

Agenda Item Summary

To: Transportation Committee, Policy Board

From: Maureen Goulet, Principal Program Manager

CC: Matthew Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: July 24, 2023

Subject: Correction of Department of Housing and Urban Development Consultant

Background: At its meeting on June 26, 2023, the Transportation Committee acting on behalf of the Policy Board approved this contract. However, there was an error in both the Agenda Item Summary and resolution from that meeting that needs to be corrected: the consultant's company name is Housing Development Specialists, LLC, and it had been incorrectly listed as Housing Development Team, LLC.

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. In addition, the stress caused by having a home with a crumbling foundation has a negative effect on the health of the family that lives in that home. Repairing that foundation can ease the stress and improve the health and well-being of residents.

Financial/Operational Impact: Currently, the number of LMI households with crumbling foundations is unknown. The pricing would include \$60,000 to the vendor to develop a process to identify those households, certify the household income to determine eligibility, and work together with the current CRCOG and CFSIC process, through project closeout. Please see attached fee proposal for specifics.

Project Schedule: If approved, Housing Development Specialists, 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 the correction of the Contract Between CRCOG and Housing Development Specialists, LLC.

Attachments:

- Resolution to Authorize Award to Consultant to Create Program for Low to Moderate Income Households with Crumbling Concrete Foundations

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AWARD TO CONSULTANT TO CREATE PROGRAM FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WITH CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS

WHEREAS, the CRCOG region is significantly and negatively impacted by the crumbling concrete foundation problem caused by the presence of pyrrhotite in concrete aggregate from housing built in the 1980's to 2011 in our region;

WHEREAS, CRCOG and our affected member towns have been leaders in raising awareness of the problem, developing programs to assist homeowners, making the issue a priority of our legislative agenda, and providing input on programs to provide funding through the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company (CFSIC) captive insurance program; and

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 that have been impacted by the crumbling foundation problem and do not have the resources to pay for the foundation replacement; and

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

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 Policy Board on July 23, 2023.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Secretary