



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: September 21, 2007

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Description

On the agenda of the September 25, 2007 meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission is a RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN. The Amendment to the FY2005-2009 Consolidated Plan is needed in order to ensure that the Plan is updated to include newly required information by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Issues

The issue is whether the Community Development Commission (CDC) should forward the Resolution to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Background

In May of 2005, the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium submitted its five year Consolidated Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan provides the five-year goals and strategies for the use of CDBG and HOME entitlement funding received from HUD annually. HUD publishes regular notices concerning regulatory updates and new requirements regarding information that is to be included in a grantee's Consolidated Plan.

In a recent review of the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan for FY2005-2009, staff discovered that the Plan did not contain required language on addressing the housing needs of victims of domestic violence, specifically victims of dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Although the City has provided services to victims of domestic violence for many years, the Consolidated Plan did not specify a strategy regarding the victims of date violence, sexual assault and stalking. Consequently, the subject Consolidated Plan needs to be amended to include the necessary text and updated tables in this regard.

Although the change is minor, the public input process provided for in the Consolidated Plan calls for the proposed amendment to be made available for public review and comment. The amendment was made available for public comment for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on September 7, 2007 with a notice that was published on the City's website. A public hearing regarding the proposed amendment was held on September 20, 2007. Public comment that was received during the hearing was that any support given to agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence is welcomed and encouraged.

If CDC recommends approval, the proposed amendment will be presented to Council at its Committee meeting on October 8, 2007 and forwarded to regular Council for final approval on October 15, 2007. If Council approves the amendment, it will be submitted to HUD.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed Amendment to the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan. Funds to agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence are allocated in July of each year through the Consolidated Social Services Grant Funding process.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Community Development Commission forward the Amendment to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for Approval.

Prepared By: _____
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Attachments:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND
CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY
2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN
COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND
CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated lead entity for the Urbana HOME Consortium in accordance with the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2005 the Urbana City Council adopted the *CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2005-2009*; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development subsequently approved the *CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2005-2009*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it necessary and appropriate to amend the *CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM 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 an amendment to the *CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN*, in substantially the form as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Urbana to take any action necessary in conjunction with said Consolidated Plan amendments including submittal of said amendments to HUD.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
_____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor