

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board

From: Matt Hart, Executive Director

CC: Pauline Yoder, Chief Operating Officer

Meeting Date: February 22, 2023

Subject: Resolution to Accept Community Funding Grant of \$2 MM for Crumbling Foundations

Background: Beginning in the early 90's, homeowners in the CRCOG region started reporting that their concrete foundations were crumbling. Pyrrhotite was identified as the source of the crumbling foundations. Once the problem was identified, the region and the state took numerous steps to assist households affected by this problem, including the creation of a CRCOG program to identify qualified professionals to make repairs, and the establishment of a captive insurance company. Since the cost of replacing a crumbling foundation is a major expense, low- and moderate-income households need assistance to finance the repair above and beyond that provided by the state's Crumbling Foundations Solutions Indemnity Company (CFSIC) remediation program.

In 2022, Congressman Courtney's office successfully obtained approval of a \$2 million Community Project Funding Grant under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CRCOG is the grantee and will coordinate with CFSIC to administer this program that will be specifically directed towards low-and moderate-income households.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: Low- and moderate- income households suffering from the crumbling foundations issue in the CRCOG and Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments regions will be able to receive additional assistance to remediate their homes. This initiative will also help maintain property values and the grand lists in impacted communities.

Financial/Operational Impact: The grant will cover administrative and program management costs and all assistance offered to accepted applicants. This includes costs for CRCOG staff time expended on the grant.

Project Schedule: CRCOG is requesting proposals from consultants to process applications. In addition, the project will require HUD environmental reviews. Once the Notice of Grant Award is fully executed, CRCOG staff hopes to be able to begin accepting applications within six months.

Recommendation: For the reasons outlined above, I recommend that that the Policy Board approve the Resolution to Accept the Community Project Funding for Crumbling Foundations.

Attachments: Resolution approving the acceptance Regional Performance Incentive Program Grants

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR
CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 budget included a \$2 million grant for CRCOG to help cover the expense of remediating of crumbling foundations for homes owned by low to moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued a grant award package; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG will receive funds from HUD to administer this project and to assist low- and moderate- income households suffering from crumbling foundations; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG and Crumbling Foundations Solutions Indemnity Company (CFSIC) will work together throughout the remediation process to efficiently assist homeowners:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that the CRCOG Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and any addendums thereto and accept grant funds for the purposes outlined above.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board at its meeting of February 22, 2023.

BY: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary

DATE: _____