

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: 11/04/2010 **DEPARTMENT:** Public Works / Admin. **DEPT. HEAD SIGNATURE:**

SUBJECT:

Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
River Street Improvements
Grant Application and Preliminary Design

AUTHORITY: ID Code _____ IAR _____ City Ordinance/Code
(IF APPLICABLE)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Public Works, Administration, Harmony Design & Engineering, and Lisa Bachman (JUB/Grant Administrator) have prepared the attached ICDBG grant application and preliminary design for public review and comment, council review and approval, and for submission to the Idaho Department of Commerce. The application encompasses improvements to River Street between Croy and Galena, and also on the side streets of Galena, Carbonate, Bullion and Croy, between River and Main. The streetscape improvements include sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, improved intersections and improved storm drainage.

The grant request is \$500,000. The project budget is \$1,211,059. \$635,873 required from the capital fund; remainder is \$37,870 of in-kind and \$37,316 of pre-grant expenditures.

At this time, the grant team requests approval to submit the application and preliminary design to the Idaho Department of Commerce, with any minor modifications necessary as determined by the results of the public hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT / PROJECT FINANCIAL ANALYSIS: Caselle # _____
Budget Line Item # _____ YTD Line Item Balance \$ _____
Estimated Hours Spent to Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____
Staff Contact: _____ Phone # _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY OTHER AFFECTED CITY DEPARTMENTS: (IF APPLICABLE)
____ City Attorney ____ Clerk / Finance Director ____ Engineer ____ Building
____ Library ____ Planning ____ Fire Dept. ____
____ Safety Committee ____ P & Z Commission ____ Police ____
____ Streets ____ Public Works, Parks ____ Mayor ____

RECOMMENDATION FROM APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Motion to authorize the mayor to sign grant application.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/APPROVAL:

City Administrator  _____ Dept. Head Attend Meeting (circle one) Yes No

ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Date _____
City Clerk _____

FOLLOW-UP:

*Ord./Res./Agmt./Order Originals: _____ *Additional/Exceptional Originals to: _____
Copies (all info.): _____ Copies
Instrument # _____

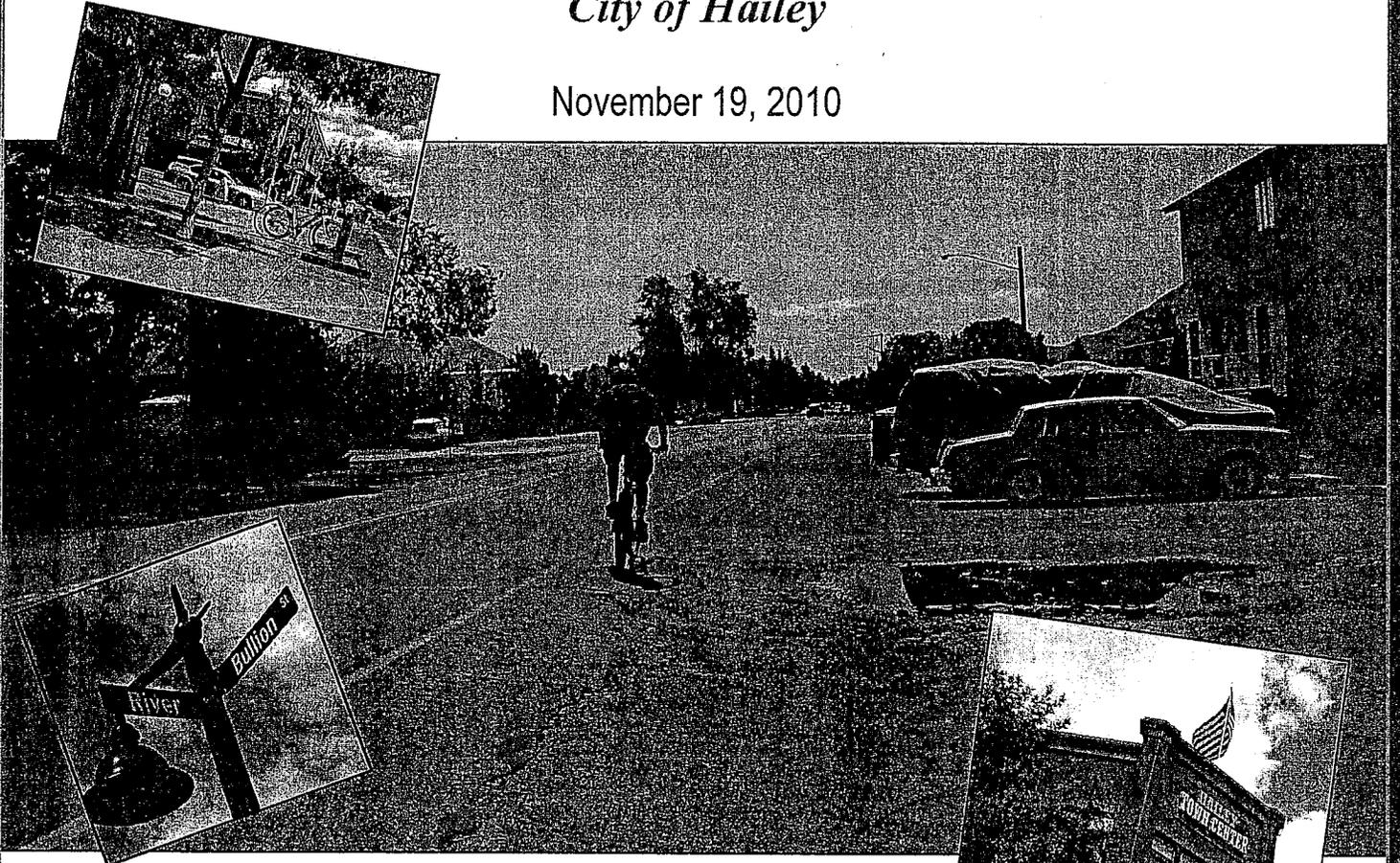
Downtown Revitalization

Application for an
Idaho Community Development Block Grant

by the

City of Hailey

November 19, 2010



Mayor Rick Davis

**City of Hailey
Mayor's Office**



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November 19, 2010

Donald Dietrich, Director
Idaho Department of Commerce
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0093

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

The City of Hailey respectfully submits this application for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant. River Street is an underdeveloped business district in our downtown core lacking basic pedestrian facilities: sidewalks, drainage, parking places, bike lanes and lighting. Our community greatly needs safe and pleasing facilities for our citizens and visitors to enjoy. River Street serves many local businesses and key special event gathering places enjoyed by both tourists and residents.

Hailey's Downtown Strategy and Citizen Satisfaction Survey results show that revitalizing River Street is the number one priority for infrastructure improvements. This application for a \$500,000 grant will eliminate the slum and blighted conditions on three blocks of River Street downtown, benefiting our entire population of 8,253 and many tourists. With more than 2 million annual visitor days in Blaine County, the proposed improvements will draw more tourists from this pool to visit and enjoy our town.

The community is contributing \$711,059 towards the project - \$673,189 in cash and city in-kind services valued at \$37,870.

