

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Planning & Development Committee
INITIATED BY



Paul Benjamin, David Somppi
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

April 5, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – SMALL CITIES APPLICATION

1. **WHEREAS**, Federal monies are available under the Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant
2. Housing program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Commerce, Division of
3. Housing and Community Development, for the purpose of housing rehabilitation activities; and,
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5. **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Committee has recommended that an application be
6. submitted to the State of Wisconsin for rehabilitation of single-family owner-occupied housing units,
7. improving handicapped accessibility, Homestead Opportunity for new home buyers, expanding housing
8. opportunities, and program administration expenses; and,
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10. **WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Rock County Board of Supervisors to approve the preparation and
11. filing of an application for Rock County to receive funds from this program; and,
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13. **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Committee has reviewed the need for the proposed
14. programs and the benefits to be gained for Rock County; and,
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16. **WHEREAS**, Planning & Development Agency personnel are working with Rock County municipalities
17. as potential areas of concentrated need and interest, and those municipalities will be providing letters
18. of support for the application.
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20. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this
21. *5th* day of *April*, 2010, hereby approves and authorizes the preparation and filing of an
22. application for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant - Small Cities program through the
23. Wisconsin Department of Commerce, Division of Housing and Community Development; and,
- 24.
25. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County
26. Board Chair and County Clerk to sign the respective documents on behalf of the County of Rock; and,
- 27.
28. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that authority is hereby granted to the Rock County Planning and
29. Development Agency to take the necessary steps to prepare and file an appropriate application for
30. funds under this program in accordance with this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Planning & Development Committee

Alan Sweeney - Chair

Mary Mawhinney - Vice Chair

Marilyn Jensen

Phillip Owens

Wayne Justina

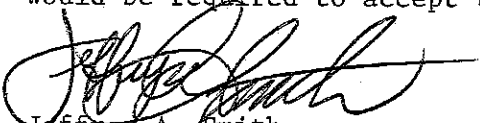
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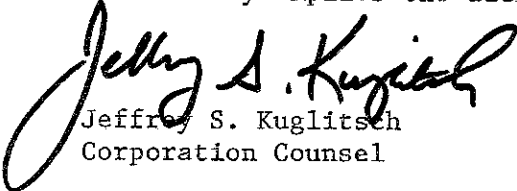
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended,



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR THE 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – SMALL CITIES PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

The Rock County Planning and Development Agency is currently preparing an application on behalf of Rock County for Community Development Block Grant housing funds, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce - Bureau of Housing. This is part of Wisconsin's annual Small Cities competitive grant competition for areas that are not CDBG-entitlement communities. About \$7 million will be made available for this competition.

If successful, low and 0% interest loans will continue to be made available to low- to moderate, low income, and elderly-headed households to conduct needed housing rehabilitation work, including handicapped accessibility improvements. Loan funds can also be used to assist these households with purchasing a house.

Scoring for this competition will be based on 2000 U.S. Census data on housing and socio-economic conditions. Funding will be split equally between 5 regions. Rock County is in the Southeast region, which includes about 20 counties from south and east Wisconsin. Rock County staff will be working to determine those Rock County towns, villages, and / or small cities that, according to the scoring criteria, are in most need of obtaining this funding. Staff will be seeking letters of interest and support from those municipalities to include in the application.

Additionally, the County is working with property owners, financial institutions, and community development groups to obtain additional commitments for Countywide housing rehabilitation efforts.

The application will request \$650,000. A total of \$567,500 will be used for program activities, and \$82,500 will be used for administration.

If the preliminary application is successful, Rock County will be notified about June 15, 2010 to submit a final application. The final application will be submitted by August 31, 2010. If successful, the contract period for the application will be from October 1, 2010 - July 1, 2012.