



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 8.

DATE OF MEETING: November 16, 2009

REQUESTED BY: Rick Benton, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Application for Housing Finance Agency Urgent Repair Program (2010 Cycle)

BACKGROUND: The Housing Finance Agency is soliciting applications for their Urgent Repair Program for the 2010 funding cycle. \$2 million is available, and the maximum grant for a county is \$75,000. The program enables funding to provide grants up to \$5,000 for emergency and critical home repairs/modifications to very low-income owner-occupied homes with one or more full-time household members with special needs (elderly, disabled, or a child 6 or under with an elevated blood-lead level). Applications are due by December 14. The HFA prefers to make funding awards to non-profits who use volunteers and other donations of services/materials to get more "bang" for their grant dollar; or to local governments who are willing to work in partnership with non-profits to administer the program. The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to develop and submit an application for the Urgent Needs Program, in a manner which puts Pender in the best competitive position for being awarded.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing the County Manager to develop and submit a 2010 Housing Finance Agency Urgent Repair Program grant application.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

The County Manager is authorized to develop and submit a competitive 2010 Housing Finance Agency Urgent Repair Program grant application on behalf of Pender County. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate ___ Brown ___ Blanchard ___ Rivenbark ___ Williams ___

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman Date

ATTEST Date



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: A. Robert Kucab, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ARK", written over the printed name of the Executive Director.

DATE: October 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Notice of Funds Available under the **Urgent Repair Program**

I am pleased to announce the availability of \$2 million under the 2010 cycle of the Urgent Repair Program (URP10). Program funding enables recipient organizations to provide grants of up to \$5,000 for emergency home repairs and modifications to very low-income owner-occupied homes with one or more fulltime household members with special needs (e.g., elderly, disabled, or a child 6 or under with an elevated blood-lead level). Household incomes cannot exceed 50% of area median income.

Nonprofit organizations, local governments and regional councils with the technical capacity to manage residential construction projects are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants must cover service areas with a population of 5,000 or greater.

The maximum funding amount is \$150,000 for projects serving two or more counties in their entirety, \$75,000 for projects serving a single county or less, or \$37,500 for the twenty-five units of local government that receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. These "Entitlements" are the cities of Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Jacksonville, Kannapolis, Lenoir, Morganton, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Wilmington and Winston-Salem, plus Cumberland and Wake counties.

Application forms and Application Guidelines will be available after November 1, 2009 by downloading from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's web site (www.nchfa.com), or by contacting Jim Cook at 919-877-5707 or jcook@nchfa.com. Completed applications must be received by NCHFA by 5:00 pm, December 14, 2009.

For more information about this program, please call Dick Smith-Overman (919-877-5628), Mike Handley (919-877-5627) or Cal Jordan (919-877-5632).