

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 17-21

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine (RDA) wishes to work together with the Department of City Development Building Division and Housing & Community Development Division to seek better methods of addressing housing and building code enforcement within the City;

WHEREAS, the RDA directed staff at the May 2017 meeting to seek a quote for services with the Center for Community Progress (CCP) to consider professional technical assistance in the form of an assessment of the systemic legal, policy, and operational issues related to enforcement of housing and building codes in the City;

WHEREAS, the RDA also requires professional technical assistance to development possible land banking policies and programs for foreclosed properties;

WHEREAS, the goal of this program would be to identify methods to address buildings within the City that are in need of repair, either due to abandonment/foreclosure or ownership by individuals or businesses without the funds to make repairs;

WHEREAS, we believe that a number of community issues are caused by the blight of these buildings including: increased crime, health and safety concerns, lowered City tax revenue, and a lower amount of redevelopment near buildings perceived as unattractive and unsafe;

WHEREAS, staff has received a proposal from CCP for a site visit of up to 24 hours and work staff and elected officials and organizations who affect land and building stock in the City;

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Progress is the acknowledged single-source organization providing technical assistance to communities who wish to address vacant and distressed property management;

WHEREAS, staff will work with the City Attorney to implement professional consulting services contract with CCP meeting all City standard contract requirements;

WHEREAS, the funding for this project would come from three sources: the RDA's allocation from the City's Intergovernmental Revenue Fund, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration budget, and City Development general fund training budgets.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine directs staff to develop and implement a professional consulting services contract with the Center for Community Progress.

Fiscal Note: Payment of professional services will come from two sources of funding: 1. \$10,000 from the RDA's allocation from the Intergovernmental Revenue Funds (Professional Services line item) and 2. \$3,750 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration funds.

Adopted on: August 3, 2017

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By a Vote of

For: 0

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Attest:

Amy Connolly, AICP
Executive Director