Improving our downtown is critical to our overall recovery effort in these tough economic times. We appreciate your concern and attention to our grant request.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Davis

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1. ICDBG Application Information Form

Applicant (City/County): City of Hailey Chief Elected Official: Mayor Rick Davis
 Address: 115 S Main St., Hailey, ID 83333 Phone: 208-788-4221

Sub recipient (if applicable): N/A Chief Elected Official: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____

Application Prepared by: Lisa Bachman (J-U-B Engineers, Inc.) Phone: 208-467-5252
 Address: 217 W. Georgia Ave. Ste. 120, Nampa, ID 83686-6812

Architect/Engineer/Planner (Contact Name): Jennifer Zung, P.E. (Harmony) Phone: 208-354-1331
 Address: 110 E. Little Avenue, Driggs, ID 83422

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE (MARK ONE)

LMI Area LMI Clientele Imminent Threat
 LMI Jobs Slum & Blight

PROJECT TYPE (MARK ONE)

Public Facility/ Housing Community Center
 Economic Development Senior Center

PROJECT POPULATION TO BENEFIT (PERSONS): (Census/Survey/Clients/Jobs)

TOTAL # TO BENEFIT: 8,253

TOTAL # LMI TO BENEFIT: 479

% LMI TO BENEFIT: 5.8%

% MINORITY POPULATION: 18%

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Downtown revitalization project includes sidewalk repairs, new sidewalks where none exist, new streetlighting where none exists, and new and repaired storm drainage system. Several blocks of River Street and side streets connecting to Main St. are included in the project. River Street is a main downtown street that runs parallel to Main St., one block to the west.

SOURCE	AMOUNT	DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED	RESERVED/ CONDITIONAL AWARD	FUNDS COMMITTED/ CONTRACT AWARD DATE	DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX ***
ICDBG	\$500,000				
Local Cash	\$673,189				E
Local Loan*					
Local In-Kind**	\$37,870				E
USDA-RD Grant					
EDA Grant					
State Grant					
Foundation Grant					
Private Investment					
Other (identify)					
TOTAL PROJECT FINANCING	\$1,211,059				

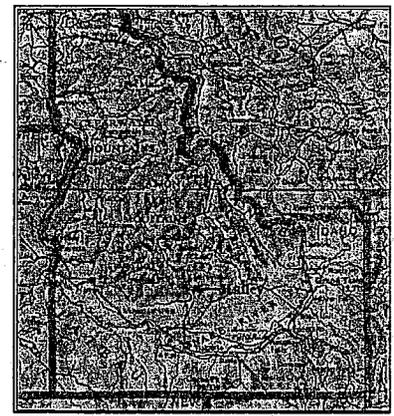
* Identify Loan Source(s): N/A Date Bond or Necessary and Ordinary Passed: N/A

** In-Kind match-includes services by the Public Works Director, Planning Director, City Administrator, and Deputy City Clerk

***Identify which appendix corresponding documentation is in. Documentation should be a letter from the appropriate source.



2. Economic Advisory Council Page: Hailey is a western town in Blaine County, south central Idaho, just 11 miles south of the Sun Valley Ski Resort. The city is surrounded by some of the most scenic country in America, and lies in close proximity to both the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Craters of the Moon National Monument. Hailey's economy and livability rely on these unique attractions as they draw tourists and attract and retain residents and businesses. River Street runs north and south through town, connects vital commercial and cultural centers and increasingly serves as an alternate route to traveling on Main St., which runs parallel just one block to the east.



Some believe that Hailey has an economic advantage over other Idaho towns because of its close proximity to Sun Valley; however, these towns are distinct entities with their own unique issues. Flights, rental cars, lodging and dining dollars are usually spent beyond Hailey's boundaries. Operating expenses are high, delivery of goods is costly, merchants are downsizing, and people are relocating because they can no longer afford to remain in Hailey. Unemployment from 1990-2008 averaged only 4%, compared to the current rate of 8.34%. Currently, property values have drastically declined up to 30%, according to the Assessor's office. Hailey's business license database reports that 65 businesses closed since 2009.

River Street is the critical route to for both the city's activity centers and the regional bus hub, but it looks like an old residential area where businesses moved in over time where no sidewalks, lighting, drainage, parking, or pedestrian facilities were ever installed. **Businesses are hurting**, and the poor condition of River St is to blame. Citizens are concerned about its **junky and scary look, like a dark alley**, with scattered dirt, gravel and water-filled potholes. They harbor feelings of embarrassment during big annual events such as the Folk Festival held at the Hop Porter Park downtown. A local store recently moved elsewhere due to River Street's lack of infrastructure.

Recovery efforts are relying on restoring the heart of downtown - River Street

Hailey is working hard at recovery efforts by improving transportation, the environment, housing and downtown - **all critical pieces of revitalization**. Over \$18 million in private, public and government funds are being invested in Hailey, including grants - competed for on a national level - from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Woodside Blvd. Complete Streets Initiative neighborhood project, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a comprehensive suite of sustainability projects, including downtown LED Street Light upgrades and a downtown Bike Share system, just to name a few. DOT and EPA's investments in Hailey's revitalization efforts are living proof that these initiatives will have an extremely valuable impact on the entire community and region as a whole. The final piece of Hailey's revitalization efforts is **rebuilding and beautification of River St.**

The City of Hailey has committed \$711,059 in cash and in-kind services towards the project, and respectfully requests \$500,000 in CDBG (HUD) funds. These funds will allow the community to **complete the revitalization picture**.

Hailey citizens spent endless hours in public workshops incorporating cultural values into the design of River St. The project includes three blocks of River St and side streets- Galena, Carbonate, Bullion and Croy; with sidewalks, drainage, landscaping, lighting and irrigation. Angled and parallel parking will alternate at each block. The inviting streetscape includes benches crafted by local artists. The lighting, flowering planters and charming look will make you **feel like you're living in a Thomas Kinkade painting**.

Citizen Survey & Downtown Strategy:
Downtown is the dynamic and vital heart of community gathering & commercial activity.

Strolling along River Street, visiting activity centers, dining-out, shopping...



3. Threshold Factors

A. Eligible Applicant:

The applicant is a city The applicant is a county

If the applicant is sponsoring a sub-recipient or this is a joint application, describe the relationship and attach a draft agreement between the parties.

B. Eligible Activities:

List the eligible activities, identified in Chapter 2, that are part of the project.

Eligibility item B Public Facilities and Improvements: Infrastructure to include new and repaired sidewalks, new and repaired storm drainage, new street lighting.

Eligibility item E Administrative activities: Engineering provided by Harmony Design & Engineering; and Certified Grant Administration services by J-U-B Engineers.

C. National Objective: There are six National Objectives listed below. Complete only the National Objective that will be met with the project.

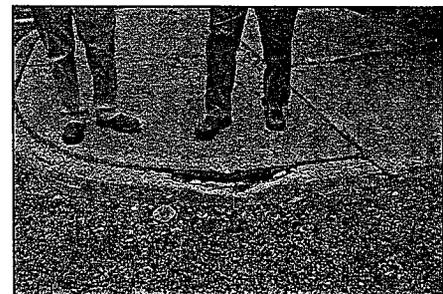
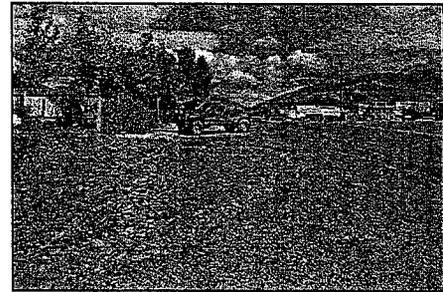
C.5 Slum and Blight

The project area includes three blocks of River St from Galena St at the north boundary and Croy St at the south boundary. Side streets connecting to Main are included – Galena, Carbonate, Bullion and Croy. The River Street project will eliminate these documented slum and blighted conditions.

River Street in Hailey’s downtown core lacks sidewalks, lighting, drainage, parking, bike lanes, and pedestrian facilities. With scattered dirt, gravel and water-filled potholes, and no place to walk, ride, or park, River Street is in desperate need of repair.

The City of Hailey adopted a Resolution to Establish a Redevelopment Area on November 8, 2010. The resolution and detailed documentation is attached in Appendix A.

River Street & Bullion



D. Citizen Participation: In a citizen satisfaction survey completed in 2009, Hailey citizens ranked River Street as the number one street improvement project in the city. During development of Hailey’s Downtown Strategy plan, the downtown committee assisted with prioritizing planned projects and identified River St as a top priority. Community input was sought through questionnaires and several community meetings. The community spent several hours on October 6-7, 2010 designing River Street’s concept with charette-style workshops and interviews with local



businesses, the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, School District, Mountain Rides, City Fire Department, Tree Committee, and Idaho Power. The Citizen



Participation Plan was adopted by the Hailey City Council on October 25, 2010. Notice of hearing was published on October 27, 2010. A public hearing was held on November 8, 2010 to receive comments on the proposed ICDBG project and application. Documentation of citizen participation efforts is included in Appendix B.

Date of Notice: October 27, 2010

Date of Hearing: November 8, 2010

E. Statewide Goal and Strategy: (*✓check applicable*)

Check the goal and strategy that best corresponds to the project.

- Increased access to decent affordable housing (goal)
 - Sustain and increase homeownership (strategy)
 - Sustain and increase affordable rental housing (strategy)
 - Support equal access to a continuum of housing services (strategy)
- Preserved and enhances suitable living environments (goal)
 - Improve safety and livability of communities (strategy)
Example – consent order
 - Increase access to quality facilities and services (strategy)
Example – new construction
 - Improve affordability and sustainability of quality facilities and services
Example – rehab or renovation
- Expanding economic opportunities (goal)
 - Create jobs primarily for low- and moderate-income persons (strategy)
 - Prioritize projects that provide a living wage and fringe benefits (strategy)
 - Revitalize downtown business districts (strategy)



F. Administrative Capacity:

1. Applicant Capacity (*1/4 page narrative*)

Hailey's Public Works Director, Tom Hellen is the project manager for the River St. improvements. He will work closely with the City Treasurer, Certified Grant Administrator, and city administrative staff, using the city's existing accounting system, to fiscally manage the project. The accounting system has a project management module, which can track labor and expenses by project number. The system can generate labor and expense reports, by project number, personnel, expense and date.

Over the years, Hailey has successfully managed numerous large-scale public works projects, including the recent completion of a new water storage tank – a project cost of \$2.9 million. Currently, Hailey is successfully administering twelve grant projects, from federal and state sources, with a combined project value of nearly \$1,000,000. Along with this, a recent investment by both the DOT and EPA, have significantly advanced Hailey's recovery efforts and Sustainability Initiatives. Through the addition of ICDBG funds for the River Street's Revitalization Project, a final piece of the puzzle will be completed benefiting many generations to come.



2. Grant Administrator. (*1/4 page narrative and documentation in Appendix*)

Hailey has procured a Certified Grant Administrator through the required process for the project; Lisa M. Bachman with J-U-B Engineers, Inc. was the successful applicant. Procurement documentation is included in Appendix D.

G. Fair Housing: *(Documentation in Appendix)*

For Public Facility/Housing and Downtown Revitalization projects submit Fair Housing documentation with addendum. For all other projects submit with application.

The City will adopt the Fair Housing Resolution in April 2011, proclaiming April as Fair Housing month, and will provide a copy of the signed resolution to IDC.

H. Anti-Displacement Resolution:

If certification page was executed that applicant has agreed to comply with Commerce's anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan. If the applicant has chosen not to follow Commerce plan an alternative plan will need to be provided in Appendix.

The City has signed the Anti-displacement certification page.

4. Program Income

No program income will be received as a result of this project.

5. Project Description and Property

Include the project description as outlined in the instructions.

A. Project Description: *(1/2 page narrative)*

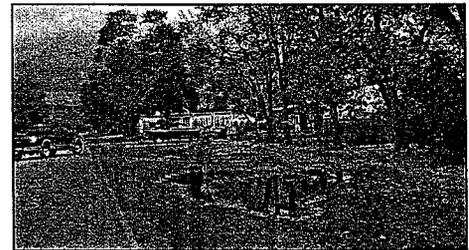
Problem:

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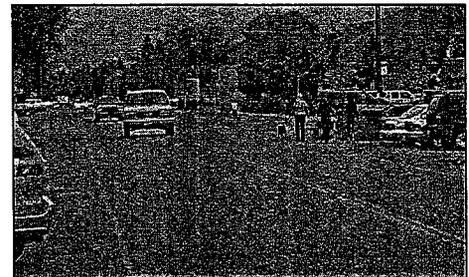
Solution:

Revitalization will address critical problems due to a lack of adequate bike and pedestrian access, and drainage issues by improving the present infrastructure. The long-term plan for River Street is to set the stage for a second "Main Street" for both local residents and tourists. Enhancing the abandoned business area will prepare it for prospective development, and will aid the overall economic vitality of the city.

Drainage Problems



Pedestrian Safety Issues



Families Walking on River Street



Scope of Work:

This project will install public infrastructure on three blocks of River Street and side streets linking to Main-Galena, Carbonate, Bullion and Croy, including:

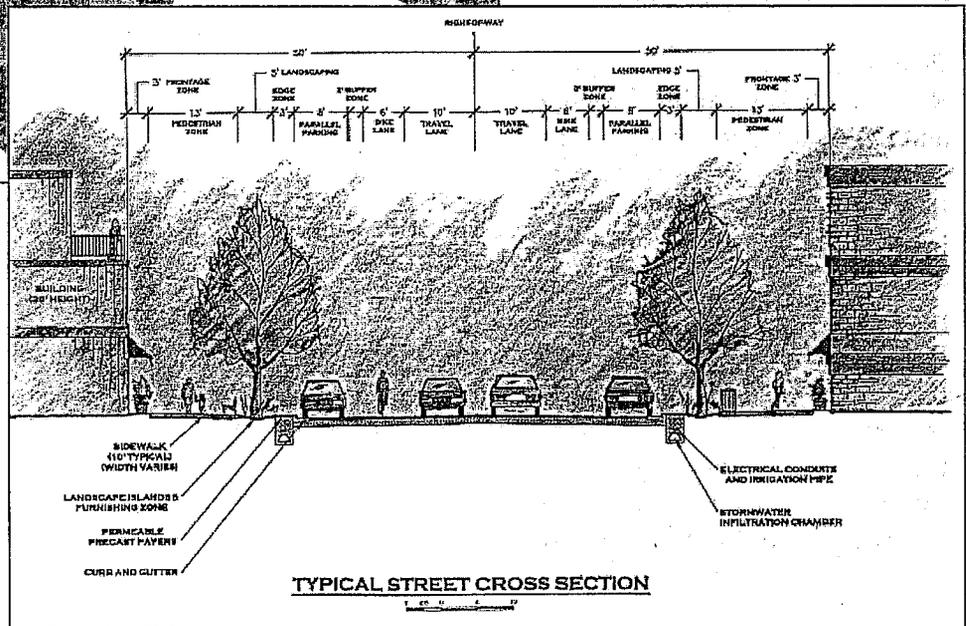
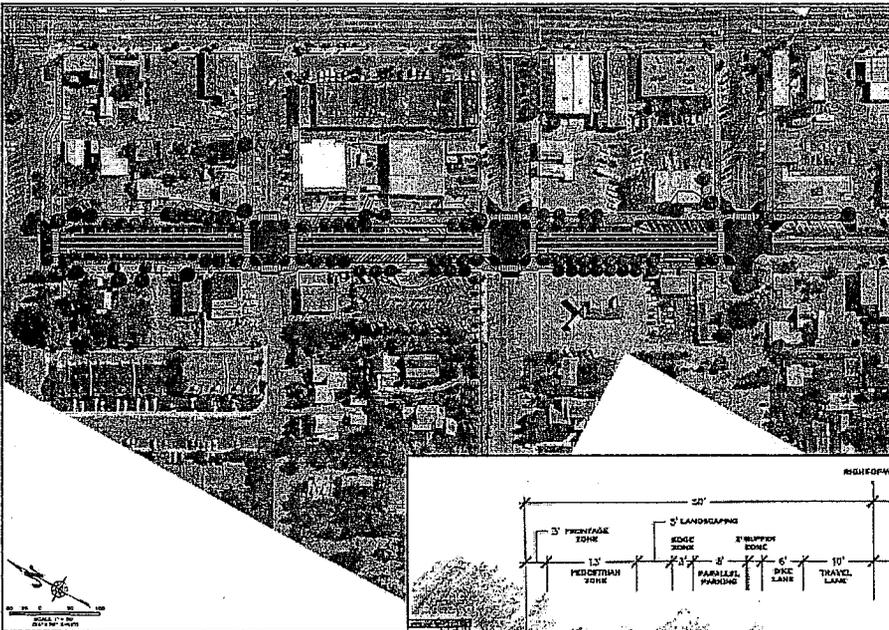
- Sidewalks – 8’-12’
- Asphalt – 10’ travel lanes, parking
- Bike lanes
- Drainage structures
- Landscaping and Flowering planters
- Energy efficient decorative lighting
- Benches designed by local artists
- Irrigation – Install drip irrigation system
- Pedestrian facilities – Bicycle racks, pedestrian ramps

Need Lighting, Parking and Bike Lanes



The new look and feel of River St will mirror Hailey’s culture as a creative and active community; providing a warm, pedestrian friendly and inviting downtown atmosphere.

Conceptual Drawings - Designed by the Community:



Funding:

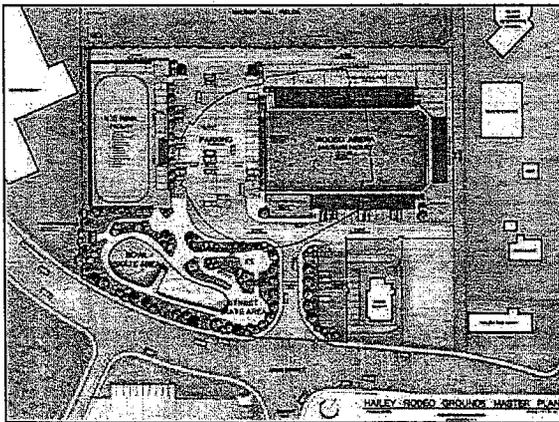
The City has already spent \$37,316 in cash for procurement advertising, planning, and preliminary engineering costs. They are committing an additional \$635,873 in cash as well as providing \$37,870 in in-kind services. The City of Hailey is respectfully requesting \$500,000 in CDBG funds to support administration and construction expenses.

Implementing Projects:

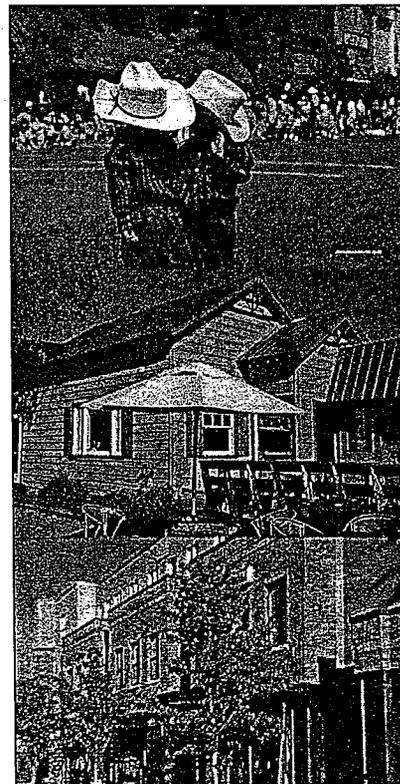
Hailey’s revitalization greatly depends on improving transportation, the environment, housing needs and the downtown core. Over \$18 million in private and public funds are being invested in Hailey, including grants from the DOT for the Woodside Blvd. Complete Streets Initiative neighborhood project, and the EPA for downtown LED Street Light upgrades and Bike Sharing system. DOT and EPA’s investments in Hailey’s revitalization efforts are living proof that these initiatives will have an extremely valuable impact on the entire community and region as a whole. The final piece of Hailey’s revitalization efforts is rebuilding and beautification of River Street. Implementing projects are shown in the table below:

Hailey’s Implementing Downtown Revitalization Projects		
Downtown Strategy Plan	2010 - completed	\$13,995
Rodeo Grounds Improvements	2010 - underway	\$8 million
ARCH River Street Apartments	Funding Secured - 2010	\$6.2 million
Downtown Bike Program	Funding Secured - 2010	\$32,000
LED Street Light Upgrades	Funding Secured – 2010	\$35,195
Urban Renewal Dist. Formation	2011 - underway	\$14,000
Woodside Blvd Neighborhood	2010-2013	\$4.4 million
Total		\$18,695,190

Hailey Rodeo Grounds Plan



Downtown Strategy



River Street Senior Housing



B. Project Property & Permits: Answer the following questions and attach documentation.

1. Has any property and easements been purchased for this project? Yes No
If yes, does the applicant have title to the property? Yes No
Provide copy of deed in Appendix.

2. Will any property be needed for this project? Yes No
Status of the purchase: _____
Estimated date of final purchase: _____
What funds will be used to make purchase? _____

3. Will any easements/or rights-of-way be needed for this project? Yes No
Status of the purchase: _____
Estimated date of final purchase: _____
What funds will be used to make purchase? _____

4. Is anyone living on the land or in the structures at the proposed site? Yes No

5. Is any business being conducted on the land or in the structures at the proposed site?
 Yes No

6. Are there any businesses, individuals, or farms being displaced as a result of this project?
 Yes No

7. Are there permits that will be needed for the project, i.e., well, water rights, land application, demolition permits, zoning permit, air quality permit, etc? Yes No
Status of the permits (include plan for securing permits and estimation of issue completion date): _____

8. Describe the ownership or lease arrangements for the property involved in the project.
The property for this proposed project is located in City of Hailey right of way.



6. Budget Narrative

Describe the source and status of all funding for the project according to the instructions. (1/2 page narrative)

A. Government

- \$500,000 CDBG (Pending) - CDBG funds are pending with this application. Proposed expenses include \$44,000 for grant administration and \$456,000 for construction.

Total Government = \$500,000

B. Local

- \$635,873 of additional Capital Funds committed by the City of Hailey to this project which include \$42,400 in engineering fees, \$582,713 for construction, and \$10,760 for public art.

- \$37,870 of City In-Kind labor, which includes services by:

- Public Works Department

Design Professional Public Works Director: 100 hours @ \$55.00 = \$5,500

Design Professional Assistant City Engineer: 100 hours @ \$45.00 = \$4,500

Total Design Professional: **\$10,000**

Construction Maintenance Crew:

100 hours @ \$45.00 = \$4,500

Total Construction Labor: **\$4,500**

- City Clerk's office

Administrative City Administrator: 50 hours @ \$60.00 = \$3,000

Administrative Deputy City Clerk: 100 hours @ \$30.00 = \$3,000

Total Administrative: **\$6,000**

- City Planning Director

Planning – Planning & Zoning Director: 75 hours @ \$45.00 = \$3,375

Planning – Downtown Strategy Plan: 311 hours @ 45.00 = *\$13,995

Total Planning: **\$17,370**

- *\$37,316 in Direct Allowable expenses previously incurred for the project which include \$31,316 in engineering fees to complete the preliminary design for the project, \$5,000 in project planning and grant writing fees, and \$1,000 in procurement advertisement fees for engineering and grant administration.

Total Local = \$711,059

Total Project = \$1,211,059

**Denotes Previous Expenditure*

These cost have been pre-approved by the Department of Commerce (See Appendix E)



C. Private – N/A



7. Idaho Community Development Block Grant Budget Form

Applicant or Grantee:
City of Hailey

Project Name:
River Street Downtown Revitalization

LINE ITEMS	CDBG Cash	City Cash	City In-Kind	Federal*	State*	Private Cash	Private In-Kind	Total
Administrative*	\$44,000		\$6,000					\$50,000
Design Professional		\$42,400	\$10,000					\$52,400
Planning			\$17,370					\$17,370
Construction	\$456,000	\$582,713	\$4,500					\$1,043,213
Legal & Audit								
Equipment								
Other (Public Art)		\$10,760						\$10,760
Other (Previous Exp.)		\$37,316						\$37,316
TOTAL COSTS**	\$500,000	\$673,189	\$37,870					\$1,211,059

*Identify funding source.

** Administrative expenses and project planning design costs, when totaled, shall not exceed 10% of the total ICDBG amount.

8. Detailed Cost Analysis

- A. Have preliminary plans and specs been submitted to regulatory agencies for review?
___ Yes X No
If yes, list date submitted: _____
If no, list expected date to be submitted: Preliminary Design is 30% complete
- B. Has final design (for bidding) begun? ___ Yes X No
If yes, % complete: _____ %
If no, what is expected start date: _____
- C. Will project include bid alternatives to meet project budget if necessary?
X Yes ___ No
- D. Are Davis Bacon wage rates applicable to the project? X Yes ___ No
If yes, are they included in the project costs? X Yes ___ No
- E. Have known environmental measures been included in project costs? (e.g., dust mitigation, archaeological survey, storm water drainage, wetland mitigation etc.)
X Yes ___ No
- F. List the last date the owner and design professional discussed project design and details. Date: November 15, 2010
- G. Design Professional Cost Estimate may be found in Appendix F.



9. Project Schedule

Project Activity	Date (to be) Completed	Documentation in Appendix
Design Professional Contract Executed	September 2010	C
Grant Administration Contract Executed	October 2010	D
Environmental Release	August 2011	
Bid Document Approval	June 2011	
Bid Opening	August 2011	
Construction Contract Executed	August 2011	
Start Construction	August 2011	
Construction 50% Complete	October 2011	
Second Public Hearing	October 2011	
Construction 100% Complete	August 2012	
Certificate of Substantial Completion	August 2012	
Update Fair Housing Plan	August 2012	
Update 504 Review and Transition Plan	August 2012	
Final Closeout	October 2012	

In addition to the items above, please include the following for Job Creation projects:

Project Activity	Date Completed	Date to be Completed
Business' Job Commitment finalized		
Start Business Construction		
Business Construction 50% Complete		
Business Construction 100% Complete		
Job Creation Completed		

Name of Professional and Agency Contacts	Firm/Agency	Phone with extension
Design Professional	Harmony Design & Engineering	(208) 354-1331
Certified Grant Administrator	Lisa M. Bachman, J-U-B Engineers	(208) 467-5252
Public Works Director	Thomas Hellen, PE	(208) 788-9830, Ext 14
City Administrator	Heather Dawson	(208) 788-4221, Ext 18
City Grant Admin. Support	Tracy Anderson	(208) 788-4221, Ext. 26
City Treasurer	Becky Stokes	(208) 788-4221, Ext. 28
Attorney	Ned Williamson, City Attorney	(208) 788-6688
Funding Agency	Gary Hanes, IDC	(208) 334-2470
Environmental Officer	Lisa M Bachman, J-U-B Engineers	(208) 467-5252



Section II. Sewer System (only) – Input information for the sewer system (entity) that is expected to utilize the Idaho Community Block Grant funds.

Sewer Treatment Method _____

Do you have a Pre-treatment system? Yes No

Number of people served by the system _____
 Number of residential connection on the system _____
 Number of commercial connection on the system _____
 Number of industrial connection on the system _____
 Number of new connections within the last year _____

What are the current residential sewer rates \$ _____
 When was the last rate increase _____
 How much were the rates increased \$ _____
 Residential Connection Fee \$ _____
 Commercial Connection Fee \$ _____
 Industrial Connection Fee \$ _____

Annual sewer system revenue \$ _____

Current dollar amount owned by customers in arrears \$ _____

Annual sewer system expenses \$ _____

Identify outstanding indebtedness:

Years remaining	Annual Payment	Lender
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Section III. All Applicants (except Sewer and Water):
Grantee or Sub-Recipient Taxing Authority:

A. Identify how the organization obtains its operating funding, i.e., bonds, district assessments, other: Property taxes, state shared taxes, local option taxes, franchise fees, permits, fines, interest earnings, and intergovernmental agreements such as mutual aid agreements.

B. Does the organization have taxing authority? Yes No (if no, skip to Section IV)

1. Do you tax? Yes No

a) If yes:

(1) What is the tax rate? .001457391

(2) What is the annual tax amount generated? \$1,925,047

(3) What are the taxes used to pay for, i.e., equipment, operating expenses, etc.? General Fund Operating Expenses

2. If your organization does not tax explain why. _____



Section IV. All Applicants
Land Use Planning

When was the comprehensive plan last updated? 2010

Which of the following tools do you implement as land use measures and controls?

	Yes	No
Building Codes	<u>X</u>	___
Historical Preservation	<u>X</u>	___
Zoning Ordinances	<u>X</u>	___

Do you currently implement any of the following?

	Yes	No
Economic Development Plan	___	___
Development Impact Fees	<u>X</u>	___
Local Option Tax (resort)	<u>X</u>	___
Tree City USA	<u>X</u>	___



11. ICDBG Environmental Scoping – Field Notes Checklist

Applicant City of Hailey Sub-Recipient N/A

This site and desk review checklist is to be completed by the Applicant and submitted with the application.

The purpose of the checklist is to help the Applicant and IDC better understand what environmental statutes or provisions per 24 CFR 58 might impact the proposed project. The information will assist in understanding what studies, documentation, and mitigation measures could be applicable and to assist in completing the environmental review record. The Applicant may choose to attach this scoping checklist as part of the environmental review record.

1. Limitations on Activities

Is the Grantee planning or in the process of acquiring property for this proposed project? Yes No

If yes, is the Applicant aware that land acquired or site work after submission of the ICDBG application is subject to 24 CFR 58.22 Limitation on Activities Requiring Clearance? Meaning once an application for ICDBG funds is submitted, neither Applicant or sub recipient, may commit Non-HUD funds to a project for land acquisition or site work (except for minor testing) before the environmental review is complete, unless the land acquisition or contract is conditioned on completion of the ICDBG environmental review.

2. Historic Preservation

Has the SHPO or THPO been notified of the project? Yes No
Have tribes with possible cultural and religious sites been notified of the project? Yes No

3. Floodplain Management

Is the project located within a floodway or floodplain designated on a current FEMA map? Check Web site www.store.msc.fema.gov Yes No Not Sure

If yes what is the floodplain map number? _____

If the project is located in a floodway or floodplain, is the community where the project is taking place a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Check Web site www.idwr.idaho.gov/water/flood Yes No

4. Wetland Protection

Are there ponds, marshes, bogs, swamps, drainage ways, streams, rivers, or other wetlands on or near the site? Yes No

If yes, has the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) been notified? Yes No

Has the Corps indicated what permit level will be required? Yes No N/A

5. Sole Source Aquifers (Clean Water Act)

Is the proposed project located over an EPA designated aquifer area? Yes No
(Check website www.epa.gov/safewater/ssanp.html)



Is it known at this time if construction will disturb more than one acre of land? Yes No

If yes, has a general permit for storm water discharges from construction sites been applied for from the EPA? Yes No

6. Endangered Species Act

Has U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA Fisheries, and Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office been notified about the project? Yes No

7. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Is the project located within one mile of a designated wild and scenic river? Idaho wild and scenic rivers include portions of the St. Joe, Lochsa, Selway, Middle Fork of the Clearwater, Snake, Rapid, and Middle Fork of the Salmon. Check Web site www.nps.gov/rivers/ Yes No

8. Clean Air Act

Is the project located in a designated non-attainment area for criteria air pollutants?
 Yes No

For building demolition or improvements, has an asbestos analysis been planned for or conducted?
 Yes No N/A

For housing rehabilitation, has a lead based paint assessment been planned for or conducted?
 Yes No N/A

9. Farmland Protection Policy Act

Is the project located on a site currently zoned as residential, commercial, and/or industrial?
 Yes No

Is the project area currently being utilized for farm or agricultural purposes? Yes No

If yes, has the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service or local planning department been notified about the project? Yes No

10. Environmental Justice

Does project have a disproportionate environmental impact on low income or minority populations?
 Yes No

11. Noise Abatement and Control

Is the project new construction or rehabilitation of noise sensitive use (i.e., housing, mobile home parks, nursing homes, hospitals, and other uses where quiet is integral to the project functions)?
 Yes No

If yes, is the project located within 5 miles of an airport, 1000 feet of a major highway or busy road, or 3,000 feet of a railroad? Yes No

12. Explosive and Flammable Operations

Is the physical structure (not necessarily infrastructure) intended for residential, institutional, recreational, commercial or industrial use? Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, are there any above ground explosives, flammable fuels or chemical containers within one mile of the physical structure? Yes No



If yes, have you been able to identify what the container is holding and the container's size?
 Yes No

13. Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials

Are there any known hazardous materials, contamination, chemicals, gases, and radioactive substance on or near the site? Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, explain _____

During the visual inspection of the site, are there signs of distressed vegetation, vents or fill pipes, storage/oil tanks, stained soil, dumped material, questionable containers, foul or noxious odors, etc.
 Yes No

If yes, explain _____

At this time, are the site's previous uses known to have been gasoline stations, train depots, dry cleaners, agricultural operations, repair shops, landfill, etc.? Yes No

Are other funding agencies requiring the Grantee to perform an American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) environmental assessment? ASTM assessment involves analysis of site uses and ownership, inspection of site, and possible testing. Yes No

14. Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones

Is the project located within a designated airport runway clear zone or protection zone?
 Yes No

Does the project involve acquisition of land or construction/rehabilitation of building or infrastructure in an airport runway clear zone or protection zone? Yes No

If yes, is the grantee aware that the airport operator may wish to purchase the property at some point in the future as part of a clear or accident zone acquisition program? Yes No

15. Energy Efficient Designs

For building construction, has the owner investigated possible incentives from power providers, such as Idaho Power, Avista, or Utah Power for incorporating energy efficient design into their building?
 Yes-Energy Efficient lighting No

16. Sediment Control (Clean Water Act)

Will the construction project require storm and surface water discharge from the construction site?
 Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, has an application to EPA been submitted for a Construction General Permit (CGP)?
 Yes No

17. Other Environmental Reviews

Have facilities studies or other environmentally related site reviews been conducted or in the process of being conducted? Yes No

If yes, identify who is conducting the review. _____



18. Information Letters

The advanced mailing of environmental information letters is sought in an effort to minimize the project's timeline in waiting for necessary documentation or information. It will assist in earlier responses to required mitigation measures should the proposed project receive grant funding.

Check the agencies that have been mailed an environmental information letter.

Note: If other funding agencies have sought comment, in writing, from the agencies listed below for the same project, you may not need to send an information letter. Contact your Specialist if other environmental information or scoping letters have been sent.

- Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Office
- Idaho Department of Water Resources – Local Regional Office
- Army Corps of Engineers (if wetlands are applicable)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- NOAA Fisheries (if salmon and/or steelhead are applicable)
- Idaho Fish and Game
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (if farmlands are applicable)
- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Local Government – Planning Department
- Others _____

Completion of the scoping checklist does not constitute that all environmental provisions or clauses related to 24 CFR 58 Environmental Reviews have been met or are known at this time.

Lisa M. Bachman, PCED/Planner & Grant Administrator
Completed By: (type name)

October 28, 2010
Date



12. Review and Ranking Narrative

Chapter 8 Economic Development/Downtown Revitalization

- I. **Organization:** Describe how the community is actively organized to plan and implement the revitalization process. *(1/3 page narrative) 75 points*

Hailey's Mayor, Rick Davis appointed a Downtown Committee tasked with developing a Revitalization Action Plan - the "Downtown Strategy". It builds on several past regional economic development efforts.

Plan Elements: The Downtown Strategy is organized into 6 Sections focusing on downtown revitalization and business recruitment needs: Introduction, Improvement Strategy, Economic Assets, Organization, Action Plan, and Resources.

Local Commitment: The Downtown Committee is enthusiastically implementing the Downtown Strategy and Business Recruitment Action Items through dynamic efforts:

- Grant Writing & Administration, Capital Improvement projects
- Budget Planning & Policy Development
- Management and Stewardship of River Street Housing Units
- Real Estate Development
- Regional Marketing, Promotion, Tourism Development, Events, Business Support and Retention, Retail Recruitment, Beautification, Funding for Improvements

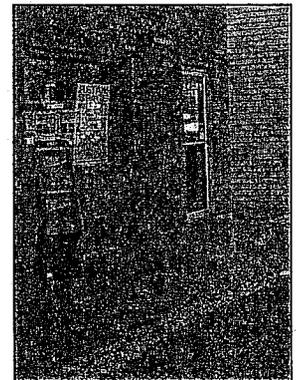
Downtown Committee & Partners:

- ✓ Summer Bauer - Realtor
- ✓ Heather LaMonica Deckard - Chamber
- ✓ Judy Foster
- ✓ Kathy Grotto - Blaine Co. Housing
- ✓ Stephanie Marvel - P&Z Commissioner
- ✓ Susan McBryant - Former Hailey Mayor
- ✓ Jon McGowan - Commercial Developer
- ✓ Hailey City staff
- ✓ Industrial Dev. Corp
- ✓ Parks and Lands Board
- ✓ Arts Commission
- ✓ Historic Preservation Commission
- ✓ Mountain Rides Transportation Auth.
- ✓ ARCH Community Housing Trust
- ✓ Sustain Blaine/SVEDCO
- ✓ Urban Renewal Agency
- ✓ South Valley Merchants Alliance
- ✓ Local Business owners
- ✓ Mayor's Economic Development Team

- II. **Assessments:** *(Scoring based on information provided in Revitalization Plan located in Appendix) 75 points*

Goals and Objectives: The Downtown Strategy links to the main goal set by the Downtown Committee - "Create a viable business center with the setting to attract businesses and people to downtown. Setting includes elements related to infrastructure, regulations, maintenance, public art, beautification, walkability, bikeability, transit access and circulation." The Action plan outlines the steps to make this happen on River Street.

Vacancy Rate: In Hailey's downtown, there are 88 buildings, 32 units, 8 vacant parcels and 5 lots dedicated to parking. There are at least 8 vacant buildings (9%), and 32 vacant units (15%).



Trends & Barriers: River Street in Hailey’s downtown core lacks sidewalks, lighting, drainage, parking, and pedestrian facilities. With scattered dirt, gravel and water-filled potholes, and no place to walk or park, River Street is a major barrier for downtown merchants and pedestrians. A new gift store recently moved elsewhere due to River Street’s poor condition. The City is also actively updating zoning ordinances, encouraging and accommodating commercial and mixed use development on River Street’s downtown core.



Revitalization of River Street and updating Hailey’s zoning ordinances eliminates these hurdles.

