RESOLUTION # 8-6/22

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM & ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

WHEREAS, La Crosse County created the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant program in 2016 (by Resolution No. 80-2-16) to encourage the redevelopment of deteriorated housing stock within target residential neighborhoods based on criteria including low valued housing stock, concentrations of poverty, and proximity to employment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the initial program guidelines, as well as the subsequent expansion of the program in 2018 (by Resolution No. 17-7-18), the program was available for projects within the Powell-Poage-Hamilton, Washburn, and Lower Northside & Depot Neighborhoods in the City of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the program has leveraged $1,069,430 in grants into at least $29,660,000 of new tax base, and 261 new housing units; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for this type of program in other neighborhoods in La Crosse County where housing stock is deteriorating; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was allocated $22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board has reserved $2,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funding for "Grants for Housing Redevelopment" (by Resolution No.55-1-22).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves expansion of the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant Program to all La Crosse County municipalities in accordance with the attached Program Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board allocates $2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Corporation Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if funds are not obligated to projects through the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant program by the end of 2023, the County Board may reallocate the remaining funds to another American Rescue Plan Act eligible use of funds.

FISCAL NOTE: Grants through this program shall be paid from division 295.770.3744 within the County financial system, Account 63600 Neighborhood Revitalization.

Date: 06/13/2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Co. Admin. Fin. Director Corp. Counsel Board Chair

Recommended

Not Recommended

Requested By: Brian Fukuda
Date Requested: March 30, 2022
Drafted By: County Administration

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 14th Day of June, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 14th day of June 2022.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk