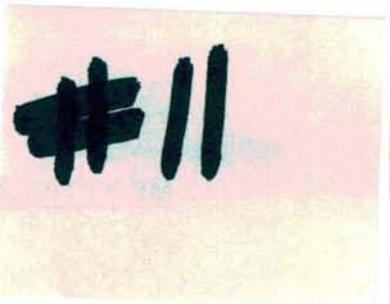


**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQ**



Date: 4/21/16

Weekly Agenda Date: 4/26/16

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: David Gleiser – Rural Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Update on USDA RBDG Grant

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:** Update on USDA RBDG Grant

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Rural Economic Development (RED) department seeks to provide the Board of Supervisors with an update about the County's USDA RBDG Grant application. USDA officials have recently notified the RED dept. that the County's comp. plan project is an ineligible project. The project could be eligible if the County replaced "Comprehensive Plans" with another description, such as "Development Plans" or Economic Development Plans". This issue was discussed with USDA officials during the County's recent trip to D.C. The RED Dept. has yet to receive feedback from the National office on the issue.

**BACKGROUND:** Woodbury County intends to hire a qualified consulting firm to develop comprehensive plans for rural cities in Woodbury County. In December the RED department received feedback from the Regional USDA RD office stating that if the application and purpose is structured correctly it appears that the project could fit in RBDG as an Opportunity Project. In recent weeks, the USDA State office received feedback from the National office that "Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning" is an ineligible project. Applications for this grant are due 6/1/16.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** 0

**RECOMMENDATION:** Do not change the wording in the County's RFP for the Comprehensive Planning Project.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Give direction on next steps.

*Approved by Board of Supervisors March 3, 2015.*