

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: 9-11-2014**

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager

**FROM: Jon C. James, Director
Planning and Development Services**

SUBJECT: Written Resolution Re-certifying Habitat for Humanity-Abilene, Inc. as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and Commitment of HOME Funds

GENERAL INFORMATION

Approval and recertification by the City of Abilene is a condition for the receipt of HOME funds for a CHDO. Habitat for Humanity-Abilene, Inc. (Habitat) has been a certified CHDO since March 1995, and has received HOME funds to expand the availability of safe, dependable and affordable housing for qualified low- and moderate-income families. Habitat has updated its CHDO application and has submitted a request for CHDO recertification. They meet the CHDO requirements for board representation and their latest independent audit meets the CHDO standards.

Since 1990, Habitat has completed 129 homes in Abilene, assisted 157 low- to moderate-income families composed of 266 adults and 460 children; and has partnered with the City of Abilene as a CHDO on 67 single-family homes. City CHDO funds are currently being used on three new constructions with plans for three more in 2015.

Habitat has partnered with over 79 service clubs, church groups, businesses, military personnel and schools during the past year. The 2,283 volunteers worked 10,229 hours in 2013/14 to help Habitat remain committed to creating home ownership opportunities for moderate-income families. Recently, Habitat incorporated the Abilene Volunteer Weatherization Program into their work, weatherizing 45-50 houses each fall.

The proposed resolution re-certifies Habitat as a CHDO and authorizes staff to disburse HOME funds as appropriate.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

No impact to General Fund. All funding is from HOME entitlement funds, a portion of which is specifically set aside for certified CHDOs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed resolution

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Disposition by City Council

- Approved Ord/Res# _____
- Denied _____
- Other _____

City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS APPROVING THE RE-CERTIFICATION OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-ABILENE, INC., AS A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO), AND AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENT OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has designated the City of Abilene as a Participating Jurisdiction eligible to receive formula funding from the HOME Program as authorized by Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (PL 101-625), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene is awarded an annual entitlement under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, not less than fifteen percent (15%) of HOME funds must be invested in housing to be developed, sponsored or owned by qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs); and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity-Abilene, Inc. has previously been certified a CHDO and has satisfied the requirements to be recertified as a CHDO and as such will undertake activities to expand and develop safe, decent and affordable housing for moderate-income households in Abilene;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1. Having met the requirements for recertification, the City of Abilene approves recertification for Habitat for Humanity-Abilene, Inc. as a CHDO and recognizes it as eligible to receive HOME funds for the acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of single-family homes.

Part 2. The City Manager of the City of Abilene, Texas, or his designee is hereby authorized to execute all agreements, certifications and other documents necessary and proper to complete the disbursement of HOME funds to Habitat for Humanity-Abilene, Inc.

Part 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR

APPROVED:

CITY ATTORNEY