



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: March 15, 2010
Subject: RESOLUTION – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Carson and Behrens Area Sewer Project, Phase 3

List of committees that have reviewed: None

Background: St. Clair County Grants Office has requested the City of O'Fallon submit a grant application for the 2010 CDBG cycle. A grant application for the subject Phase 3 improvement is appropriate. The existing estimate is for a \$100,000 installation of sanitary sewers in the township area roughly bounded by State Street to the north, CSX Railroad to the south, O'Fallon Township Complex on the east, and Smiley on the west as a follow-on project to Phases 1 and 2. As the area is within the O'Fallon Sanitary Sewer District 's Facility Planning Area, the City is the authority that must allow the improvement and connection to our system. Currently, the area homes are served by individual septic tanks and those tanks and their drain fields are an environmental hazard based on age and close proximity to one another. Gonzalez Companies at the urging of St. Clair County has prepared grant application documentation for the City.

Legal Considerations, if any: None, beyond normal consideration when applying for a government grant.

Budget Impact: The waiving of the tap fees offsets the City's contribution to the capital improvement that will be received when the sewer system addition is complete. Additionally, the district will receive future user and service fees from the new accounts created by the improvement.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the resolution allowing for the application of the \$100,000 grant.