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**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

ITEM 6, FILE #090147

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File Number 090147 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of a Milwaukee Youth Construction-Project A funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) from the U.S. Department of Labor through the Community Development Grants Administration.

Background

1. In 2008, the Milwaukee area received 2 congressional appropriations to support youth construction training programs with awards going to the City of Milwaukee and Northcott Neighborhood House (NNH). The City of Milwaukee is the awardee and fiscal agent of Milwaukee Youth Construction Training Program-Project A with the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) sub-granted to act as program operator. MAWIB will further contract with NNH as sub-sub grantee to provide direct training and participant services.
2. NNH received its own separate appropriation and their appropriation will be known as Milwaukee Youth Construction Training Program-Project B. Whereas Project A includes MAWIB and NNH under the City of Milwaukee congressional appropriation, Project B only includes NNH and the NNH congressional appropriation.
3. This resolution authorizes the Department of Administration Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) to apply for, accept and fund a Milwaukee Youth Construction Training Program-Project A.
4. This is a new grant.

Discussion

1. The Milwaukee Youth Construction Training Program-Project A will use the National Youth Build design to teach the skills of construction and corresponding soft skills. Project A will provide 18 disadvantaged youth with construction skills, training and GED/vocational education.
2. Project A will recruit and train 18 at-risk youth ages 16-24. Youth who need assistance completing their GED and skill training in the construction industry will be targeted under this grant. Participants will be identified and assessed to determine their aptitudes, interests and capacity to successfully benefit from the Milwaukee Youth Construction Training Program.
3. The boundaries for the project area are from 6th Street (east) to 35th Street (west) and from Vliet Street (south) to Capitol Drive (north). The actual construction site, for the current year, will be 2601 and 2607 West Cherry Street.

4. The intent of the project is to construct 5 homes over 2 years which are situated in U.S. Census tract 121, in the 4TH Aldermanic District.
5. The grant funds will be received by the city and disbursed into subcontracts and leases through the Community Development Grants Administration to the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board.
6. The grant period is from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$238,755, of which 100% would be provided by the grantor.
2. \$226,962 will be used for Services (sub-contracts) and \$11,793 will be used for Equipment (indirect costs).

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