

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive		10/21/96	RECEIVED OCT 23 1996 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/29/96	Finance / Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	RW	10/22/96			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	PK	10/21/96			

SUBJECT:

- 1) Authorization to enter into agreement with Washington State Community, Trade and Economic Development, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for acceptance of \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant.
- 2) Authorization to enter into agreement with Whatcom Self-Help Homes, subrecipient of above grant project.
- 3) Associated resolutions pertaining to state and federal regulations in accepting the above grant funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement, Washington State CTED
 2. Agreement, Whatcom Self-Help Homes (subrecipient)
- The following resolutions are required by federal law when accepting block grant funds. They will be valid for future block grants as well:
3. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of CTED Community Block Grant for 32 single family homes for low/moderate income households
 4. Resolution adopting a written code of standard of conduct governing the performance of employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts
 - ✓5. Resolution adopting Title VI Certification
 6. Resolution adopting policy protecting individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration
 7. Resolution adopting fair housing resolution
 8. Resolution adopting a grievance procedure for all Whatcom County projects using funds from the State of Washington Community Development Block Grant Program
 9. Resolution adopting an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action policy
 10. Resolution adopting a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO /X / YES / / Requested date:
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This is a package of agreements (2 ea) and resolutions (8 ea) that are tied to a block grant that Whatcom County applied for and was awarded, in the amount of \$500,000 to provide low-income housing through subrecipient, Whatcom Self-Help Homes.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1996 - 368 D 10/29/96: Approved consent 7 - 0. Res. #96-065

Number (this item only):

Res. #96-065

1 SPONSORED BY: Consent

2 PROPOSED BY: Executive

3 INTRODUCTION DATE: October 15, 1996

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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 96-065**

6 **TITLE VI CERTIFICATION**

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8 **WHEREAS**, the County of Whatcom has received a Community Development Block
9 Grant (CDBG) from the State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development which
10 will be used by the subrecipient, Whatcom Self-Help Homes, to purchase a 49 lot subdivision in
11 Whatcom County; and,

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13 **WHEREAS**, The County of Whatcom desires to adopt a Title VI Certification in
14 conjunction with this CDBG project;

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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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18 The County of Whatcom assures and certifies compliance with the following laws and regulations:

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20 1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states:

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22 “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be
23 excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to
24 discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

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26 2. Section 1.4(b)(2)(i) of the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban
27 Development issued pursuant to Title VI which require:

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29 “A recipient, in determining the types of housing, accommodations, facilities, services,
30 financial aid or other benefits which will be provided under any such program or
31 activity, or the class of persons to whom, or the situations in which, such housing
32 accommodations, facilities, services, financial aid, or other benefits will be provided
33 under any such program or activity, or the class of persons to be afforded an
34 opportunity to participate in any such program or activity, may not, directly or through
35 contractual or other arrangements, utilize criteria or methods of administration which
36 have the effect of subjecting persons to discrimination because of their race, color,
37 national origin, or have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing
38 accomplishment of the objectives of the program or activity as respect to persons of a
39 particular race, color, or national origin.”
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1 As evidence of compliance with the above law and regulations, the following information is
2 provided about the relative location, composition, and concentration of protected groups
3 within the community; opportunities to involve protected groups in the design of proposed
4 activities; and outreach activities planned to ensure that members of protected groups will
5 benefit as a result of the assisted activities:
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7 1. Protected groups are represented within the jurisdiction as follows:
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9 African American 1% Hispanic 4%
10 Asian and Pacific Island 3%
11 American Indian or Alaska Native 3%
12 All protected Groups 12%
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14 This information is based on: Census data
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16 2. The above data indicates that minority populations are scattered throughout the community,
17 with concentrations in the following areas or neighborhoods:
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19 a. Bellingham
20 b. Ferndale
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22 3. The following opportunities were provided to protected groups to participate in, and
23 comment on the design of activities to be undertaken as part of this project:
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25 a. The Whatcom County Council scheduled a general discussion of the CDBG program, its
26 allowable uses and the possible application on the published agendas for their October
27 31, 1995 Committee meeting. Public comment was requested at that meeting prior to
28 November 14th, the date of their next meeting.
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30 b. The Council office circulated a news release to all media outlets to alert the public to the
31 opportunity to comment.
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33 c. The Non Profit subrecipient circulated a news release with information about the CDBG
34 program to all media outlets.
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36 d. A legal notice was published to further alert the public about the project and the
37 invitation to comment
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39 e. Further consideration was included in the published agenda for the November 14, 1995
40 meeting of the committee reviewing the request.
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1 f. At the general County Council Meeting, the public was invited to speak to the project
2 and 10 citizens spoke in favor of the County's use of CDBG funds for the proposed housing
3 project. No one spoke against the proposal.
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5 4. There will be no minority groups, populations or portions thereof, residing in the
6 community who will not have the opportunity to be serviced by one or more of the activities
7 to be undertaken as part of the CDBG-assisted project.
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9 5. The following plan outlines the steps which will be taken to provide benefits of the CDBG-
10 assisted project to protected groups within the community:
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12 a. Equal Housing posters are displayed at the County office and at Whatcom Self-Help
13 Homes Office.
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15 b. The subrecipient, Whatcom Self-Help Homes has adopted and follows an Affirmative
16 Fair Market Housing Plan.
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18 c. Part of that plan is that each year, Whatcom Self-Help Homes, contacts representatives
19 of minority groups in Whatcom County to keep them informed of the availability of their
20 program to minority individuals.
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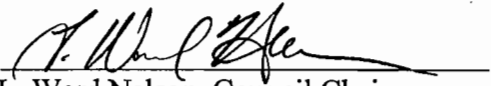
22 d. Brochures are kept at the Opportunity Council in Bellingham and they refer minority/
23 low income clients to Whatcom Self Help Homes.
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26 APPROVED this 29 day of October, 1996.
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30 ATTEST:

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34 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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38 L. Ward Nelson, Council Chair
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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39 Civil Deputy Prosecutor