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RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Colin Byrnes - Director Rock Co. Planning & Development Agency INITIATED BY



Colin Byrnes – Director Rock Co. Planning & Development Agency DRAFTED BY

October 2, 2018 DATE DRAFTED

Planning & Development Committee SUBMITTED BY

AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CONDUCTING AN ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

- WHEREAS, the federal government has appropriated funds on a national level under the HOME 1 Investment Partnership Act, which is Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act 2 of 1990 (hereinafter "NAHA"), as amended (42 U.S. C. 12701); and 3
 - WHEREAS, NAHA allows units of local government to form a "HOME Consortium" to obtain Federal funds as a participating jurisdiction under the HOME Program; and
 - WHEREAS, Rock County with the Cities and Villages of Rock County formed a HOME Consortium to receive direct entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development via Rock County Board Resolution 16-6B-055; and
- WHEREAS, Municipalities in Wisconsin pursuant to § 66.0301, Wis. Stats., and counties in Wisconsin 1.2 pursuant to § 59.01. Wis. Stats. have the necessary authority to enter into intergovernmental agreements 13 of the type herein contemplated; and 14
 - WHEREAS, the City of Beloit, the City of Janesville, and Rock County seek to provide safe and healthy communities by promoting affordable housing; and
 - WHEREAS, an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing will identify impediments to fair housing choices for each jurisdiction; identify and evaluate actions that have been undertaken to address impediments; and identify objectives and actions that can be taken to address barriers to fair housing in compliance with the requirements of the HOME Program and the Fair Housing Act; and
 - WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal for the development of the AI was issued and representatives from the City of Beloit, City of Janesville, and Rock County considered submittals, and selected the Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council as the preferred contracted service provider to assist with the AI; and
 - WHEREAS, funding for these contracted services is available through HOME Program administration funds (each participants share will be in approximate proportion to its HOME funding allocation); and
- 30 WHEREAS, the City of Janesville will provide overall HOME administrative duties for the entire AI, and the 31 Cities of Beloit and Janesville will assist in the development of the AI for their respective communities, and 32 Rock County will assist in the development of the AI for the Cities of Edgerton, Evansville, Milton; the 33 Villages of Clinton, Footville, Orfordville, and the remaining Political Subdivisions throughout the 34 County; and 3.5
- 36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled 37 this ______ day of October_, 2018 hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Rock 38 County Board of Supervisors and the Rock County Clerk to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental 39 Cooperation Agreement with the City of Beloit and City of Janesville, and to provide funding within the 40 intent of this resolution. 41

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gustina

Phil Owens

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith

County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact to Rock County.

Sherry Oja

Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 66.0301, Wisa Stats.

Richard Greenlee

Corporation Counsel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rock County, along with the Cities of Beloit and Janesville, is a member of the Rock County HOME Consortium for the receipt of HOME Investment Partnership Act funds. Rock County also has agreements with the remaining cities and villages throughout Rock County to administer HOME programs on their behalf. These agreements were first executed for Federal fiscal years 2002-2004 and have been automatically renewed for subsequent three-year periods under the automatic renewal provisions of these agreements.

HOME funding allows the Consortium to support affordable housing in our communities via programs involving housing rehabilitation; affordable housing construction; down payment and closing cost assistance; and other authorized housing activities for those residents who are low-to-moderate income qualified.

As a recipient of federal grant funds the HOME Consortium is required to periodically complete an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI). An AI will identify impediments to fair housing choice for each jurisdiction, identify and evaluate actions that have been undertaken to address impediments, and identify objectives and actions that can be taken to address barriers to fair housing.

The City of Janesville last completed an AI in 2014, which included an AI for Janesville and Rock County as a whole. The City of Beloit completed an AI in 2012. HUD encourages communities to explore fair housing on a regional basis, and it is recognized that there may be county-wide fair housing impediments and benefits to identifying county-wide actions or recommendations. It is also desired to undertake an updated AI before beginning the development of the next Consortium 5-Year Consolidated Plan, which will begin in 2019.

A Request for Proposal for the development of the AI was issued and representatives from Beloit, Janesville and Rock County selected the Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair Housing Council as the preferred contracted service provider to assist with the AI. Funding for the contracted service provider is available through HOME Program administration funds (i.e. each communities share will be in approximate proportion to its HOME allocation). The current proportional share for Rock County is \$10,400.