

Resolution to Create West Central Regional Housing Consortium for Administration of Community Development Block Housing Grant Program and to Authorize Contracts for Program Administration

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing (DOH) has determined that all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, commencing with the 2012-2013 state fiscal year, will only be awarded on a regional basis through applications for CDBG funds from a county housing consortium; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds are provided by the federal government through DOH to be distributed to units of government of the state for the various housing needs of low to moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, previous to this change in CDBG funding procedures, most Wisconsin units of government made application directly to the DOH for these CDBG funds to provide housing assistance to low to moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, going forward, any county that chooses not to join a county housing consortium in Wisconsin will not be eligible for any new CDBG funds commencing in fiscal year 2012, but could certainly continue to operate a housing program using its existing revolving loan fund from loans previously made from prior CDBG grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the DOH has identified certain proposed regional housing consortia and the Polk County Land Information Committee, which currently oversees the CDBG program for Polk County, has recommended that Polk County partner with nine other counties, Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, and St. Croix Counties to create the West Central Regional Housing Consortium (WCRHC), and

WHEREAS, of the ten counties in the WCRHC, only Chippewa County has agreed to serve as the lead county as the administrator of the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the lead county will assume administrative, fiscal, and policy responsibilities for the WCRHC for the CDBG grant funding as well as being the signatory on the contract with DOH on behalf of the WCRHC; and

WHEREAS, the lead county will be responsible for program design and submitting grant applications and therefore will be eligible to receive up to 15% of the total expended grant awarded funds to reimburse for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County has used the Chippewa County Housing Authority (CCHA), a quasi-governmental entity, to administer the CDBG funds awarded to citizens of Chippewa County and the CCHA has the technical qualifications and experience to continue to serve as our program administrator for the WCRHC; and

WHEREAS, the CCHA will act as the program administrator for the WCRHC as said consortium's designated housing program administrator with all of the powers and duties necessary to fulfill the housing consortia and lead county's responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, by serving as the lead county for the WCRHC, it is anticipated that there will be no additional fiscal impact to Polk County and that any additional expenses incurred by the CCHA, while

serving as the program administrator for the consortium, would be reimbursed as administrative expenses from the 15% allowed by the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, each county member of the consortium will enter into a consortium agreement which will spell out the policies and procedures of the consortium and the responsibilities of the members of the consortium and the lead county; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is to create the WCRHC, pursuant to section 66.0301, and to authorize the Polk County Administrator to enter into on behalf of Polk County any and all agreements or other documents necessary to create, form, authorize, and/or operate the WCRHC of which Polk County will a member; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be interpreted liberally in favor of authorizing the County Administrator to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 66.0301, the Polk County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Polk County to be a member of the West Central Regional Housing Consortium (WCRHC) for the purpose of regional administration of the CDBG program.

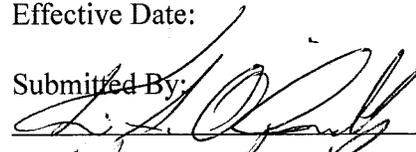
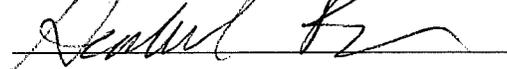
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to take all actions necessary to effectuate the creation and formation of the WCRHC, including executing and signing of any agreements on behalf of Polk County.

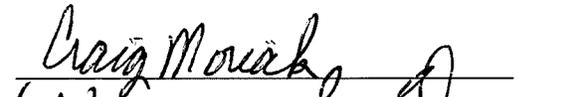
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors agrees and authorizes Chippewa County to be the lead county in the WCRHC and hereby designates the CCHA to serve as the program administrator for the consortium;

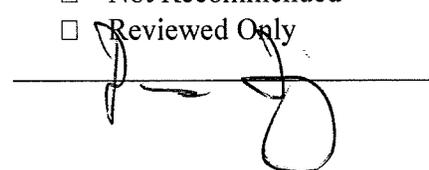
Funding Amount and Source: See Estimated Fiscal Impact Note, Below  
ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

It is anticipated that there will be no additional fiscal impact to Polk County. The Chippewa County Housing Authority will be acting as the consortia CDBG program administrator. As such, the Housing Authority should be reimbursed by the program for all of its administrative expenses.

Finance Committee Advised: Not Applicable  
Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Applicable  
Date Submitted to County Board: June 3, 2012 for the June 19, 2012 Meeting  
Effective Date: Upon Passage

Submitted By:   


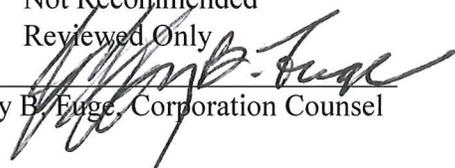
  
  


Review By County Administrator:  
 Recommended  
 Not Recommended  
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Dana Frey, County Administrator

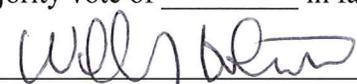
Review By Corporation Counsel:

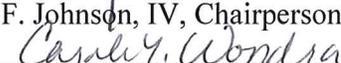
- Approved as to Form
- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only

  
Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

County Board Action:

On June 19, 2012, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted the above-entitled resolution by a majority vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against. *by unanimous voice vote*

  
William F. Johnson, IV, Chairperson

Attest:   
Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

Dated: 6-27-12

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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C OUNTY OF POLK )

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 29-12 that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on June 19, 2012.

Carole T. Wondra 6-27-12  
Carole T. Wondra Date  
Polk County Clerk