



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Appropriate and Authorize \$37,500.00 from the Ann Arbor Housing Trust Fund (AAHTF) to Support the Washtenaw County Housing Needs Assessment **(8 Votes Required)**

Washtenaw County’s Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) has solicited proposals from consultants to prepare an update to the 2007 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. The final report will provide a clear, easy-to-understand assessment of the local housing market, identify current and future housing needs, and provide specific and implementable policy recommendations to advance affordable housing. The goal for this update is to include an analysis that links transportation cost and accessibility, as well as other environmental and quality of life issues, to the location of affordable housing.

The Housing and Human Services Advisory Board (HHSAB) recommended approval of expenditure up to \$37,500 from AAHTF for the update. The Sustainable Communities Grant will be expended completely first, with any remaining costs split equally between the DDA and AAHTF sources.

Recommended Allocation

Sustainable Communities Grant	\$ 75,000.00
Proposed DDA Contribution (up to)	\$ 37,500.00
<u>Proposed City Contribution (AAHTF) (up to)</u>	<u>\$ 37,500.00</u>
Total cost	\$150,000.00

The update will provide numerical targets, budget needs, and policy recommendations related to affordable housing in Washtenaw County, as well as individually for the communities that make up the County’s urban core, including: City of Ann Arbor, Downtown Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Ypsilanti Township.

Washtenaw County issued a RFP for this work and eight proposals were received. After evaluation of the technical proposals, 3 firms were selected for interviews. After interviews, CZB Associates was selected to perform the work. The budget below includes an initial contract amount of \$92,800. The balance of the budget will be allocated to any scope changes that are determined necessary (e.g. additional outreach, additional analysis, and/or additional policy development based on data).

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Whereas, Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) through their administration of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Challenge Planning Grant has solicited proposals for an Affordable Housing Needs and Target Report for Washtenaw County;

Whereas, The Target Report will, in addition to County wide needs, provide specific

recommendations for target areas including the City of Ann Arbor as a whole and Downtown Ann Arbor;

Whereas, The final report will provide a clear, easy-to-understand assessment of the local housing market, identify current and future housing needs, and provide specific and implementable policy recommendations to advance affordable housing;

Whereas, The report will update the 2007 Washtenaw County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment with a focus on an analysis that links transportation cost and accessibility, as well as other environmental and quality of life issues, to the location of affordable housing; and

Whereas, The Housing and Human Services Advisory Board recommended the use of up to \$37,500 from the AAHTF in support of this assessment;

Budget

Sustainable Communities Grant	\$ 75,000.00
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RESOLVED, That City Council approves the use of \$37,500.00 from the AAHTF to support the Washtenaw County Housing Needs Assessment; and

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$37,500.00 from the AAHTF balance without regard to fiscal year for the Washtenaw County Housing Needs Assessment.