

Resolution releasing funds for the Housing RENEW Program and Flood Plain Housing Replacement.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City is experiencing middle and upper class flight, aging housing stock, homes in the flood plain, 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, Challenging Trends Facing Housing in La Crosse, the City/County Housing Task Force Report and Recommendations and 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 and the Housing RENEW Program;

WHEREAS, the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget approved \$250,000 (Item # 100) to be used for the Housing Replacement Program throughout the City of La Crosse and these funds shall herein be referred to as the "City Wide Housing RENEW Program";

WHEREAS, the 2016 Capital Improvement budget also approved \$250,000 for the demolition and replacement of housing in the flood plain and these funds shall herein be referred to as the "Flood Plain Housing Replacement" (Item # 101)

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 transfer the amount of \$250,000 to the "City Wide Housing RENEW Program Fund" and create a committed fund and transfer \$250,000 to fund the "Flood Plain Housing Replacement Fund" from the 2016-B Taxable PN (Property – Misc)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committed fund entitled "City Wide Housing RENEW" will use the guidelines from the existing "Housing RENEW Program & Guidelines" adopted by the Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the this capital fund entitled "Flood Plain Housing Replacement" will also use the guidelines from the existing "City Wide Housing RENEW Program & Guidelines" adopted by the Council in 2001 but the expenditures shall be used only for the replacement of housing in the flood plain, with housing that is out of the flood plain;

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, fill, surveys, title work, legal costs, construction material cost, engineering and architectural services, and contractor payments;

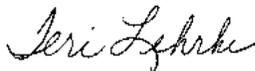
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Housing Rehabilitation Review Board has oversight of the administration of the Housing RENEW Program and Flood Plain Housing Replacement, including but not limited to acquisition of property, sale of property, the governance of the revenues and expenditures of the program;

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

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 12, 2016.*



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*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*