



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH (HRA) FOR THE COMMUNITY PLANNING DIVISION TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute an agreement for services, substantially the same as the attached Exhibit A, with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth (HRA), to accept a total of \$25,000 in year one of the agreement, and if extended, \$25,000 in year two of the agreement, to provide environmental review services for HRA projects associated with requirements of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding shall partially fund staffing to accomplish said services in the community planning division, community development team, over a period of one year initially or two years if extended, said monies to be deposited into fund number 265-020-4654-02 (CD and Housing Administration, Planning, Other Reimbursements & Refunds).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the proper city officials to execute an agreement with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth (HRA) for the services and funding for one year initially, and two years if extended, to provide environmental review services for HRA projects, consistent with federal requirements for expenditures of federal funds within the city of Duluth.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has recently modified its requirements for completion of environmental reviews, requiring a different level of review for projects and maintenance to public housing assets such as multi-family buildings or scattered site housing. HUD has determined that the city, as the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58, "Local Government Review," must make a determination, or an environmental finding, about such improvements.