

Budget and Finance Committee

2/15/24 6:00 PM

Meeting Post: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/budget-finance/events/347481>

Roll:

B/F: Zeid, Harman, Khan

Additional: Cameron (remote), Preston (remote)

Staff: Gallagher, Bergholm, Manning

Agenda:

• ORDR00533 01 29 2024 NHS Statement of Interest Vote (COTW)

- Steve Bergholm provided an intro
- Provided slides that can be posted
- Accelerated Repair Program (ARP) requirements, 25 years for roofs, 30 years for windows, 250k
- Fund schematic design within 90 days
- If we get in invitation would be October of this year
- Timeline would be provided
- Newburyport reimbursement would be about 43%
- Each application is technically separate but likely to go together
- AK – Saw this on the 5th on the SC
- AK – Couple of steps ahead of submittal
- AK – Whittier example, critical to understand finance component
- AK – Doesn't mean that we are committing, to enter the process
- AK – The costs that we have here, those estimates are rough
- SB – estimates are based on info from MSBA itself, \$50/sf
- SB – These are based on \$55 to project some escalation
- SB – Also reached out to a project company to townsend company that is working on fire station Keery was project manager and asked them
- AK – Know that there is bundling with HVAC equipment. Once this roof is repaired, what happens. Systems like this are no part of project
- SB – no not mechanicals
- AK – You don't need to upgrade systems at same time. HS only as small equipment
- SB – CIP will show something for HVAC system
- AK – Should we pay attention to MSBA application or same as last time
- AK – this has details etc
- SB – This was not forwarded to us

- BH – very thorough, do want to say that the numbers that we are given. Add up to 5.5m for cost estimate
- SB – SOI is only Building A HS and then all of the middle school, \$2m for HS and 1.8m for middle school
- SB – Building B will have to be separate SOI down the road
- BH – reimbursement
- SB – about 43.6%
- BH – Reference in application manpower and other expense
- BH – Do we have any numbers on that
- SB – It's not a big number we've had roofing contractor out 3 times for \$1k each time. Sometimes its maintenance people
- SB – City Council approved \$20k for roof repairs some years ago, spent about 2/3rds of it to this point
- BH – What is level urgency if we don't get in
- SB – in Capital plan, recommend design and management funds I think we should go for project even without MSBA. It is aging and time to move forward. If we push it another year then we're pushing out luck.
- BH – Experience working through MSBA?
- SB – Have been through this for a long time, dating back to 2007
- BH – Did see a reference to windows
- BH – is this is only for the roof?
- SB – focusing on the roof. Windows in both schools are not old enough to qualify. Middle school windows are fine. HS windows have some problems but not a major problem at this point
- CP – Looking through the SOI it says end of pg 4. No more than 1 prioritized are we having more than 1 then?
- SB – I believe it is 1 per building? You can have to designate one of the SOIs are your priority. We are designated the high school. Doesn't mean we can't submit another one.
- SZ – MSBA have more requirements
- SB – procurement the same, OPM
- SB – they do make you jump through more hoops, more of a process more time consuming to work with them
- SB – Schematic design is 2-2.5% maybe, it would be 70k.
- SB – If you get in you have to work with their firm and design. If you did it on your own. So you can't get a head start
- SZ – Are there tarps
- SB – yes, we have some tarps, we have some seats roped off. Plaster has loosened up
- SB – Most of the dampness is out of the way, closets, etc.
- SZ – any idea on chances
- SB – they paused last year but more funding this year

- Jm – any other money
- SB – some at middle school
- JM – air quality
- SB – no issues or complaints
- SB – yes timeline is 26 27, sooner if we go without MSBA
- Numbers in scan are updated
- Motion to recommend approval collectively 533, BH/AK
- SZ – I will support but feeling heartburn
- AK – first time for ARP?
- SB – we did it once before
- AK – when I go to MSBA website, we've only had 2 done
- AK – we've only had 2
- AK – maybe our time, hope it happens
- AK – we have this oppty
- BH – Share concerns, what happens if we don't it
- BH – we should go through it with a careful eye on October
- BH – good opportunity to try
- **Motion to recommend approval, BH/AK 3-0**

• ORDR00534 01 29 2024 Nock Statement of Interest Vote (COTW)

- See above
- **Motion to recommend approval BH/AK, 3-0**

• ORDR00538 02 12 2024 Grant Acceptance Firefighter Safety Equipment \$14,100.66

- Annual program
- Link to the grants
- This is going to pretty much every City and Town
- Every town is getting about 10 to 30k based on their formula
- Outfit one firefighter
- BH – Couldn't understand the formula
- EM – is this about what we ask for or this a formula
- EM – list of eligible services or goods and you check the boxes. The amount do vary from year to year
- AK Reimbursement
- EM – yes we buy and then submit receipt
- **Motion to recommend approval, BH/AK 3-0**

• ORDR00539 02 12 2024 Grant Acceptance EMPG \$4600.00

- EM – based on population
- SZ – didn't we sunset our dive team

- EM – This involves going into the water, this is not for diving
- **Motion to recommend approval, BH/AK, 3-0**

Ethan update

- Nothing coming in of major note
- Reminder fee changes, if desired
- Plummer springs bridge – can we get an update. Met with Town Administrator where grants are, etc. When they expire, etc. There are more grants that we may be able to apply for. Could bring the ask down even lower. Maybe new MOU. Will update in CIP, etc.
- CPC – list of projects is available. Anything in advance is helpful

Public Comment:

See above

Motion to adjourn:

BH/AK, 3-0 6:51pm, 3-0

Recording:

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