



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Elizabeth H. Tyler, FAICP, Community Development Director

FROM: John A. Schneider, Manager, Grants Management Division

DATE: May 21, 2010

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2010-2011 (HOMESTEAD CORPORATION OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA)**

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2010-2011 (ECOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION LABORATORY)

Description

Included on the agenda of the May 25, 2010 meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission are resolutions to recertify Ecological Construction Laboratory (e-co lab) and Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana (Homestead) as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for the Urbana HOME Consortium for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011. Homestead and e-co lab have met all of the Federal HOME Program requirements for recertification as CHDOs for FY 2010-2011.

Issues

The issue is whether the Community Development Commission should forward the resolutions recertifying two agencies as Urbana HOME Consortium CHDOs to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Background

In order to receive allocated HOME Program funds identified in the proposed FY 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan (AAP), CHDOs must maintain eligibility status according to HOME Program regulations. Staff has conducted annual on-site monitoring and recertification reviews of the agencies to ensure CHDO compliance and eligibility in February and March, 2010. During those reviews, staff verified that the two current CHDOs in the Urbana HOME Consortium, Ecological Construction Laboratory and Homestead Corporation of Champaign-

Urbana, have met the requirements to be recertified as CHDOs for FY 2010-2011. Those qualifications pertain to maintaining non-profit status, adequate capacity for affordable housing development, board member makeup, and outreach to the low income community, among other requirements.

Options

1. Forward the resolutions recertifying Ecological Construction Laboratory and Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana as Community Housing Development Organizations to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval.
2. Forward the resolutions with suggested changes to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval.
3. Do not recommend approval of the resolutions.

Fiscal Impacts

There will be no new fiscal impact to the city budget. HOME Program funding for CHDO Operating Funds is allocated in the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and is included in the FY 2010-2011 City of Urbana budget.

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Community Development Commission forward the resolutions to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval.

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Attachments:

1. A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2010-2011 (HOMESTEAD CORPORATION OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA)
2. A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2010-2011 (ECOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION LABORATORY)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2010-2011**

(Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, has found and determined that certification of the Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana as a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2010-2011 is desirable and necessary to carry out one of the corporate purposes of the City of Urbana, to wit: implementation of Strategies and Objectives to Address the Affordable Housing Needs of Low and Moderate Income Households described in the *City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan*,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana (Homestead) be identified and certified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2010-2011, and as such, be eligible to request specific HOME funds set aside for use by CHDOs, under regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. That said certification and the benefits afforded by it be in effect until June 30, 2011, or until such time that Council be informed of conditions necessitating a change in the status of Homestead Corporation as a CHDO.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
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AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
_____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor