STAFF REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR YEAR 2009-10 COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

1. Project Name/Title: Vaughn Commons **Common Wealth Development** 2. Agency Name: 2009 3. Requested Amount: \$378,000 2010 \$ 🛛 New Continuing (Prior Year Level \$ Project Type: 4.) Framework Plan Objective Most Directly Addressed by Proposed Activity: 5. A. Housing – Owner-occupied housing ΠG. Strengthening Madison's Neighborhoods – Civic places B. Housing – Housing for homebuyers 🗌 L. Strengthening Madison's Neighborhoods -D. Housing – Rental housing Comprehensive revitalization E. Business Development – Business M1. Access to Community Resources – Low/moderate income persons seeking housing creating jobs F. Business Development – Micro-M2. Access to Community Resources – Homeless services K. Access to Community Resources – Capital facilities business

6. Product/Service Description:

Common Wealth is seeking funds to purchase Vaughn Common Housing site from the limited partner investors in order to maintain the units as affordable housing.

7. Anticipated Accomplishments (Numbers/Type/Outcome):

Common Wealth will acquire 8 units of housing, maintain 7 of the units as affordable rental units for families < 80% AMI and turn one unit into an owner occupied unit for a household < 80% AMI, under their existing lease purchase contract.

Total Cost/Total Beneficiaries Equals:	896,204 preserves 8 existing affordable housing units
CD Office Funds/CD-Eligible Beneficiaries Equals:	426,054 for 8 units; \$54,000 for each rental unit and \$48,054 of their existing program income funds for the owner occupied lease purchase unit.
CD Office Funds as Percentage of Total Budget:	48%

8. Staff Review (content, strengths/weaknesses, issues):

This is a project which the CDBG Office originally assisted 15 years ago with a long term deferred loan of \$31,000. This loan will be repaid upon the acquisition of the properties by Common Wealth.

CDBG funds are being requested to assist Common Wealth to acquire and rehabilitate a low income tax credit property where they have been acting as general partner for 15 years. The properties tax credits have expired and the limited partners are seeking to sell their interest in the project. Common Wealth wants to buy out the limited investors, rehabilitate each of the 8 units; maintain 7 of them as affordable rental units and have 1 unit become an owner occupied unit through the lease purchase program. If Common Wealth does not buy out the limited investors they will sell the units on the open market and the affordability of the units may be lost

The rental units currently serve 5 households with incomes between 50 and 80% AMI and 2 households with incomes less than 50% AMI. The single family home is currently vacant.

By assisting this project we help maintain existing affordable rental units at the same time we increase the options for affordable owner occupied units in the Marquette Neighborhood.

Common Wealth is requesting only 6% of the funds for the rental units be applied to soft costs. They are intending to use \$ 48,054 of their lease purchase CDBG program income contract funds toward the acquisition and rehabilitation of the lease purchase unit at 1120 Williamson Street.

Date of Review: 6/23/2008

Staff Reviewer: Barb Constans

Technical and Regulatory Issues	Project information
Within unit, capital, mortgage limits	⊠ yes □ no
Within Subsidy layering limits	🖾 yes 🔲 no
Environmental Review issues	⊠ yes 🔲 no
Eligible project	⊠ yes □ no
Conflict of interest	⊠ yes 🔲 no
Church/State issues	⊠ yes □ no
Accessibility of program	🖾 yes 🗌 no
Accessibility of structure	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Lead-based paint issues	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Relocation/displacement	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Zoning restrictions	□ yes □ no
Inclusionary Zoning	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Fair Labor Standards	☐ yes ☐ no
Vulnerable populations	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Matching Requirement	🗌 yes 🔲 no
Period of Affordability for HOME funds	⊠ yes 🗋 no
Supplanting issues	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Living wage issues	🗌 yes 🖾 no
MBE goal	🗌 yes 🖾 no
Aldermanic/neighborhood communication	□ yes □ no
Management issues:	🗌 yes 🖾 no