

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tom Baker, Town Manager
Date: May 7, 2013
Re: Update: Grant Ideas

Introduction: Greg Russi, Jeff Simonson, John Wentzel and Larry McDonald are constantly looking for avenues to leverage the Town's resources to accomplish needed community projects. We have two FMLD grants in hand and continue to look for other opportunities.

Jeff has identified a CDOT RAMP grant with a deadline on May 1st. Jeff submitted two grants (\$1.8M for roundabout and \$1M for the pedestrian bridge) one for our roundabout and one for our pedestrian bridge.

Another short-term grant opportunity that Jeff identified is the USDOT 2013 Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER V) Grant Round. The deadline for this grant is June 3. We have two grant ideas and may submit both if Council approves.

- Streetscape Project Completion
- Improving the condition of existing trail facilities and system
 - ✓ The projects must be completed by 9.30.14.
 - ✓ Project with little risk of not being accomplished are preferred.
 - ✓ The grants require a 20% match but we may be exempt
 - ✓ We can build a good case for long-term outcomes - grant requires
 - ✓ We have budget money to hire assistance for writing this grant
 - ✓ Allowed to submit up to 3 grants

From our recent grant work Greg, Jeff and I have are more aware of the need to apply as a community with a needed project rather than just as a project which happens to be in the community. In both the DOLA and USDOT- TIGER grants, it appears that the grantor is seeking more information about the community, and how the project will build community, make connections within ad to the community, enhance sustainability for residents, provide a safe environment, and foster collaboration and partnerships - all in the desire to improve quality of life and to leverage funding as broadly as possible. Therefore, future grants will address these aspects, as well as the important technical aspect of the project.

Request: Council consent to submit one or two grants for the TIGER V grant cycle. We have looked at this grant very quickly and may find, upon further review, that other obstacles exist that are insurmountable. We will keep Council informed.