



TO: Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
Joann Leykam, Director of Administration  
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FROM: Michael Hurlbert, AICP, Community Development Department Director

SUBJECT: Cooperation agreements with County municipalities to requalify as an Urban County and receive Federal housing funding

DATE: May 19, 2022

I am requesting that the above-referenced item be placed on the Monday, June 13, 2022 County Council agenda.

Approval of this bill would authorize the County Executive to execute cooperation agreements with multiple municipalities in St. Charles County to re-qualify as an "Urban County" and continue receiving Federal housing and community development funding.

Since 2010, St. Charles County and multiple municipalities have by cooperative agreements formed an Urban County, through which our residents and not-for-profit agencies having qualified to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). St. Charles Urban County has chosen to use funding to support Neighborhood Stability, including housing rehabilitation and demolition, and Public Services, including essential transportation for the elderly and disabled and serving County residents living without housing. Additionally, some funding has been allocated to address a lack of affordable rental housing and for housing reports.

Existing cooperation agreements expire January 1, 2023. The draft agreement attached as Exhibit A proposes a term of three years after which agreements would automatically renew for three additional years unless any municipality would then decide to "opt out".

To requalify as an Urban County, all documentation, including fully executed cooperation agreements, must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by August 5, 2022.