

Stimulus Task Force Meeting

4/9/2009

9:30-10:00

Individuals Present: Bill Buchanan, Chris Chronis, Jim Weber, Anthony Swartzendruber, Tim Kaufman, Bill Farney, Irene Hart, Charlene Stevens, Marty Hughes, Richard Powell, Bob Lamkey, Kristi Zukovich, Eddie Sheppard, Rich Euson, David Miller

Review of 4/2/2009 Minutes- No Changes

Discussion of 4/7/2009 audio conference presented by Holland and Knight.
-Handouts emailed to Task Force members

Status Updates

Jim Weber

- Looking at a couple of road projects.
- Received innovative green infrastructure information from Irene Hart.
- Goes into the states revolving loan fund for water and sewer and includes porous pavements.
- This could be used for parking lots around the squad room, extension, and tag office.
- Deadline is May 15 and things must be under contract by December.

Chris Chronis-

- Please provide a write up of the street projects we have applied for, or are going to apply for, and get that to Kristi.

Bill Farney-

- There are about 6 possible projects but the guidelines are very cloudy.
- The electronic medical records project does hold some promise.
- The Medical Society of Sedgwick County has written a letter to the Governor requesting instructions for receiving stimulus funding.
- The possibility exists that some stimulus funding could be available from the Office of The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.
- This would result in contracting with somebody to implement the system.
- This is something the Health Department could be a part of but it's primarily designed for private physicians and clinics within the community.

Chris Chronis-

- Beyond the Health Department- is this something that the County in general can be a part of, either our offices including human services, or as a facilitator to the medical society and a coordinator to the community?

Bill Farney-

- It's possible, but unknown at this point.

Irene Hart-

- Sent similar information to Steve Cotter.
- They have had issues sending electronic information from the vehicles to the emergency rooms.
- This could provide a funding opportunity for them.

Bill Farney-

- There are a 2 other projects.
- The WIC program could get connected with the state interface registry though it doesn't look promising.
- The Health Department is hoping to get a new building out of the deal.
- We are completing an internal space assessment and have an architect on contract.
- This could happen fairly quickly if there is funding.

Tim Kaufman-

- COMCARE is partnering with some FQHC'S on a grant application that will integrate primary care into mental health center settings and would create a medial home for mental health consumers.
- \$400,000 for 5 years for a total of \$2 million.
- This would create 9 jobs.

Irene Hart-

- The rules and regulations are not out yet for the energy block grant and energy projects.
- 2 projects being monitored- purchase of hybrid vehicles and building energy audits but they are just in preparation.
- We are still trying to track down information for county projects that could use available environmental funding.
- We are looking at funding for watershed rehabilitation for dam improvements though we are not sure yet if Lake Afton will qualify.
- Nothing new on housing information.
- It looks like there will be some money available to implement rural water district connections but that is still being sorted out.

Richard Powell-

- In the last County Commission meeting the BOCC accepted 2 grants; the buffer zone grant for \$192,500 and the ICAC grant (internet crimes against children) for \$500,000.
- This will create one additional FTE.
- Final negotiation with the City regarding the Jag grant is complete.
- The County received 1.149 million.
- An internal list of projects is nearing completion.
- There is a competitive jag grant for a criminal analyst the county will be pursuing.

Chris Chronis-

- Is the best use of the jag money to divide it up into little pots or is there something else that could have a substantial impact on the community that the funds could be focused on?

Bob Lamkey-

- There was 2 million dollars worth of requests.
- There was a spirited discussion based on priority.

Richard Powell-

- There were 40+ requests and only 12 of those 40 were chosen.

Chris Chronis-

- Is there a possibility the crime analyst position could serve more than just Sedgwick County?
- Could it be used to look at stats for the entire county in hopes to improve coordination between agencies?

Richard Powell-

- That is a definite possibility.
- The position would be assigned to the special projects unit which would give the position a lot of latitude.

Bob Lamkey-

- There are 2 opportunities for fire grants.
- Station 35 is shovel ready.
- Its an \$11.4 million dollar project and if we are allowed to include the EMS component its about an \$11.7 million dollar component

Bill Buchanan-

- Was there information before that we weren't going to be eligible for this?

Bob Lamkey-

- We are still not sure.
- Station 34 rehab is for about 1 million dollars that is out there.
- A full construction project will sustain about 40 jobs and the rehab will sustain about 25.
- The guidance will be out the may 21st, so we will find out then
- The original plan was to cash fund the projects which may no longer be possible.
- The station construction and rehab would then become eligible since we do not already have a funding source.
- We will not move forward until the guidance is received.
- 2 other items related to the Byrne Grant competitive are evidence based programs to reduce violent crime and expansion of the gang intervention unit that is partnered with Corrections
- These areas are targeted by zip code

- The applications are due April 27th.
- Mark is also looking into other funding opportunities.
- Dr. Rohrig is also applying for \$105,000 for a position to be funded for 1.5 years.
- Applications for this are also due April 27th.

Chris Chronis-

- Charlene is looking into hybrid vehicle.
- The possibility of green building and retrofitting.

Kristi Zukovich-

- Overview of the website that will soon be released
- Discussion of layout- applied, potential, approved, and received

Chris Chronis-

- A presentation of this site will be given to the Commissioners at next Tuesdays staff meeting.
- Provide a write up of what you have to date and get it to Kristi by close of business on Friday.

Irene Hart-

- Question of what to do regarding potential projects.
- Are brainstorming ideas to be shown on the site?

Bill Buchanan-

- An example of this would be the fire station issue.
- We will not know until May.

Chris Chronis-

- I would just assume we show people what we are thinking.

Irene Hart-

- I would rather not.

Kristi Zukovich-

- We can change some wording to reflect potential projects and brainstorming projects.

Irene Hart-

- Another heading could be exploration.

Chris Chronis-

- We are out of time.
- Please deliver your write ups to Kristi by the end of the day on Friday.

