



City of Milwaukee Common Council

Legislative File Number 051017 (version 2)

Title

Substitute resolution creating an affordable housing task force to study issues related to establishing a City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund.

Body

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Whereas, Private businesses, community-based organizations, city, county and state agencies administer and manage various programs dedicated to ensuring that children and families are provided clean and safe shelter at affordable rents; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee continues to support and develop programs that provide quality, safe, affordable housing as a stabilizing factor for those persons and families most in need; and

Whereas, The Common Council in 2000 supported federal legislation designed to create and fund a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund, a bill that did not become law but would have leveraged funds against various publicly and privately run housing programs that serve thousands annually; and

Whereas, On October 18, 2005, the Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 050755, appropriating \$25,000 in non-tax levy funds to hire a consultant, who along with an advisory task force, will help develop the City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund (HTF); and

Whereas, It is the Common Council's intent that the advisory task force conduct various start up tasks including but not limited to, developing a formal structure for the administration of the Housing Trust Fund, recommending guidelines to select and develop worthy projects, and identifying on-going sources of revenue to support future Housing Trust Fund projects; now, therefore, be it

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designee.

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Analysis

This resolution creates an affordable housing task force to study issues related to

establishing a City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund. The task force shall identify and evaluate existing programs that benefit the homeless and economically disadvantaged to avoid duplication of services and identify their funding sources to assess the possibility of a City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund as a qualified program recipient. The task force shall participate in the RFP process to hire a consultant who will assist the task force in its work of defining the structure, goals, objectives, strategies, financial resources and programs for the City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund. The task force shall present its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within 180 days of adoption of this resolution, and shall thereafter be dissolved.

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