

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board; Transportation Committee

From: Maureen Goulet, Principal Program Manager

CC: Matthew Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: June 26, 2023

Subject: Approval of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consultant

Background: CRCOG received \$2 million in Congressionally Directed Spending Community Funds to identify low to moderate income (LMI) households impacted by the crumbling concrete issue to help those households to repair their foundations. This grant is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CRCOG is working with the existing CFSIC program to augment the CFSIC program specifically on behalf of LMI households.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: Homes with crumbling foundations have lower assessment value, impacting each affected town's ability to provide services funded by property taxes. Restoring these homes to their full value will stabilize that funding.

Financial/Operational Impact: Currently, the number of LMI households with crumbling foundations is unknown. The pricing includes up to \$60,000 to the vendor to develop a process to identify those households, certify the household income to determine eligibility, work with the CFSIC process to remediate foundations, and additional funding for processing each application.

Project Schedule: If approved, Housing Development Team, LLC will begin developing the program to remediate crumbling foundations for LMI households as soon as we have an executed Notice of Grant Award. CRCOG will facilitate connecting the vendor with the affected towns and with CFSIC.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Resolution Authorizing Contract Execution Between CRCOG and Housing Development Specialists, LLC.

Attachments:

- Resolution to Authorize Award to Housing Development Specialists, LLC to Perform Work as a HUD Consultant

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AWARD TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS, LLC TO PERFORM WORK AS A HUD CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the CRCOG region is significantly and negatively impacted by the crumbling concrete foundation problem caused by the presence of pyrrhotite in concrete aggregate;

WHEREAS, CRCOG has received \$2,000,000.00 through Congressionally Directed Funding from Connecticut's 2nd District for a program to target low to moderate income households (LMI) that have been impacted by the crumbling foundation problem; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban development administers the Congressionally Directed Funding grant; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG conducted a competitive solicitation to select the firm best suited to provide the services to develop a program compliant with HUD requirements that will identify the targeted households and work with the existing framework for remediating crumbling foundations; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG staff has identified Housing Development Specialists, LLC as qualified to provide those services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CRCOG Policy Board authorizes its Executive Director to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in negotiating, executing, and amending and entering into a contract agreement with Housing Development Specialists, LLC to carry out the professional services required to develop and manage the program with the oversight of CRCOG staff.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Capitol Region Council of Governments certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Capitol Region Council of Governments Transportation Committee, acting as the Policy Board, on June 26, 2023.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Secretary