

## STAFF REPORT

June 29, 2020

**Topic:** Request to schedule three (3) public hearings on July 13, 2020 during the regular City Council Meeting regarding:

1. A proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Housing funds. The CDBG funds will be used for improvements to the Laconia Housing Authority's properties. The project includes 70 - 98 energy efficient and handicap accessible door replacement units with windows, and other housing improvements at Sunrise Towers. Also, a wall renovation between the upper and lower parking lots between Sunrise Towers, 25 Union Ave, and Sunrise House, 423 South Main St., to enhance accessibility for all tenants, especially those with mobility issues, to allow them to access service amenities at both properties. The clients at the properties are of low and moderate income and with disabilities.
2. The Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for this project. Temporary relocation may be necessitated by this project. If temporary relocation is required, tenants may be moved to a unit on site or to a local hotel. LHA will pay relocation costs. The project will follow the Uniform Relocation Act.
3. The progress on Lakes Region Community Developers renovations at 85-87 Elm St, a four-unit property. A unit needs a complete rehabilitation, and the project includes roofing, siding repairs, and replacement of a fire escape. The project is 70% complete.

**Discussion:** Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for economic development projects, up to \$500,000 for public facility and housing projects, and up to \$500,000 for emergency activities. Up to \$12,000 is available per planning study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low and moderate income persons.

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**This report submitted by:** Cheryl Hebert

**Proposed motion:**

1. *"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on July 13, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Housing funds. The CDBG funds will be used for improvements to the Laconia Housing Authority's properties. The project includes 70 - 98 energy efficient and handicap accessible door replacement units with windows, and other housing improvements at Sunrise Towers. Also, a wall renovation between the upper and lower parking lots between Sunrise Towers, 25 Union Ave, and Sunrise House, 423 South Main St., to enhance accessibility for all tenants, especially those with mobility issues, to allow them to access service amenities*

*at both properties. The clients at the properties are of low and moderate income and with disabilities.*

2. *"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on July 13, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for this project. If temporary relocation is required, tenants may be moved to a unit on site or to a local hotel. LHA will pay relocation costs. The project will follow the Uniform Relocation Act."*
3. *"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on July 13, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the progress on Lakes Region Community Developers renovations at 85-87 Elm St, a four-unit property. A unit needs a complete rehabilitation, and the project includes roofing, siding repairs, and replacement of a fire escape. The project is 70% complete."*