



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

DATE: April 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development
Organization Re-Certification
Ecological Construction Laboratory
Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana

Description

Included on the agenda of the April 28, 2009 meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission are resolutions to re-certify 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) 2009-2010. Homestead and e-co lab have met all of the Federal HOME Program requirements for recertification as CHDOs for FY 2009-2010.

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 2009-2010 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 late February, 2009. 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 2009-2010. Those qualifications pertain to maintaining non-profit status, adequate capacity for affordable housing development, board member makeup, and outreach to the low income community.

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 to the Urbana City Council with suggested changes.
3. Do not recommend approval of the resolutions.

Fiscal Impacts

There will be no fiscal impact to the city budget. HOME funding for CHDO Operating Funds is allocated in the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and is included in the FY 2009-2010 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 2009-2010 (ECOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION LABORATORY)
2. A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2009-2010 (HOMESTEAD CORPORATION OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
FOR THE URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM FOR FY 2009-2010

(Ecological Construction Laboratory)

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 FY 2009-2010 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 (e-co lab) be identified and certified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the Urbana HOME Consortium for FY 2009-2010, 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, 2010, 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 _____,
_____.

AYES :

NAYS :

ABSTAINS :

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor