

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: "IKE" Disaster Planning Grant Application

DATE: March 26, 2012

The City of Rock Island is eligible to apply for a Hurricane "IKE" Disaster Planning Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This is an opportunity to apply for \$100,000 in State funds, with no local match requirement, to undertake an assessment and analysis of the City's existing Comprehensive Plan and recommend changes for the future.

There is no single document called the Rock Island Comprehensive Plan at this time. Instead, staff, the public, Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed and approved multiple neighborhood and area plans and the City's Future Land Use Plan. Examples of these plans are the Broadway, KeyStone, Old Chicago and NEW Old Chicago and other neighborhood plans, Downtown, Sunset and 11th Street business plans, Andalusia Road and IL 92 Corridor Plans. These, along with the annual City Council goal setting process results and Capital Improvement Plan, have been considered the City's policy plans dictating future investments and priorities.

The "IKE" Planning Grant will result in a consultant being selected to review existing documents and plans and conduct a public planning process that results in a cohesive document that will be approved as the City's Comprehensive Plan. Elements of the plan will be land use, transportation, sustainability, disaster recovery, economic development, housing and infrastructure, among others.

The application deadline was March 30, but DECO staff indicated that the required Council resolution could be submitted after that date, provided the application reflected when Council would act and that this took place due to the short timeframe for the application to be prepared relative to City Council's meeting schedule.

Recommendation: That City Council approve the attached Resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute and submit the "IKE" Disaster Planning Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Submitted by: Alan M. Carmen, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator
Gregory S. Champagne, Community and Economic Development Director

Approved: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

**City of Rock Island
Resolution of Support**

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island is applying to the State of Illinois for a CDBG Disaster Recovery Planning Program (PLP) grant, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and agreements entered into with the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) That the City of Rock Island apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter into and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.
- 2) That the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application.
- 3) That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

Passed this 2nd day of April 2012.

Dennis E. Pauley
Mayor

ATTEST: Aleisha Patchin
City Clerk