STAFF REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR YEAR 2009-2010 COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

1.	Project Name/Title:	Prairie Cr	ossing	Resident	Services Coordinator
2.	Agency Name:	Project Ho	ome, In	c.	
3.	Requested Amount:	\$12,800 \$12,800	2009 2010		
4.	Project Type:	New	⊠ C	ontinuing	(Prior Year Level \$12,800)
5.	5. Framework Plan Objective Most Directly Addressed by Proposed Activity:				
	 □ A. Housing – Owner-occupied housing □ B. Housing – Housing for homebuyers □ D. Housing – Rental housing □ E. Business Development – Business creating jobs 	☐ G. ☐ L. ☑ M1.	Strengthening Madison's Neighborhoods – Civic places Strengthening Madison's Neighborhoods – Comprehensive revitalization Access to Community Resources – Low/moderate income persons seeking housing		
	☐ F. Business Developme business	nt – Micro-		_	Access to Community Resources – Homeless services Access to Community Resources – Capital facilities

6. Product/Service Description:

The proposed Resident Services Coordinator position will assist current tenants of the Prairie Crossing apartments located in the Allied Dr. neighborhood who are experiencing problems that could cause them to lose their housing. Some of these tenants receive a Section 8 project-based voucher. The Coordinator will help to identify and address problems so tenants can successfully maintain their housing.

The Resident Services Coordinator will also support tenants who would otherwise not be eligible for residence at Prairie Crossing due to their credit or rental history. Once they are accepted, they will receive direct services to ensure their successful tenancy.

The Coordinator will utilize community resources to help residents address issues that are creating barriers to safe, decent and affordable housing.

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

The Resident Services Coordinator will provide services to 30 tenants. They will also support 3 tenants who would otherwise not be eligible for residence at Prairie Crossing.

Total Cost/Total Beneficiaries Equals: \$ 20,953 / 33 tenants = \$653

CD Office Funds/CD-Eligible Beneficiaries Equals: \$ 12,800 / 33 tenants = \$387

CD Office Funds as Percentage of Total Budget: 61%

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

Prairie Crossing is an apartment complex consisting of 46 residential units located in the Allied Dr. neighborhood. The occupancy rate is currently at 65 % which is an improvement for this complex but still low making it difficult to maintain cash flow. Prairie Crossing finds it difficult to attract and maintain residents due to the stigma of the Allied neighborhood. The resident services manager is a critical position to help support tenants in a variety of ways to improve the stability of the project.

For the past 2 years the Resident Manager position has been funded through the Emerging Neighborhood Fund. This project is no longer eligible for these funds due to the 2-year funding limit. CDBG funds cannot supplant City Funds. The project would need to be funded by City funded.

The Allied Dr. neighborhood is currently undergoing a significant redevelopment effort. It is important to maintain the stability of Prairie Crossing to support the redevelopment effort.

The Allied Task Force identified maintaining affordable housing as one of their top 3 priorities. Prairie Crossing is recognized as quality, affordable housing in the Allied neighborhood.

In the 2009-2010 Program Framework a preference is given to projects that equip individuals with the skills needed to improve housing tenure. This project falls within this goal.

Date of Review: 6/18/08 Staff Reviewer: Pam Rood

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
Site and Neighborhood Standard/Issues	☐ yes ⊠ no
Inclusionary Zoning Unit: Enhancement / Benefits	☐ 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