



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

\$20,000 in Federal CDBG funds is available within the Community Acquisition/Rehab Fund. Use of the funds will not count toward the State expenditure limits.

Title

Authorizing the provision of CDBG funds to assist the Wisconsin Youth Company improve its neighborhood center facility in ways that address City, Community and Neighborhood Development Objectives.

Body

AGENCY:

The Wisconsin youth Company is a community agency based in Madison established over 30 years ago to promote and manage recreational and social development programs for youth and their families. It operates within Dane County and Waukesha County but its headquarters are located on McKenna Boulevard in the southwestern part of Madison. The organization currently manages 45 program sites, and serves over 7,000 youth and their families yearly.

PROJECT:

Over the last several years, the Wisconsin Youth Company has converted some of its McKenna Boulevard space into programming space for use by other community and human service groups serving the larger neighborhood. In 2006, the Council approved the use of \$40,000 in Allied/Emerging Neighborhood funds to help the Youth Company provide coordination, space, and outreach for community groups serving area residents. The Youth Company space has evolved into a neighborhood center and currently includes 16 groups that provide services to youth and their families in the area. The organization would be able to serve more families and host more groups if they were able to install a flexible divider wall within its gymnasium, in effect creating twice the programming space than available now.

ACTIONS:

WHEREAS, the CDBG program, as amended, and its implementing regulations located at 24 CFR Part 42, permit the City of Madison to help community agencies that serve lower income people;

WHEREAS, CD staff and the CDBG Commission have reviewed this proposal and find that it furthers the goals expressed in the Five-Year Community and Neighborhood Development Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council approve the provision of funds for the following project, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with:

Wisconsin Youth Company or a related affiliate for up to \$20,000 in CDBG toward the installation and related costs of a wall divider within its gymnasium

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistance be offered on terms adopted in the 2005-2006 Framework for Community and Neighborhood Development, such that the assistance to the organization be offered in the form of a deferred payment loan payable upon change of use or sale, with repayment equal to the greater of the amount of CDBG funds invested in the property or the percent of appraised value that the funds represent in the value of the property.

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.