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## REQUEST FOR GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD ACTION May 21, 2025

Agenda Item Number:	
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Agenda Item Description: Approve Funding Requests for Local Ho	ousing Trust Fund
Resolution Number:	
<b>Department:</b> SEMMCHRA Community Development Department	

**Action Requested/Recommendation:** Approval of \$40,000 in grant funds to Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity and \$114,224 in a deferred and forgivable 30-year loan to SEMMCHRA.

Introduction/Background/Justification/Key/Legal Issues: SEMMCHRA administers the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund in accordance with the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Ordinance.

SEMMCHRA conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) across Goodhue County (excluding the City of Red Wing) from January 2025 through March 2025 with \$175,000 available in funding for the creation or preservation of affordable housing. Three applications were received by the deadline.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, The Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee met and approved the two applications recommended for funding today. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the SEMMCHRA Board reviewed and approved funding for the two applications approved by the Subcommittee.

SEMMCHRA recommends funding Habitat for Humanity Goodhue County with \$40,000 of grant funding to develop one new affordable owner-occupied house in Kenyon.

SEMMCHRA recommended funding SEMMCHRA with \$114,224 for a 30-year deferred and forgivable loan to preserve affordability at a USDA 515 property in Lake City.

**Financial/Budgetary Impact:** There is \$175,000 available in the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund to be allocated through this RFP. The total approved funding through SEMMCHRA Board and Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee equals \$154,224. There would be \$20,776 left to be used in a future RFP

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**ATTACHMENTS:** 

## **RESOLUTION #2025-**

WHEREAS, Goodhue County has established a Housing Trust Fund to be administered by SEMMCHRA in an effort to create and preserve affordable housing within its county; and

WHEREAS, SEMMCHRA has established an annual process to conduct a consistent and competitive Request for Proposals on behalf of Goodhue County to utilize the Housing Trust Funds in accordance with the County ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the established Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee have reviewed and approved the recommended applications received through the competitive Request for Proposal process coordinated specifically for the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the SEMMCHRA Board has reviewed and approved the recommended applications received through the competitive Request for Proposal process coordinated specifically for the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Board, according to the County ordinance, is required to approve the funding of SEMMCHRA, for \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a 30-year, deferred and forgivable loan to be used to preserve the affordability of a multi-family project in Goodhue County, Lake City, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the awardees must utilize the funds by 12/31/2026; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the 2025 Request for Proposal for the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund has resulted in the approval of two awards: 1) Habitat for Humanity of Goodhue County for \$ and 2) Lewiston Housing Partnership for \$
Adopted in Goodhue, Minnesota this 20th day of May, 2025.
GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Chair
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Attest:

Scott Arneson County Administrator