

Resolution approving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to Conduct a Housing Study.

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified the need for additional housing within the City of La Crosse as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the city is currently working on the Comprehensive Plan to provide a vision for the future of the city, but this plan will not provide a detailed analysis of housing needs; and

WHEREAS, according to the HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy:

- Of the 21,185 dwelling units in the city, over half (12,250) are occupied by households making equal to or less than 80 percent of the county median income
- Over 32 percent of households within the city have a cost burden greater than 30 percent of their income and 16 percent are greater than 50 percent of their income
- The June 2022 Point in Time Count identified 243 people that were homeless in the city

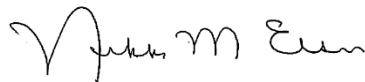
WHEREAS, a housing study will analysis the demographic and economic characteristics of the city, review of existing housing stock, assessment of affordability for both for-sale properties and rental units, and a vision and recommendation of the number and types of housing the city will want to consider for the next 10+ years; and

WHEREAS, a study provides developers confidence in building housing in the city by demonstrating the needs as well as the type of housing to construct to meet the current and future demands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse to allocate up to \$75,000 of the ARPA "Lost Revenue" funds to complete a comprehensive housing study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Planning, Development and Assessment Department is authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on March 9, 2023.



*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*