

## **PROPOSED AMENDED RESOLUTION**

Resolution allocating additional funding (\$52,000) for the 2014 Paint and Fix-up Program.

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council adopted Resolution #2014-03-048 which approved \$50,000 for a City-wide Paint and Fix-Up Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, once the application process was opened to the public the Planning and Development Department received 127 applications before closing the process; and,

**WHEREAS**, of the 127 applications only 62 were able to be funded with the initial \$50,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Department applied for a grant from the La Crosse Community Foundation for \$52,000 to fund the remaining applications; and,

**WHEREAS**, at their April 28, 2014 meeting the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission voted to request additional funding for the remaining 65 applications from the Common Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City's Legal and Finance Departments as well as Bond Counsel have identified legal issues with this and similar expenditures in the past.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE:** that the City hereby allocates \$52,000 from previously approved Resolution #2013-08-029 (ReInvest La Crosse) to fund the remaining 65 applications if the City is not awarded the La Crosse Community Foundation Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there is hereby appropriated up to an additional \$10,000.00 from previously approved Resolution #2013-08-029 (ReInvest La Crosse) to allow the City Attorney to seek a legal opinion regarding the expenditure of taxpayer funds for redistribution to private parties under this and similar programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that no portion of the \$52,000.00 be released until said legal opinion is obtained.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Director of Finance, City Attorney, and Director of Planning and Development are authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this Resolution.