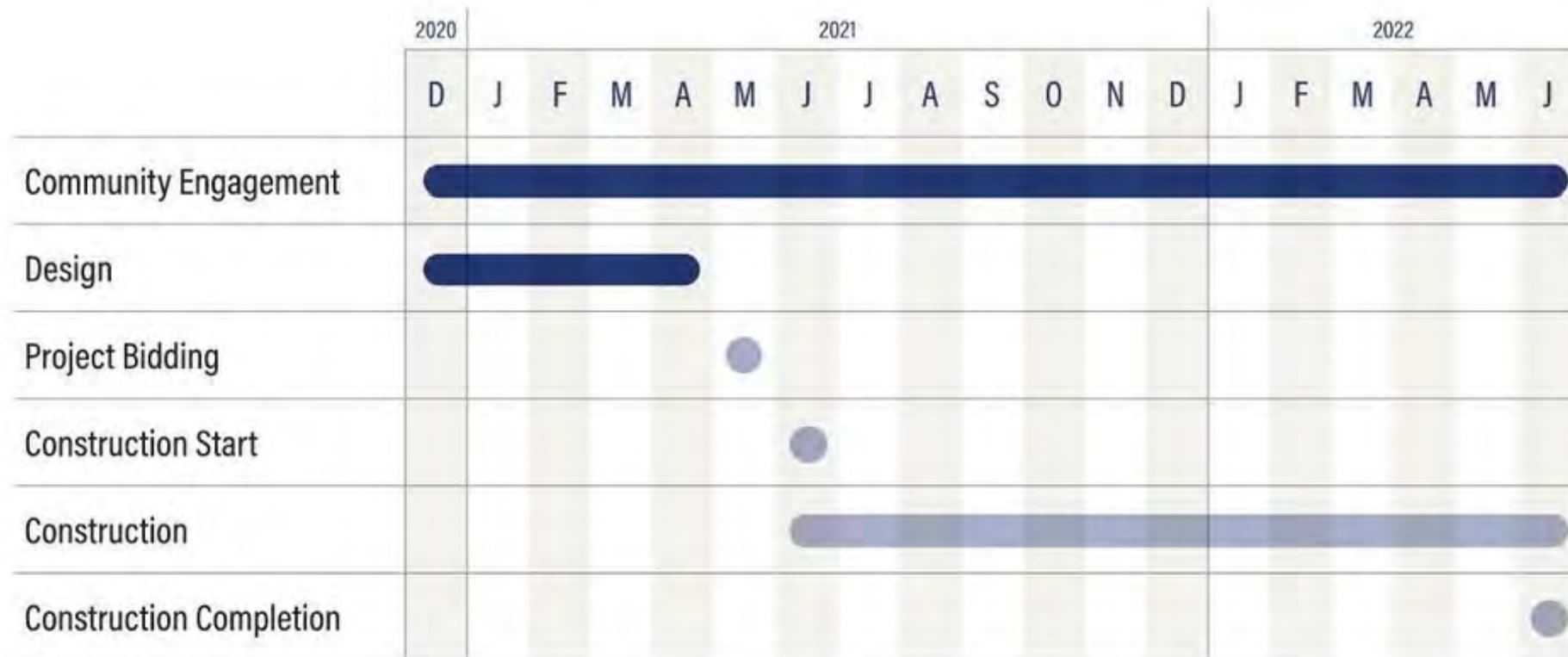
- SCDP funds would provide assistance in funding key streetscape infrastructure improvements on the corridor, which include:
 - an increased focus on ADA accessibility and overall pedestrian safety and connectivity throughout
 - improved traffic flow and means of multi-modal transportation
 - wayfinding signage & posts;
 - the addition of site furniture, plants (trees & shrubs) and planters;
 - new energy efficient and pedestrian-friendly street lighting;
 - the expansion and improvement of sidewalk space for greater pedestrian and retailer uses

Proposed SCDP activities within the application and the benefiting location(s)

Overall Costs & Project Financing

Budget Item/Activity	# of Units	SCDP Cost per Unit	Total SCDP	Program Income (if applicable)	Total Leveraged Sources	Source of Leveraged Funds (use "c" after source if committed)	Total Costs
Utility Infrastructure					\$645,574.05	Cash from OPU (c), Bonding (c)	\$645,574.05
MultiModal Infrastructure					\$2,469,043.67	Bonding (c)	\$2,469,043.67
Streetscape Improvements			\$600,000		\$681,127.66	TIF Funds, Bonding (c)	\$1,281,127.66
Administrative Expenses					60,000	Bonding, Operations Budget (c)	60,000
Totals			\$600,000		\$3,855,755.38		\$4,455,745.38
Total SCDP							

Implementation Schedule



Project Team

- Mayor: Thomas Kuntz
- Primary Implementation Agency: Greg Kruschke, City of Owatonna
- Environmental Coordinator: Nick McCabe, ISG
- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity Coordinator: Ghassan Madkour, City of Owatonna
- Rehabilitation Coordinator: Troy Klecker, City of Owatonna
- Labor Standards Coordinator: Reese Sudtelgte & Andy Brandel, ISG

Past performance of staff proposed to carry out the project

Project Compliance with Federal Requirements

- The Owatonna Cedar Avenue Streetscape project is not expected to have any impact on historic elements and/or is not addressing any historic properties.
- If awarded with SCDP Funds, the City of Owatonna will be required to complete a full environmental review, which includes addressing all NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) compliance laws.

Questions?