

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

09-0072R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF \$250,000 IN HOME CHDO FUNDS TO DEVELOP ENERGY EFFICIENT-FRIENDLY HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND AUTHORIZING A 2008 HOME PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN COMMUNITIES LAND TRUST (NCLT) TO IMPLEMENT A GREEN REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to accept the grant funds to enter into a HOME agreement with NCLT substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, the amount payable thereunder of \$250,000 from 260 020-5434 CD08HM CH08-2273.

Approved for presentation to council:

Chief Administrative Officer/
Department Director

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution is to award the Northern Communities Land Trust (NCLT) \$250,000 in federal HOME program funds, from the department of housing and urban development's "competitive reallocation of CHDO funds to provide energy efficient and environmentally friendly housing for low-income families."

In 2008, staff of the city's community development division and NCLT collaborated on an application to HUD for funding the "greening city homes" project, which will result in energy improvements in ten Duluth homes. Of the 625 jurisdictions across the country that participate in HUD's HOME program, only six were selected to receive grant awards under this competition. The "greening city homes" project was the only award winner that will rehabilitate existing homes, bringing them up to "Energy Star" certification standards. The other five projects are working with new construction. "Greening city homes" will serve as a model for other cities and counties in how to achieve significant energy efficiency when rehabilitating older homes.