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Memo

TO: Anthony Bardgett, County Engineer, Dubuque County

FROM: Chandra Ravada, Transportation Director, ECIA

CC: Beth Bonz, City Administrator, City of Asbury
Kevin Firnstahl, City Clerk, City of Dubuque
Karen Snyder, City Clerk, City of Peosta

SUBJECT: Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) projects for Fiscal Year 2017

PURPOSE

To provide the Dubuque County Engineer with the ranking subcommittee's list of Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) projects for Fiscal Year 2017.

BACKGROUND

The Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) is designed to help small cities implement non-federal aid transportation projects. Dubuque County awards RCTP funds to cities every fiscal year through a competitive application process. The Dubuque County Board of Supervisors have approved \$75,000 in local funds for FY 17. The maximum annual award amount provided by the RCTP to a city is \$25,000. All municipal governmental agencies established through State of Iowa statutes in Dubuque County are eligible to apply for the RCTP.

Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA 8) administers the application process and application ranking process. RCTP application window opened on April 3, 2017 and closed May 5th, 2017. The RPA 8 staff with the help of Dubuque County Engineer formed a subcommittee that was tasked with ranking the applications. The subcommittee is consisted of the three members listed below:

Beth Bonz, City Administrator, City of Asbury
Kevin Firnstahl, City Clerk, City of Dubuque
Karen Snyder, City Clerk, city of Peosta

The Dubuque county engineer and RPA 8 staff acted as advisory on this committee.

DISCUSSION

The RPA 8 staff received seven applications from the City of Bernard, the City of Cascade, the City of Durango, the City of Epworth, the City of Holy Cross, the City of New Vienna and the City of Luxemburg. The subcommittee rejected the City of Holy Cross' application as it did not include the required supporting documentation (resolution, map, public input information and Support letters). The subcommittee reviewed the remaining six applications and ranked based on the merits of the application. The table below provides the project details, funding request and their ranking.

Rank	City	Project Name	Description	Total Project Costs	RCTP funds requested	Left over RCTP funds
1	Luxemburg	Warning Lights	Purchase four traffic speed shields to be located on all four highways that lead into the City of Luxemburg. These highways are US 52, HWY 136 & HWY 3	\$10,991	\$5,495	\$69,505
2	Cascade	1st Avenue School Crossing Safety Project	The City of Cascade will purchase two sets of Rectangular Rapid-Flash Beacons (RRFB) to be placed at the intersection near the Cascade Elementary School or Tyler Street SE and 1st Ave E. and at the intersection where children cross to attend the Aquin Elementary School or Garfield Street NW and 1st Ave W.	\$14,632	\$7,316	\$62,189
3	Epworth	1st Ave NE reconstruction	Full depth reconstruction of existing HMA street with 8" concrete pavement including subdrains, intersection radius modifications and ADA accessible ramps and crosswalks.	\$126,400	\$25,000	\$37,189
4	Durango	Burtons Furnace rd. and Durango Rd	Burtons Furnace - Over lay with asphalt from US 52 to city limits. Durango Rd - Clean and fill cracks with crack filler	\$15,640	\$8,000	\$29,189
5	New Vienna	Iowa Street Reconstruction	The City waterlines had to be removed along Iowa Street resulting in the need to reconstruct this road. The road will also be made wider with new curb and gutter on the west side of the street. The City is also installing storm sewer drain and intakes to handle the water flow.	\$105,000	\$25,000	\$4,189

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6	Bernard	Bernard Rd from Higginsport rd. to North city limits	The project is needed to improve and help prevent further destruction of the road. The road has cracks and openings where water is running into and this is undermining the road causing deterioration underneath the road	\$24,832	\$16,141	Offered \$4,189 but did not accept
7	Holy Cross	Church St Resurfacing	Application rejected as supporting documentation (resolution, map, public input information and support letters) was not submitted			

The subcommittee allocated a total of \$70,811 to the top five applicants. The subcommittee recommended offering the remaining available balance of \$4,189 to the City of Bernard to use towards its project. As the City of Bernard did not accept the \$4,189, the committee recommended applying the left-over funds to next year's pool.

CONCLUSION

RPA 8 is providing the Dubuque County Engineer with the results of the RCTP application ranking process conducted by the ranking subcommittee. RPA 8 staff will send approval letters and contracts to applicants following approval from the Dubuque County Engineer and Dubuque County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration.