

Resolution releasing funds for the Housing RENEW Program (Housing Replacement City-Wide).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City is experiencing middle and upper class flight, aging housing stock, crime and perception of crime issues, concentrations of poverty resulting in a high demand for social services, and a shrinking proportion of the tax base compared to the surrounding cities and unincorporated townships; and

WHEREAS, all of this is documented in the City's Comprehensive Plan, Neighborhood Plans, the TID #7 and TID #14 Project Plans, Challenging Trends Facing Housing in La Crosse, the City/County Housing Task Force Report and Recommendations and the most recent work by the La Crosse Neighborhood Revitalization Commission which all focus on improving the City's overall housing stock and implementing neighborhood improvement strategies in priority areas; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse deems that protection and improvement of the City's neighborhoods and housing stock is critical to maintaining a healthy and sustainable community and has created a successful and award winning housing program known as the Replacement Housing Program (Affordable Housing Program); and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget approved \$350,000 to be used for the Housing Replacement Program throughout the City of La Crosse and these funds shall herein be referred to as the "Housing RENEW Program";

WHEREAS, the Housing RENEW Program and Guidelines (market rate) were approved by the Common Council in Resolution 2001-03-042 and are also attached;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE that it hereby establish a capital fund in the amount of \$350,000 and appropriates those funds to fund the Housing RENEW Program upon receipt of the 2015-D State Trust Fund proceeds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the this capital fund entitled "Housing RENEW" will use the guidelines from the existing "Housing RENEW Program & Guidelines" adopted by the Council in 2001;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the allocated funds may be used for all related costs for this program including but not limited to property acquisition, clearance, asbestos removal, landfill tipping fees, site preparation, site improvements, boulevard trees and sidewalks adjacent to the sites, surveys, title work, legal costs, construction material cost, engineering and architectural services, and contractor payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Housing Rehabilitation Review Board has oversight of the administration of the Housing RENEW Program including but not limited to acquisition of property, sale of property, the governance of the revenues and expenditures of the program

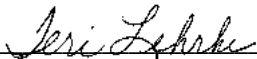
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that revenue generated from this program be placed in said fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should any project under this program occur within a tax increment financing district, if applicable (i.e. project in a TID project plan), all associated revenues and expenditures must be recorded in the appropriate tax increment financing district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning & Development, Director of Finance and Purchase, and all other Departments are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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*I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on May 14, 2015.*

  
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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin