

RESOLUTION - SUPERMAJORITY

Resolution Authorizing County Participation in the Landlord Engagement Program and an Emergency Appropriation to the CD Division FY 2024 Budget (10)

WHEREAS, McHenry County has determined that it lacks Workforce Housing for individuals and households that work in jobs that make everyday life in McHenry County possible; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of Community Development Division staff, Home of the Sparrow, Inc., sought funding from the Community Foundation for McHenry County to confront the lack of affordable rental units; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County's Community Development office shall play a pivotal role in the planning and implementation of a Landlord Engagement Program funded by the Community Foundation for McHenry County to confront the issue of a lack of Workforce Housing in the community; and

WHEREAS, this effort will be a tool and shall be a strategy that will not require "bricks and sticks" but instead will use existing community housing to meet the needs of the County's Workforce Housing goals; and

WHEREAS, additional revenue and expenses to the County will accrue as a result of the Transformation Award allocated to Home of the Sparrow; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health and Community Service Committee as well as the Finance and Audit Committee have agreed with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Appropriation to the Community Development Division of shall be implemented as follows:

REVENUE:

093625-10-1080-290 Corporate and Foundation Grants to Community Development \$30,000

EXPENSES:

301000-10-1080-290 Non-Union Salaries \$15,000

400100-10-1080-290 Contractual \$15,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes the County Board Chairman to enter to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Home of the Sparrow, Inc. to support the Landlord Engagement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it also authorizes an emergency appropriation to the Community Development Division budget as indicated in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer, the County Auditor, the Director of Planning and Development, the County Treasurer, and the Community Development Administrator

PlanDev-2024-027

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 16th day of July, A.D., 2024.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing County Participation in the Landlord Engagement Program and an Emergency Appropriation to the CD Division FY 2024 Budget (10)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

Authorizing an emergency appropriation to the Community Development Division in the amount of \$30,000 for the Landlord Engagement Program.

Background and Discussion:

The Community Development team has been actively involved in the Workforce Housing initiative established as a priority by the County Board. The Landlord Engagement Program seeks to be a facet of increasing available housing stock for households in the community that work in jobs of necessity and who choose to live in McHenry County. Funding will be provided through an agreement with Home of the Sparrow, which is the organization that spearheaded this effort in a collaborative effort with Community Development staff. Funding will be used toward staff time and developing marketing and contractual efforts future support will be gleaned from other resources to encourage program participation.

This type of award is typically a three year effort that first involved planning, with later stages geared toward implementation. It can be used as leverage toward other initiatives such as PRO Housing.

Impact on Human Resources:

Staff time will be covered by this award rather than the use of the General Fund. No additional staff will be needed for implementation.

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):

Increases both the Revenue and Expenditures of the Community Development Division by \$30,000.

Impact on Capital Expenditures:

None

Impact on Physical Space:

None – existing space will be utilized.

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

Increase in the amount of financial transactions and increase in revenue and expenses to outside agencies.

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:

Increases the number of Workforce Housing units in use, which is a strategy included in the County's Strategic Plan.