



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Funding of \$75,000 is included in the 2007 CDBG adopted operating budget, program #46, "Building Trades Council." No additional expenditure is required.

Title

Approving the designation of Centro Hispano as the administrator of a 2007 CDBG Office operating budget Building Trades Council initiated project to help promote pre-apprenticeship training for residents of the Allied neighborhood and other areas, and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement to implement the project.

Body

BACKGROUND:

The Common Council adopted a 2007 operating budget that provided \$75,000 to the Building Trades Council to administer a pilot program to recruit lower-income City residents and help them prepare to qualify for various building trade apprenticeship programs. The focus of this program is initially on the Allied area, with broader expansion to other areas. The program is patterned after a Milwaukee model that has gained support from various employers and trade unions to enable the Milwaukee program to expand and become self-supporting.

Under standard practices, the City, through CDBG Office, would contract with the Building Trades Council to implement the project. The Building Trades Council indicated during negotiation of the contract that it would prefer to have the Centro Hispano organization serve as the fiscal agent for the project, and agreed to the development of a three-party contract detailing the various components and responsibilities for the program; Based on that information, the Council approved resolution 5304 on January 16, 2007 to designate Centro Hispano as fiscal agent.

Further discussions have led to a Building Trades Council and Centro Hispano request to have the City contract with Centro Hispano as the administering agency. It is the intent of both groups to have Centro Hispano supervise the employees in the implementation of the project, with the advice of a "START" (Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Training) advisory committee.

ACTIONS:

Whereas, the City of Madison CDBG staff have reviewed the proposal for a two-party agreement, and conclude that it would be in the City's best interest to enter into such an agreement in order to initiate the program on a timely basis,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Common Council rescind resolution 05304 and designate Centro Hispano as the contractor agency for the Building Trades Council initiated project, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Centro Hispano that would implement the project.