



# CITY OF LA CROSSE

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## LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

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Caption

Resolution approving ARPA funding to support Replacement Housing Program for 2023

Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation

Planning, Development and Assessment

Requestor of Legislation

Diane McGinnis Casey

Location, if applicable

Summary/Purpose

To complete construction of 3 homes within the city, in partnership with Western Technical College, for the Replacement Housing Program.

Background

The City has been utilizing funds from U.S. HUD to acquire dilapidated properties and rebuild new housing with Western Technical College and Central High School since 1996. The City has seen a decrease in federal funding of the HOME program by half due to federal funding cuts and increase in number of entitlement communities. At the same time we have seen a dramatic increase in the cost of materials. The City currently has 3 homes under construction and a funding gap exists to complete these projects to bring them to the market for sale.

Fiscal Impact

170,000

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the resolution to complete these projects in 2023. These homes can not be sold as is because they are incomplete. It is critical the program completes them for affordable housing to households within the city, increase the tax base and provides learning opportunities with our educational partners.