

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning & Development Committee
INITIATED BY



Paul Benjamin, David Somppi
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

December 31, 2012
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2013 ROCK COUNTY APPLICATION FOR
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL GRANT FUNDS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Federal funds are available under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
2 (HUD) Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Programs, to provide local, County, and State Governments
3 nationwide with funds to control lead hazards in housing units with children with elevated lead levels and/or
4 have children under 6 years of age; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Committee has recommended that an application be submitted
7 to HUD to obtain funds to conduct this lead hazard control work, improving housing units with children that
8 have elevated lead levels and/or have children under 6 years of age, expanding housing opportunities, conduct
9 outreach activities, and obtain administration expenses; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Rock County Board of Supervisors to approve the preparation and filing
12 of an application for Rock County to receive funds from this Program; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the need for the proposed programs and
15 the benefits to be gained for Rock County; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, Planning & Development Agency personnel are working with the Cities of Beloit and
18 Janesville, the Rock County Health Department, and Rock County municipalities to provide assistance with
19 administering the program presented in this application.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
22 24th day of January 2013, hereby approves and authorizes the preparation and filing of an
23 application for the 2013 Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program through the U.S. Department of
24 Housing & Urban Development; and,
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Board
27 Chair and County Clerk to sign the respective documents on behalf of the County of Rock; and,
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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that authority is hereby granted to the Rock County Planning and
30 Development Agency to take the necessary steps to prepare and file an appropriate application for funds under
31 this Program in accordance with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Planning & Development Committee

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gustina

Marilyn Jensen

Phillip Owens

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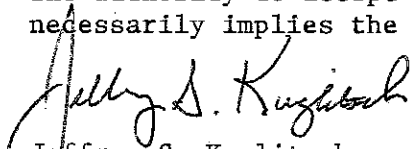
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja
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

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The Rock County Planning and Development Agency is currently preparing an application on behalf of Rock County for Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program funds, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). This is part of HUD's annual Notice of Funding Availability for Discretionary Funds to finance competitive grants for discretionary housing programs nationwide. As of this writing, an undetermined amount of funding has been made available for this program. For 2012, a total of \$61 million was made available for this program for qualifying cities, counties and states that funded 25 programs nationwide.

Owner-occupied property owners will be required to live in the property upon completion. Rental property owners will be required to rent to low- to moderate income families and keep rents within Rock County's HUD rent guidelines.

Funds would also be made available for qualifying testing activities and community outreach, data collection and record keeping, and administrative expenses.

Rock County will be working closely with the Cities of Beloit and Janesville, the Rock County Health Department, Rock County municipalities, and other community groups on identifying eligible housing units and conducting approved projects. The Cities of Beloit and Janesville and the balance of the County will administer roughly similar numbers of projects. Projects in the Cities of Beloit and Janesville may be administered by their Neighborhood Services Departments. Projects in the balance of the County would be administered by the Planning Agency and the Health Department.

Scoring for this competition will be based on agency capacity, agency experience, documented need, quality of work program approach, economic opportunities, promoting local and national housing objectives, and other resources and community support.

The application will request about \$2,500,000 to conduct lead hazard control work on about 120 housing units over 36 months. These projects will likely be evenly split between the Cities of Beloit, Janesville, and Rock County outside of the Cities of Beloit & Janesville. Grant funds are also proposed to be used for public education and promotional activities.

The deadline for submission of this application is February 4, 2013. Notification of success of the application will likely occur in May-June, 2013. If successful, the contract period for the application would be from about July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.