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Memo

To: Economic and Community Development Commission

Staff: Mara Keyes

Re: 26-0205

Background:

The City of La Crosse was awarded HOME ARP funds with the goal of reducing homelessness through the development of affordable housing paired with supportive services and prevention.

Funding Available:

Development of Affordable Housing	Supportive Services
\$658,459	\$329,230

Summary:

Applicant	Development Funds Requested	Supportive Service Funds Requested	Number of Units	Average Score
Commonwealth	\$658,459	\$0	51	17.6
Cinnaire	\$658,459	\$125,000	45	18.1
Karuna	\$400,000	\$200,000	24	16.8
Habitat	\$500,000	\$0	5	14.4
La Crosse County	\$0	\$329,230	N/A	17.1

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommendation is to split development funds between Cinnaire and Commonwealth development projects and make the HOME ARP contingent on WHEDA LIHTC award. These developers have a detailed development plan, clear site control, and are leveraging state funding to maximize impact.

The recommendation for supportive services is to award \$125,000 to Cinnaire and the remainder to La Crosse County.

The intent of the HOME ARP funding as outlined in the Action Plan is to reduce homelessness by creating housing units accessible to individuals experiencing homelessness.