

TO: Mayor and City Council for February 16, 2016
FROM: Mary Steckel, Public Works Director MS
DATE: January 22, 2016
THROUGH: Mark W. Shepard, P.E., City Manager MWS
SUBJECT: Curb Ramp Improvements Grant, Benton County



Action Requested:

Staff requests that Council adopt the attached resolution accepting a grant award for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramp improvements and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant agreement between Benton County and the City.

Discussion:

Staff submitted an application in March of 2015 to Benton County for a Special Transportation Fund (STF) grant to reconstruct up to seven curb ramps to improve access to public transit. These ramps have excessively steep slopes, poor geometry, or are otherwise deficient, and don't meet current standards for ADA accessibility. Benton County is the STF agent for these funds, which are administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation's Rail and Public Transit Division. The City was awarded \$15,000 for the project and due to the source of the funds, no local match is required.

A special project has been proposed for FY16-17 and Public Works plans to construct the ramps by combining them with a planned street resurfacing project.

Budget Impact:

The \$15,000 cost to construct upgraded ramps is fully offset by the revenue from the Benton County STF program grant. There is no local match requirement for this grant.

Attachment

RESOLUTION 2016-_____

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALK RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

Minutes of the _____, Corvallis City Council meeting, continued.

A Resolution submitted by Councilor _____.

WHEREAS, ORS 294.338 (1) states that a municipal corporation may not expend money unless the municipal corporation has complied with Local Budget Law sections ORS 294.305 to 294.565; and

WHEREAS, ORS 294.338 (2) provides that ORS 294.338 (1) does not apply to the expenditure of grants, gifts, bequests or devises transferred to a municipal corporation in trust for a specific purpose if the governing body of the municipal corporation enacts appropriation ordinances or resolutions authorizing the expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corvallis has been offered a grant from Benton County in the amount of \$15,000 for the specific purpose of constructing designated sidewalk ramp improvements for improved access to transit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the City's best interest to use the grant for constructing designated sidewalk ramp improvements; and

WHEREAS, the grant acceptance requires approval by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLVES to accept the grant offered by Benton County and authorizes the City Manager to execute agreements accepting the grant and any future amendments relating to this agreement.

Councilor

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted and the Mayor thereupon declared said resolution to be adopted.