SPOKANE Agenda Sheet	for City Council	Meeting of:	Date Rec'd	9/1/2021
09/13/2021			Clerk's File #	RES 2021-0075
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Submitting Dept	CITY COUNCIL		Cross Ref #	
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Agenda Item Type	Resolutions		Requisition #	
Agenda Item Name	0320 - RAPID CAPITA	L HOUSING ACQU	ISITION RFP RESOLU	TION

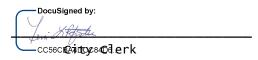
Agenda Wording

Stating the intent to commit funds through a prompt RFP process for the rapid acquisition or rental of real property utilizing the Department of Commerce's Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition grant opportunity.

Summary (Background)

In July 2021, Washington State Department of Commerce released a NOFA to solicit applicants to apply for funding for hotel/motel rapid conversion projects. This grant requires local matching funds and a 3-year operating support contract. This resolution commits up to \$1m/year for operation support for three years as well as the required local match for a successful RFP and RCHA grant recipient. Funding specifics will be determined at a later date if a grant is awarded.

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Briefing Paper Urban Experience

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Committee(s) Impacted: Urban Experience	
Type of Agenda item:	
Alignment: Comprehensive Plan	
Housing Action Plan	
Spokane City/COC 5 year plan to Prevent and End Homelessness	
Strategic Initiative: Safe and Healthy Urban Experience	
Deadline: Filed for consideration on 9/13/21	
Outcome: (deliverables, Increasing number of affordable housing and shelter units	
delivery duties, milestones to meet)	
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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0075

A Resolution stating the City Council's intent to commit funds through a prompt request for proposal (RFP) process for the rapid acquisition or rental of real property for use as stable shelter or housing opportunities for extremely low-income people, as well as individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, and young people experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, Mayor Woodward proclaimed a housing emergency, identifying a lack of housing diversity and affordable housing options; and

WHEREAS, housing instability has been shown to drive a wide range of social and economic ills, such as increased crime and recidivism; lower educational attainment; poorer physical, mental, and social health outcomes; reduced social capital; and greater susceptibility to transmissible diseases, such as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane has adopted a Housing Action Plan which identifies four priorities:

- Increase housing supply, options, and affordability for people at all income levels;
- Preserve housing affordability and quality to help people thrive where they live;
- Enhance equitable access to housing and homeownership;
- Leverage and grow partnerships to supporting housing initiatives across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Housing chapter of the City's Comprehensive Plan states that the City will "[s]upport and assist the public and private sectors to develop lower-income or subsidized housing for households that cannot compete in the market for housing by using federal, state, and local aid" (Policy H 1.10); and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan Housing Element adopts a vision and values for housing in Spokane, and twenty-nine policies that fall under one of the two adopted goals:

- Provide opportunities for a variety of housing types that is safe and affordable for all income levels to meet the diverse housing needs of future and current residents; and
- Improve the overall quality of Spokane's housing; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing stakeholders have identified potential opportunities for rapid acquisition of property for stable housing or shelter opportunities for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Commerce ("Commerce"), through the Washington Housing Trust Fund, recently issued a Notice of Funds Availability for a Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition ("RCHA") grant; and

WHEREAS, the RCHA grant provides funds for the acquisition or rental of real property for rapid conversion into enhanced emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, permanent housing, youth housing, drop-in centers, or shelters for extremely low-income people, as well as individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, and young people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the RCHA grant requires both local matching funds and a three-year operating support contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Spokane should within 20 days of the adoption of this resolution begin the process of issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for applicants seeking rapid acquisition funding.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Spokane City Council commits that the City of Spokane will fund up to \$1,000,000 per year for three years for operating expenses, plus the required capital match for the successful recipient of Department of Commerce Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition funding, as selected via the RFP process, for the acquisition or rental real property for rapid conversion into enhanced emergency shelters, permeant supportive housing, transitional housing, permanent housing, youth housing, drop-in shelters or basic shelters for extremely low-income people, as well as individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, and young people experiencing homelessness.

Passed by the City Council this 13th day of September, 2021.

Approved as to form:

Docusigned by:

Mike ficcolo

Assistant City Attorney

