



Community Development Department

DATE: June 25, 2024

FROM: Ben Ehreth, Community Development Director

ITEM: Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative Community Enhancement (PRICE) Grant Application

REQUEST:

Permission to apply for PRICE grant funds. The funding for this program is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Planning staff has prepared a draft version of their PRICE grant application. The priorities established are for the preservation and revitalization of manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities. Of the \$235 million available in PRICE funding, \$210 million is reserved for the main PRICE competition (PRICE Main), of which \$11 million is intended for Tribal Applicants (with \$1 million reserved for Tribal Applicants), and \$25 million is reserved for a pilot program (PRICE Replacement Pilot) to assist in the redevelopment of manufactured housing communities as replacement housing that is affordable, with a minimum allocation of \$5 million for those communities awarded funds. The PRICE Main funding will support low- and moderate-income homeowners with manufactured housing units and manufactured housing communities with critical investments such as repairs, infrastructure improvements, upgrades to increase resilience, services like eviction prevention and housing counseling, and planning activities such as those needed to transition to resident-managed communities. The PRICE Replacement Pilot will enable the replacement of manufactured housing units, especially those in disrepair, with up to four units of affordable housing – gently increasing density and ensuring affordability for years to come. A public comment period on the draft application was offered from May 31, 2024– June 15, 2024 and a public hearing was held on June 6, 2024 and no comments were received by staff. The draft application can be found [here](#). Planning staff has gaged interest from Bismarck mobile and manufactured home community owners and intends to submit an application requesting \$17,850,407 for the enhancement of five MHCs at scattered sites within the City. Activities to be undertaken could include removal of 58 dilapidated pre-1976 units, addition of up to 70 new structures as affordable housing units, rehabilitation of 21 post-1976 units, replacement, or repair of infrastructure such as water/sewer lines, sidewalks and roads, tree removal and overall landscaping improvements and enhanced security measures such as lighting. Relocation assistance is to be provided as part of the grant for individuals who may temporarily displaced while the projects are implemented.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Approval to submit an application to HUD for PRICE grant funds.

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ATTACHMENTS:

None