

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2012

TITLE: Execute Grant Agreement for CDBG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program for Roberson Street Sewer

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute grant agreement and the Town Manager to sign other CDBG required documents B. CDBG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program Grant Project Ordinance C. Amendment to FY 2012-13 Budget Ordinance to appropriate Capital Reserve Fund Balance D. Award Letter from the Department of Commerce for the CDBG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program E. MOA Between Orange County and Town of Carrboro	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Annette D. Stone, AICP Economic and Community Development Director

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the agenda item is for the Board to authorize acceptance of the grant award and execution of the grant agreement for the Community Development Block Grant Funds from the NC Department of Commerce, Community Investment and Assistance under the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program. Also, an amendment to the adopted budget and a grant project ordinance is presented for the Board's consideration and action.

INFORMATION:

The Town of Carrboro has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$171,000 by the NC Department of Commerce under the Community Development Block Grant Program's Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program. The Town submitted the grant in April of 2012 to address failure of the common private sewer lateral that serves the businesses on the 100 East Main Street.

The proposed project is to extend the OWASA public sewer main from Maple Street over to Roberson Street to serve the 100 block of businesses on East Main Street in Carrboro, NC. Extension of this public sewer main will ensure the continued viability of the businesses in the project area. This block of buildings houses 22 businesses and approximately 140 employees. ACME Food and Beverage is the largest employer with 40 employees and will be considered the main beneficiary of the grant funds for CDBG application purposes. Funding for this project will result in minimum job retention of 8 employees. The total project cost, including \$5000 for creating an entrepreneurial environment, is projected to be \$238,600.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project proposal includes a local match of \$59,900.00. Orange County has committed to provide half of this match; therefore, the amount will be \$29,950.00 from each entity. To meet the Town's share of the local

match, an additional \$29,950.00 will need to be appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund Balance. This will increase the Capital Reserve Fund appropriation from \$176,945 to \$206,895 for FY 2012-13.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board consider adopting the resolutions.