



Legislation Text

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Item:

Approval and Adoption of Analysis of Impediments To Fair Housing Report

Date Of BOCC Meeting: Jan. 14, 2019

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve and adopt the attached Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Report and Fair Housing Plan.

Durham County's is applying, with assistance from the Triangle J Council of Governments, to the NC Department of Commerce for \$750,000 in Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation in Durham. To be eligible to receive funds, Durham County must adopt and approve an updated "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing" report. The County paid Withers & Ravenel \$9,000 to complete the updated report on our behalf.

All elements of the study are specified and required by HUD. The information contained in the report regarding impediments to housing is already relatively well known in Durham, as are the variety of activities which might help alleviate those challenges. "Fair housing," as defined by the federal government, is housing discrimination based on belonging to a protected class. The City does enforcement inside the City limits and the state does enforcement in unincorporated parts of the County, so Durham County has no direct role in fair housing issues as defined by the federal government.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: The report itself is not so relevant, but receiving the CDBG grant funds would help provide safe, affordable housing for numerous Durham residents, which supports aspects of Goals 1, 2, and 3 in the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff ; Emily Edmonds (Withers & Ravenel) ; Aspen Romeyn (TJCOG)

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve and adopt the attached Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Report and Fair Housing Plan.

County Manager: _____