Market Study or Survey: Hailey has defined its downtown needs in many ways – extensive public workshops for River Street specifically, creation of the Downtown Strategy plan, and Business and Citizen Satisfaction Surveys. Results identify River Street as the number one priority downtown.

III. Implementation: 200 points

A. Action items 50 points and implementation time frame 50 points:

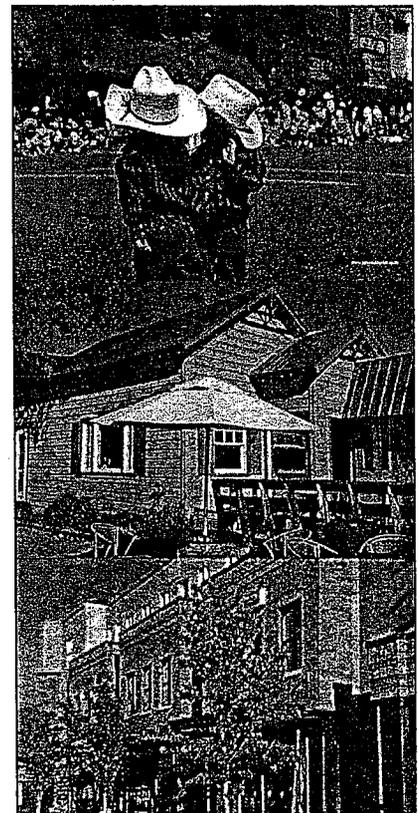
Hailey’s Downtown Strategy, attached in Appendix H, includes a detailed Action Plan with timeframes. River Street is the first project in the Action plan.

- River Street is the highest priority for design and infrastructure improvements
- The City Engineer, Public Works Dept w/planning Dept. are leading the effort
- Timeline – 6 months planning, 24 months construction (working around winter season)

B. Design professional activities: 50 points

Design professional cost estimates and plans are included in Appendices F and G.

River Street’s new future look reflects Hailey’s strong collaborating efforts lead by city staff and Harmony Design. The community spent endless hours designing River Streets’ concept with charette-style workshops and interviews with local businesses and the Hailey Chamber of Commerce. Preliminary design is 30% complete.



C. **Previous amounts accomplished:** (*Documentation in Appendix and/or 1/2 page narrative*) 50 points

River Street is the vital piece to complete the overall downtown revitalization picture. Through an extensive visioning process, the community developed the Downtown Strategy plan, with a primary focus on linking downtown improvements to recent and upcoming accomplishments including the downtown Rodeo Grounds project, River Street Senior Apartments, and formation of the Urban Renewal District. These efforts amount to more than \$18 million dollars in private and government resources.

For River Street specifically, Hailey has accomplished the following:

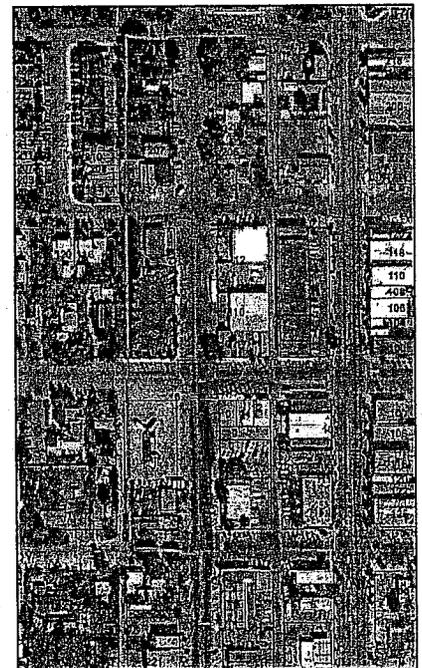
- ✓ Downtown Strategy Plan – workshops, research, assessment
- ✓ Design Charettes – Developed River Street’s concept plan
- ✓ One-on-one interviews with business owners and local merchants
- ✓ Business surveys are completed
- ✓ Design professional procured
- ✓ Grant Administrator procured
- ✓ Redevelopment Resolution and map
- ✓ Project financing is committed – in-kind and local cash match
- ✓ 30% completed preliminary design

IV. **Slum and Blight:**

A. Need and Impact: 100 points

1. Provide Resolution in Appendix – Attached in Appendix A
2. State in measurable terms how the slum and blight project will have an impact on the economic environment of your downtown area. (*1/3 page narrative*)

River Street’s underdeveloped atmosphere greatly hinders the economic vitality in downtown Hailey. As the primary link to activity centers and the close proximity of the annual Folk Festival at the Hop Porter Park, beautification and sidewalks on three blocks surrounding this central area **gives visitors incentive to stay in town and shopping local**. The Folk Festival **draws a lot of people**, but the deteriorating condition of River Street causes folks to leave right after the large event. Citizens have commented, “Please make it beautiful so they will stay.” This project will greatly **benefit Hailey’s**



downtown district, the entire community of 8,253, visitors and the entire State of Idaho.

A local Hailey merchant commented that he observes people “busting across the street”, jumping in their vehicle parked in the gravel shoulder, and driving away. Providing sidewalks, parking, drainage, lighting, and pedestrian amenities, while also enhancing the community’s cultural style will **motivate citizens** to walk or bike around downtown and **patronize local businesses.**



A new business recently moved to another part of town due to River Street’s lack of infrastructure. This project will kick-start **new business** development, **business expansion**, and **reduce vacancy rates** in the downtown core.

This project will serve as the catalyst for **private investment** through the newly formed Urban Renewal Agency, set to be official by January 2011.

B. Relationship to overall (revitalization) plan. Scoring is based on information provided in Chapter 5. No action required.

V. Idaho Community Development Block Grant Project: 350 points

A.-B. Scoring is based on information provide in Chapter 5, budget sheet. No action required.

C. Yes No Check yes or no if you have a BID/LID. If yes, provide documentation in appendix.

D. Related Implementation Expenditures:

Hailey’s Implementing Downtown Revitalization Projects		
Downtown Strategy Plan	2010 - completed	\$13,995
Rodeo Grounds Improvements	2010 - underway	\$8 million
ARCH River Street Apartments	Funding Secured - 2010	\$6.2 million
Downtown Bike Program	Funding Secured - 2010	\$32,000
LED Street Light Upgrades	Funding Secured – 2010	\$35,195
Urban Renewal Dist. Formation	2011 - underway	\$14,000
Woodside Blvd Neighborhood	2010-2013	\$4.4 million
Total		\$18,695,190



- E. Long-term program involved: Describe how your community will use CDBG funds to leverage a payback mechanism for funds that will sustain downtown redevelopment. (1/3 page narrative) 65 points

The Mayor's Economic Development Team, in partnership with the Urban Renewal Agency (URA), and the Hailey Chamber of Commerce are keenly committed to ongoing redevelopment activities.

River Street's revitalization is the cornerstone for ongoing downtown improvements. The URA will generate new resources beginning in 2011. URA funds will be reinvested right back into Hailey's business core area.

Additional paybacks will come from increased sales, higher property values, business development, and annual events. The city will soon be implementing the downtown strategy's way finding sign and art program on River Street, which will further enhance the area and encourage additional private investment.

CDBG funds are critical to the sustainability of Hailey's long-term revitalization program. Hailey's investments such as the Rodeo Ground Improvements and grants from DOT and EPA, will gain their fullest payback potential only if Hailey's downtown core - River Street - is revived.



13. Certifications

I certify the data in this application is true and correct, that this document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the City of Hailey and we will comply with the following laws and regulations if this application is approved and selected for funding.

- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- Civil Rights Act of 1964 Pub.L 88-352
- Civil Rights Act of 1968 Pub.L 90-284
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended (49 CFR Part 24)
- Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended Pub.L 93-383
- Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a - 276a-5)
- Historic Preservation Act
- OMB Circular A-87, and ensure that sub-recipient complies with A-110 and A-122

- Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Recovery Act of 1983 certifying to:
 - Minimize displacement as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds by following the Idaho Department of Commerce's anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan;
 - Conduct and administer its program in conformance with Title VI and Title VIII, and affirmatively further fair housing;
 - Provide opportunities for citizen participation comparable to the state's requirements (those described in Section 104(a) of the Act, as amended);
 - Not use assessments or fees to recover the capital costs of ICDBG funded public improvements from low and moderate income owner occupants;
 - Abide by all state and federal rules and regulations related to the implementation and management of federal grants;
 - Assess and implement an Accessibility Plan for persons with disabilities in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
 - Adopt and implement an Excessive Force Policy;
 - Prohibition of Use of Assistance for Employment Relocation, Section 588 of the Disability Housing and work Responsibility Act of 1998 Pub. L 105-276.
 - Anti-Lobbying Certification: No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a member of, employee of a member of, officer of or employee of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant or loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement and the extension, renewal, modification or amendment of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a member of, employee of a member of, officer of or employee of Congress in connection with this federal grant, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

Signed by Chief Elected Official

Date

Rick Davis, Mayor

Typed Name



Resolution to Establish a Redevelopment Area

City of Hailey

Resolution No.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho:

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the conditions and quality of the City and found a geographic area in which slum and blight conditions exist according to IDAPA 09, Title 02, Chapter 01, Section 020. The approximate boundaries of this geographic area are: **three blocks of River Street from Galena St on the north, to Croy St on the south, including side streets from River Street east to Main Street: Galena, Carbonate, Bullion, and Croy;** and are delineated on Attachment A affixed hereto, which is a map of the subject area defining the limits, boundaries and location of the slum and blight conditions of said district; and

WHEREAS, the following is a description of the slum and blight conditions which exist in the delineated area:

Sidewalk: 48,880 square-feet of sidewalk, and 44,080 square-feet is substandard or does not exist

Pedestrian Ramps: 13 pedestrian ramps, and 10 are substandard or do not exist

Street Lights: 16 street lights, and 16 are substandard or do not exist

Drainage: 13 catch basins and 6 drywells, and 10 catch basis and 5 drywells are substandard or do not exist

Parking: 269 parking spaces and 151 are substandard or do not exist

Buildings: 27 buildings in the designated area, 16 are in fair or poor condition.

Detailed documentation is contained in an engineering evaluation dated October 11, 2010; and prepared by Tom Hellen, P.E., Hailey Public Works Director and Harmony Design and Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the City defines standard infrastructure as proper drainage facilities, sidewalks, handicapped accessibility, parking, lighting, crosswalks, all of which is safe and intact; and substandard infrastructure as cracked, upheaved, uneven, hazardous, missing, deteriorated, crumbling, inadequate handicapped accessibility, and inferior; and for buildings defines standard as safe, sanitary and adequate for occupation and use; and substandard eligible for rehabilitation as dilapidated, deteriorating, in need of repair, and inadequate handicapped accessibility; and substandard not eligible for rehabilitation as in need of minor repairs and/or visual improvements; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are risks to public safety, impediments to sound community growth and are considered economic liabilities to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey desires to eliminate and prevent slum and blight conditions within the stated geographic area, the City will undertake various activities to eliminate these conditions. These activities will conform to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Strategy Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, be it is resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Hailey, Idaho that the City shall designate the above-stated geographic area as a redevelopment area and shall take action as necessary to remove and prevent slum and blight conditions.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Hailey this 8th day of November, 2010.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Hailey this 8th day of November, 2010.

Rick Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cone, City Clerk

RIVER STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT - PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE



CLIENT: City of Halley
 PROJECT: River Street Reconstruction & Revitalization
 LOCATION: Halley, Idaho
 JOB NO.: 10023-144-1

DATE: 11/4/2010
 COMPUTED BY: JTM
 CHECKED BY: JPZ

SOURCE: Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data, 2009

ITEM	SOURCE REFERENCE	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST LABOR & MATERIALS	REGIONAL ADJUSTMENT	ADJUST. UNIT COST LABOR & MATERIALS	TOTAL COST
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL (see following sheets for breakdown)							
River Street							\$801,404
Galena Street Sidewalk							\$14,143
Carbonate Street Sidewalk							\$23,531
Croy Street Sidewalk							\$21,709
SUBTOTAL CONSTRUCTION							\$860,787
DESIGN & ADMINISTRATION							
Engineering	01 11 31.30	1	EA	6.00%	0.821	4.93%	\$42,402
Construction Management	01 11 31.20	1	EA	4.50%	0.821	3.69%	\$31,802
Construction Layout	Estimate	10	DAY	\$2,125.00	1.000	\$2,125.00	\$21,250
Construction Testing	Estimate	1	EA	2.5%	1.000	2.5%	\$21,520
1.25% for Art	Estimate	1	EA	1.25%	1.000	1.25%	\$10,780
Grant Administration*	Estimate	1	EA	\$44,000.00	1.000	\$44,000.00	\$44,000
SUBTOTAL DESIGN & ADMINISTRATION							\$171,734
PROJECT TOTAL							\$1,032,521
10% Contingency							\$103,252
GRAND TOTAL							\$1,135,773

*Estimated cost from City of Halley Engineer

NOTICE:

This opinion of probable cost has been prepared solely as a general reference document for the information of the Client listed above. This opinion of probable cost has not been prepared by a cost estimator or contractor opinion of probable cost has been fashioned in part to help meet the unique needs of the Client. Reliance on this opinion by any party other than Client is expressly forbidden, except with the express written permission of the Client and Harmony Design, Inc.

October 12, 2010

Idaho Department of Commerce
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0093

Subject: Support for the City of Hailey's
ICDBG Application for River Street Improvements

Dear Idaho Department of Commerce:

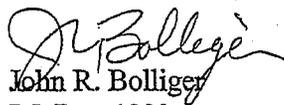
I am writing to express my support for Hailey's grant application for improvements to the downtown area of River Street. My family owns property at the corner of Croy and River Streets, which is in the project area.

Improving the downtown area of River Street will have a positive effect on our town. River Street is an important route through Hailey, and sees more and more use all the time – by motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. All users must currently share the roadway, which is a safety concern, especially in the low light of winter when it is impossible to walk in the dirt and gravel right of way because of snow. Reduced vehicle speeds and amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists will be a much needed safety improvement.

The project will strongly support our small businesses on River Street. More customers will frequent the area with a visually pleasing environment and improvements that encourage foot and bicycle traffic and provide adequate parking. This project is an important improvement for existing businesses, and will also attract new businesses.

This is an important project in our community, and I thank you for your consideration of Hailey's grant application.

Sincerely,



John R. Bolliger
PO Box 1288
Hailey, Idaho 83333

October 20, 2010

Idaho Department of Commerce
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0093

Subject: Support for the City of Hailey's
ICDBG Application for River Street Improvements

Dear Idaho Department of Commerce:

I am writing to express my support for Hailey's grant application for improvements to the downtown area of River Street. I own a business at 12 West Bullion, which is in/near the project area.

Improving the downtown area of River Street will have a positive effect on our town. River Street is an important route through Hailey, and sees more and more use all the time – by motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. All users must currently share the roadway, which is a safety concern, especially in the low light of winter when it is impossible to walk in the dirt and gravel right of way because of snow. Reduced vehicle speeds and amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists will be a much needed safety improvement.

The project will strongly support our small businesses on or adjacent to River Street. More customers will frequent the area with a visually pleasing environment and improvements that encourage foot and bicycle traffic and provide adequate parking. This project is an important improvement for existing businesses, and will also attract new businesses.

This is an important project in our community, and I thank you for your consideration of Hailey's grant application.

Sincerely,



Marina Broschofsky
Red Door Design House, Inc.