



# City of Norman, OK

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## Master

**File Number: R-1415-32**

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**Reference:** Item No. 23

**In Control:** City Council

**Department:** Planning and  
Community  
Development  
Department

**Cost:**

**File Created:** 09/12/2014

**File Name:** Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Community  
Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Grant

**Final Action:**

**Title:** PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RELIEF GRANT (CDBG-DR 14) APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,711,500 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-1415-32.

**Notes:** ACTION NEEDED: Motion to conduct a public hearing.

ACTION TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to close the public hearing.

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ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve or reject submission of the proposed 2014 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Grant in the amount of \$21,711,500 to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; and, if accepted, adopt Resolution No. R-1415-32 and authorize the Mayor to sign any supporting documentation related to the grant.

ACTION TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Date:** 09/23/2014

**Agenda Number:** 23

**Attachments:** DR\_Grants\_Locations\_9-18-14, Project  
Description.pdf, Attachment B Citizens Participation  
Plan.pdf, R-1415-32.pdf

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**Effective Date:**

### History of Legislative File

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### Text of Legislative File R-1415-32

Body

**BACKGROUND:** In 2014 the United States Congress passed legislation that funded disaster relief through a separate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund specifically for areas that were impacted by the August 2012 Fires and the May 2013 tornados in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) was assigned the task of writing a plan for use of the funds and for making recommendations on funding allocations in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Cleveland and Creek Counties were directed to receive a total of approximately \$42 million.

ODOC then began contacting eligible entities, requesting proposed use of funds. The City of Norman/Cleveland County submitted a proposal that included over \$49 million in projects. After reviewing that proposal and that of Creek County, ODOC advised that the City of Norman/Cleveland County proposal could not be funded in its entirety and that only certain equipment items were eligible and could be funded. ODOC then submitted back a list of projects, in order of the priorities established by the City and County, totaling \$21,711,500 that would be eligible to submit as an application.

**DISCUSSION:** The City of Norman/Cleveland County projects in the list include four bridges and five roadway improvements totaling \$18,528,000 and fire equipment totaling \$3,183,500. [A list and description of the projects and equipment is attached.] All work will be contracted and the infrastructure improvement projects will be split into two phases - the first being engineering, limited right-of-way acquisition near bridges, etc. The second being actual construction. Although none of the four bridges were included in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), all were on the State list of bridges that are deficient and therefore have been weight limited. The roadway on 108th was included in the City's CIP to be addressed as a rural road chip seal project in FYE 2015. The proposed CDBG-DR 14 project will be a much more in-depth reconstruction/rehabilitation of that roadway and will extend its capacity longer than a chip seal project would have done.

As a part of the application, the City is required to submit a Citizen Participation Plan in a format provided by ODOC, a resolution of commitment to follow federal regulations and to execute the proposed projects, and several other documents assuring that no duplicate federal funds are scheduled to be used on the projects. The resolution format is the one provided by ODOC and is required to be approved by both the City Council and Cleveland County. Cleveland County Commissioners have scheduled the resolution for approval in their meeting on September 22, 2014. As a part of the Citizen Participation process, a separate advertised public hearing was held as a joint meeting sponsored by the City of Norman and Cleveland County at the Little Axe Community Center on September 15th to allow interested residents to attend and ask questions. Close to 600 letters were mailed to property owners adjacent to proposed projects, with sixteen in attendance at the public hearing. All expressed enthusiastic support for the projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the CDBG-DR 14 application and associated documents to be submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce in the amount of \$21,711,500.