

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

2012 RESOLUTION 17

Participation in Southern Wisconsin Housing Consortium

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing has decided to implement a new process for awarding limited federal Community Development Block Grant Housing funds to communities beginning with 2012 funding awards; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has been grouped into a 10-county area shown on the attached map, with Columbia County volunteering to serve as the lead county for the consortium; and

WHEREAS, housing rehabilitation projects have not been a function of Washington County government, but have been an important service offered by some municipalities, including the City of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Housing has notified the County that unless a resolution authorizing our participation in the Housing Consortium is approved by the County Board, none of our residents or communities will be eligible to apply to Columbia County for CDBG Housing funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford has specifically requested that the County take necessary steps to allow the City and its residents to access these housing rehabilitation funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to allow municipalities and residents access to the CDBG funds mentioned herein with a declaration by Washington County that it shall have no financial or administrative responsibility for the CDBG Housing program operated by the Division of Housing and by Columbia County for the participating counties in the designated region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that Washington County hereby authorizes and requests our participation as part of the designated CDBG Housing Consortium (Southern Wisconsin Housing Consortium) headed by Columbia County for the purposes stated herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0301, Columbia County, the Southern Consortium and Washington County agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such funds and agree to cooperate in the implementation of the submitted CDBG program, as approved by the Department of Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairperson shall appoint a representative to serve on the regional housing consortia board for a two year term, to be concurrent with the reorganization of the Board of Supervisors.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County's participation is limited to any
2 municipality wishing to directly access the consortium funds, on the condition that the
3 municipality first enter into an agreement between the municipality and the County requiring the
4 municipality to undertake all fiscal and administrative obligations associated with the funds.
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8 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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10 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution authorizing participation in Southern Wisconsin
11 Housing Consortium.
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13 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
14 (signed by Kimberly A. Nass) COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.
15 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney
16 Dated 6/19/12)

17 (signed by Herbert J. Tennes)
18 Considered 6/19/12 Herbert J. Tennes, Chairperson

19 Adopted 6/19/12

20 Ayes 28 Noes 0 Absent 2

21 Voice Vote _____

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23 (No fiscal effect - allows municipalities in the County to participate in the program.)