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Item:

Second Public Hearing for CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application

Date Of BOCC Meeting: September 11, 2018

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to hold the required public hearing, receive any input that is offered, and approve the attached resolution supporting this application.

Durham County is an eligible applicant for up to \$750,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce as part of their CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization program. Since 2013, all funds from this state program had been re-allocated to water infrastructure projects (such as our Rougemont Water System), but Commerce has been convinced to put some of it back into neighborhood revitalization. The program allows a broad range of uses to be funded. The funds that Durham County would be eligible for can only be used outside of the City limits.

The County, working with the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) and local housing non-profits, is applying for \$750,000 / 3-year neighborhood revitalization grant. Two public hearings to receive input on the application are required. This is the second of the two public hearings.

The proposed application is for \$750,000 to provide home repairs for approximately 23 homeowners over the 30-month grant period. Nine percent of the total funding amount would be used for administration costs. A second potential use of funding for acquisition / rehabilitation of affordable housing was proposed, but a viable project was not able to be identified in time for the grant deadline, thus the full amount of funding would go towards home repair and improving coordination between partners.

For the purposes of this grant as well as the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study and update to Durham County's Fair Housing Plan, we will be working with WR-Martin and TJCOG to broadly disseminate and advertise a simple housing survey to collect additional information over the next several months.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Helping our community maintain a good sized stock of decent, affordable housing supports all five goals of our Durham County strategic plan.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board hold the required public hearing, receive any input that is offered, and approve the attached resolution supporting this application.

County Manager: _____