

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Elizabeth H. Tyler, AICP, City Planner/Director

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

DATE: June 22, 2007

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 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 June 26, 2007 meeting of the Community Development Commission are the Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) annual recertifications for Ecological Construction Laboratory, Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana, and the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Issues

The issue is whether the Community Development Commission should forward the resolutions the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Background

On April 16, 2007, the Urbana City Council approved the FY2007-2008 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which identifies activities to be funded under the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

HOME Program funding is allocated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually for the purpose of development affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income households. The HOME Program includes provisions for allocating HOME funds to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) who meet all the HUD eligibility requirements. In order to receive CHDO set aside or operating funds, all CHDOs must maintain their eligibility status and be recertified annually.

In FY2006-2007, Ecological Construction Laboratory, Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana and the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation, were certified as CHDOs for the Urbana HOME Consortium. Staff has verified that these three agencies have met the requirements to be recertified as CHDOs for FY2007-2008 for the Urbana HOME Consortium.

Options

1. Forward the Resolutions for Annual CHDO Recertification to City Council with a recommendation for approval.
2. Forward the Resolutions for Annual CHDO Recertification, with amendments, to City Council with a recommendation for approval.
3. Do not recommend approval of the Resolutions for Annual CHDO Recertification to City Council.

Fiscal Impacts

There will be no fiscal impact to the city budget. The HOME funds for CHDO operating funds were allocated in the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 which is included in the FY2007-2008 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 Authorizing the Annual Recertification of a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium – Ecological Construction Laboratory – FY2007-2008
- (2) A Resolution Authorizing the Annual Recertification of a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium – Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana – FY2007-2008
- (3) A Resolution Authorizing the Annual Recertification of a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium – Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation – FY2007-2008

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY2007-2008**

**Ecological Construction Laboratory of Champaign-Urbana
(Annual Recertification FY2007-2008)**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, has found and determined that certification of the Ecological Construction Laboratory as a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY2007-2008 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 *Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2005-2009*,

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

Section 1. That Ecological Construction Laboratory be identified and certified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY2007-2008, 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, 2008, or until such time that Council be informed of conditions necessitating a change in the status of Ecological Construction Laboratory 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