



# City of Grand Forks Staff Report

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
by City Council  
*Maureen Storstad*  
03/04/2019  
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City Auditor

**Committee of the Whole – February 25, 2019**  
**City Council – March, 4, 2019**

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**Agenda Item:** Award of Federal Urban Grant Program Funds for City Project No. 8048 Paving N 3<sup>rd</sup> St (University Ave to Demers Ave)

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**Submitted by:** Engineering Department, David J. Kuharenko, PE (Principal Civil Engineer)

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Authorize City staff to accept funding and proceed with project development for City Project No. 8048 Paving N 3<sup>rd</sup> St (University Ave to Demers Ave)

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**Committee Recommended Action:** Refer to City Council with recommendation to approve.

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**Council Action:**

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Grand Forks has been notified by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) that the reconstruction of N 3<sup>rd</sup> St from University Ave to Demers Ave has been awarded federal aid. This project is also proposed to include bump outs, ornamental street lighting, decorative sidewalks, and streetscapes to match the Demers Ave Reconstruction project. The project will be funded with 80.93% federal funds up to a maximum of \$2,447,200 for eligible items. Because of the high demand for funds the NDDOT has requested that the City notify them by March 15, 2019 that the local finances needed to plan and design this project are available. Based on available information it appears that the roadway was originally constructed in 1933, was overlaid with asphalt in 1999 and had a seal coat applied in 2007. We were unable to locate any other project records for this street.

This program was developed as part of Governor Burgum’s Main Street Initiative. The Urban Grant Program (UGP) is part of this initiative and uses federal funding and has to meet federal funding criteria. The Urban Grant Program is a new program dedicated towards revitalizing efforts with emphasis on the downtown area. Previous information indicated that approximately \$6 million± would be available annually; however for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 only \$4.7± was allocated towards UGP projects.

This project has been considered at a number of previous Council/Committee/Public meetings, some of which are as follows:

- November 13, 2018 – Committee of the Whole received an informational item regarding the UGP and the proposed project.
- December 3, 2018 – Council approved a Federal Transportation Request which included this project

### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- It is anticipated that the project will be bid in 2021 and construction will occur in 2021 or 2022.
- The City share of the project costs is proposed to come from Street & Infrastructure Fund 4815.
- The estimated total project cost is anticipated to be \$3,458,000.
- The estimated local project cost is anticipated to be \$1,011,000.
- It is assumed that the project will be designed and inspected by a consultant.
- It is anticipated that design engineering will be 100% local cost.

### **SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- NDDOT letter of award notification (1 page)
- N 3<sup>rd</sup> St Exhibit (1 page)



# North Dakota Department of Transportation

Thomas K. Sorel  
*Director*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Michael R. Brown  
Mayor of Grand Forks  
255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

## URBAN GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTION

I am pleased to announce that your project in Grand Forks has been selected for funding from the fiscal year 2021 Urban Grant Program (UGP).

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will be the lead review agency on the project, which consists of reconstruction, bulb-outs, ornamental street lights, decorative sidewalks, and streetscape amenities on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (University to DeMers Avenue).

The project will be funded with 80.93 percent federal funds, up to a maximum amount of \$2,447,200 for eligible items. The city of Grand Forks will be responsible for the remaining 19.07 percent of the project match and all remaining costs to complete the project.

Congratulations on being the recipient of this grant for your project!

Please notify Stacey Hanson, NDDOT Assistant Local Government Engineer, by March 15, 2019, at 701-328-4469 or [smhanson@nd.gov](mailto:smhanson@nd.gov) whether the city of Grand Forks would like to accept these funds.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.K. Sorel".

THOMAS K. SOREL, DIRECTOR

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c: Al Grasser, City Engineer

