



TO: Mayor Ross
Members of the City Council

FROM: Lance Meyer, City Engineer

DATE: May 20, 2024

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT NDDOT URBAN GRANT FUNDS FOR 3RD STREET AND
CENTRAL AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (4826)**

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend council accept the Urban Grant Program funding award and authorize the mayor to sign the acceptance letter.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Lance Meyer, City Engineer, 701-857-4100

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

In December of 2023, council authorized staff to apply for an Urban Grant Program (UGP) grant for \$3.5 million for phase 1 of the 3rd Street and Central Avenue Reconstruction project.

The Project will consist of a full reconstruction similar to the downtown reconstruction. All utilities, streets, sidewalks, signals, and lighting will be replaced. Aesthetic elements such as stamped and colored concrete, festoon street lighting, and other amenities will be included. The phase 1 project will start at the south end of the 3rd St bridge and continue south to Front Street SE and would also include Central Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street.

B. Proposed Project

The UGP is a competitive grant program with other North Dakota cities able to apply. The maximum grant amount each year is \$4.6 million. Staff was recently notified that Minot was awarded the full grant amount of \$4.6 million, which is more than the requested amount of \$3.5 million. In our application, we stated we would accept the full grant amount, but in fairness to other applicants, we requested a minimum of \$3.5 million.

C. Recommendation Detail

NDDOT is requesting Minot reply by letter officially accepting the grant.

IV. IMPACT

A. Aspirations

Dynamic and Flourishing, Safe and Welcoming, Excellent and Connected

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

During construction several streets and avenues will be closed to allow the work to proceed. A phasing plan and pedestrian access plan will be implemented.

C. Fiscal Impact

This project will be funded over multiple years with several funding sources. In 2025, \$1,750,000 has been allocated in the CIP for engineering, easements, and permitting which is funded with Hub City Oil & Gas funding. The \$4.6 million in UPG funding will come from federal funds in 2027.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Council could reject the federal funds. Staff would then inform the NDDOT and they would allocate the funds to someone else.