

Legislation Text

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Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region Funding for Single-Family Rehabilitation

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region for single-family rehabilitation in the amount of \$2,000,000, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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Explanation

- Each year, the City of Charlotte receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 - In Fiscal Year 2022, the City received \$5,952,854 in CDBG funding.
- The funds are designed to provide a broad range of assistance for low- and moderate-income residents.
- Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region (Habitat) is requesting \$2,000,000 of CDBG funding to continue partnering with the City to rehabilitate the homes of low- and moderate-income families through its Critical Home Repair Program.
- The proposed funding will assist in the rehabilitation of 100 homes owned by low- and moderate-income homeowners over a two-year period.
- Repairs will focus on increasing the useful life of the structure and homeowner safety. Repairs typically include heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, and roofing systems along with safety improvements to flooring, stairs, and the installation of ramps.
- Since 2010, Habitat has played a significant role in the City's housing rehabilitation strategy. To date, the City of Charlotte and Habitat have partnered on the repair of over 600 homes.
- The need for housing rehabilitation services outpaces the City's ability to respond to every request. By partnering with Habitat, City funding is leveraged with private donations and volunteer labor resulting in an increased impact of the City's investment.

Background

- On August 27, 2018, City Council adopted the Housing Charlotte Framework, which recommends expanding the supply of high-quality housing by building new affordable housing, preserving existing naturally occurring affordable housing, and promoting family-self-sufficiency initiatives such as homeownership. The proposed project is consistent with the plan and utilizes innovative approaches considered best practices.
- The proposed project is consistent with the HUD Annual Action Plan (Plan) adopted by City Council on April 26, 2021. The Plan:
 - Identifies the need for affordable, safe, and decent housing for low- and moderate-income families, and
 - Reaffirms three basic goals of the City's housing policy:

- Preserve the existing housing stock;
- Expand the supply of affordable housing; and
- Support family self-sufficiency initiatives.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This is a contract with a waiver of solicitation for services and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Community Development Block Grant