



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The CDBG 2008 Adopted Operating budget includes \$30,000 for a Fair Housing Testing Program. No additional appropriation is required.

Title

Authorizing the provision of funds to assist Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) in providing testing of potential discriminatory behavior in rental housing. (2008/06-C)

Body

Background:

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) is a community-based organization established to promote fair housing by combating illegal housing discrimination and by creating and maintaining racially and economically integrated housing patterns. MMFHC is based in Milwaukee and has a Madison satellite office, the Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison.

Project:

MMFHC to provide testing or validation of potential discriminatory behavior by rental property owners or managers based on complaints initiated by individuals. MMFHC will use a network of trained volunteer testers to determine if discrimination likely occurred and will work with the complainant to determine if a formal complaint will be filed with one of the enforcement agencies. Funds for this project were transferred from the City's Department of Civil Rights to the CDBG Office budget.

Action:

Whereas, CD staff and the CDBG Commission issued a Request for Proposals in April 2008 for testing for validation of potential behavior based on complaints initiated by individual residents and;

Whereas, MMFHC was the sole respondent to the RFP and;

Whereas, CD staff and the CDBG Commission have reviewed this proposal and find that it further the goals expressed in the Request for Proposals and in the Five-Year Community and Neighborhood Development Plan and;

Whereas, the City has \$30,000 in general revenue funds available to provide fair housing enforcement, and;

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Common Council approve the provision of \$30,000 for the following project and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with;

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council or a related affiliate for up to \$30,000 to assist MMFHC with providing testing of potential discriminatory behavior in rental housing.

NOTE: The Proposal describing the above project and the CD staff and CDBG Commission recommendation are available on file in the Council Office and in the CD Office.