

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

FROM: Elizabeth H. Tyler, AICP, Director Community Development Services

DATE: July 5, 2007

SUBJECT: Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development
Organization Annual Recertifications
Ecological Construction Laboratory
Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana
Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation

Description

Included on the agenda of the July 9, 2007 meeting of the Urbana City Council are the annual recertifications of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for the Urbana HOME Consortium. Ecological Construction Laboratory, Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana, and the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation have met the HOME program requirements for recertification as CHDOs for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Issues

The issue is whether the Urbana City Council should approve the resolutions recertifying the three agencies as Urbana HOME Consortium CHDOs.

Background

On April 16, 2007, the Urbana City Council approved the FY 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which identifies activities to be funded under the HOME Program and the Community Development Block Grant Program. In order to receive allocated funds all CHDOs must maintain eligibility status according to HUD regulations. Staff has verified that the three current CHDOs in the Urbana HOME Consortium (Ecological Construction Laboratory, Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana and the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation) have all met the requirements to be recertified as CHDOs for FY 2007-2008.

Options

1. Approve the Resolutions to recertify Ecological Construction Laboratory, Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana and Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation as Community Housing Development Organizations.
2. Approve the Resolutions to recertify the agencies as Community Housing Development Organizations with changes.
3. Do not approve the Resolutions.

Fiscal Impacts

There will be no fiscal impact to the city budget. HOME funding for CHDO operating was allocated in the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and is included in the FY 2007-2008 City of Urbana budget.

Recommendations

At its June 26, 2007 meeting, the Community Development Commission reviewed the proposed recertifications and unanimously voted to forward them to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval. Staff recommends approval of resolutions to recertify the agencies the agreement.

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Attachments:

- (1) A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2007-2008 (Ecological Construction Laboratory)
- (2) A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2007-2008 (Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana)
- (3) A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium For FY 2007-2008 (Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation)

