

Buffalo County Resolution



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Involved Committees:
Finance

County Department:
Administration
Fiscal Impact: YES / NO
AC Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 16-06-01

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOAN TO CHIPPEWA COUNTY TO PROVIDE CASH FLOW FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK

WHEREAS, Buffalo County is part of the West Central Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Region which includes Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties that receives a grant to provide funding for home improvement projects for low income individuals residing in the Region; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County is the lead agency and has appointed the Chippewa County Housing Authority as the Grant Administrator for the CDBG Regional Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has established a payment system for the grant funds that is not responsive to the needs of the program because it prohibits the Grant Administrator from making timely payments to contractors; and

WHEREAS, these delays in making payments to contractors are causing small business contractors to withdraw from the program because they cannot operate their business with the state imposed payment delays; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Administrator has requested and the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors has approved the transfer of \$50,000 from their contingency fund to be deposited into the West Central Wisconsin CDBG Region fund and to request the other nine member counties in the Region to equally assist in the financial burden of providing local cash flow funds to offset Chippewa County's contribution; and

WHEREAS, this money would be provided as a no interest loan to Chippewa County to be used for making payments to contractors in the West Central Wisconsin Regional CDBG Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo County would enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to more clearly define the relationship between the two entities and the MOU will address this cash flow transfer loan and the terms of repayment of the transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a \$5,000 no interest loan to Chippewa County to be used for making payments to contractors in the West Central Wisconsin Regional CDBG Housing Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buffalo County Chair be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Chippewa County and Buffalo County setting for the terms and understanding between the two entities to provide funds to the Region to serve as a cash flow funding to pay contractors in the CDBG Regional Housing Program until modified or terminated by any one of the partners.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 27th day of June, 2016.

Royan M. Halverson
County Clerk

ATTEST:

Douglas Kane
County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

Finance Committee

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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

\$5,000 interest free loan from General Fund to Chippewa County to be repaid when West Central Wisconsin Regional CDBG Housing Program ceases to exist, or Buffalo County withdraws its membership from the Region.

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Chippewa County, Lead County for the West Central Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) Housing Region (Region)

and

Buffalo County, a member of the Region

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the Chippewa County and the Buffalo County to provide funds to the Region to serve as a cash flow fund for paying contractors in the CDBG Regional Housing Program.

Background

See the attached explanation for the development of this MOU.

Purpose

This MOU will provide the guidelines and terms for the loan of funds from Buffalo County to Chippewa County for the Regional CDBG Housing Program.

- Buffalo County will loan \$5,000 to Chippewa County as the lead county for the Region.
- The loan will be at no interest.
- The loan will not require payments.
- The funds will be deposited into the West Central Wisconsin Regional CDBG Working Account under the Chippewa County tax ID.
- The funds will be used to make payments to contractors for projects that have been processed under the Regional CDBG Program.
- The funds will remain in the West Central Wisconsin Regional CDBG Working Account until the Regional CDBG program ends or upon a written request from Buffalo County.
- Buffalo County may request the funds be repaid with a 30 day notice in writing to Chippewa County.

Reporting

The Regional Administrator will provide quarterly reports to the Buffalo County Regional Representative on the status of the Regional CDBG Housing Program and Grant.

Funding

Buffalo County agrees to provide a \$5,000 no interest loan to Chippewa County to be used for making payments to contractors in the West Central Wisconsin Regional CDBG Housing Program.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the parties. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the parties and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from the parties this MOU shall end when the West Central Wisconsin

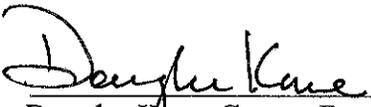
Regional CDBG Housing Program ceases to exist, or Buffalo County withdraws its membership from the Region.

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Date: _____
Frank Pascarella, Chippewa County, Administrator

 Date: 6-27-16

Douglas Kane, County Board Chair