DATE: December 31, 2019

TO: Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
    Joann Leykam, Director of Administration

CC: John Watson, County Counselor
    Donna Vogt, County Council

FROM: Michael Hurlbert, Director of Community Development

RE: Item for January 13, 2020 County Council Meeting

The Community Development Department is submitting the following item for the January 13, 2020 County Council Agenda.

BILL FOR INTRODUCTION:

Approval of this bill would authorize the County Executive to sign an intergovernmental agreement (attached “Professional Services Agreement”) to participate with St. Louis County, the Housing Authority of St. Louis County, Jefferson County, the City of Florissant, and the City of O’Fallon to prepare an “Analysis of Impediments to Affordable Housing” study. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that HUD-funded jurisdictions submit an Analysis of Impediments no later than January 1, 2021, and studies may be prepared by each jurisdiction individually or collectively. Joining with other members of the St. Louis Regional HOME consortium was chosen to allow coordination and cost savings. The study will identify both regional and local impediments to affordable housing and will inform the County in designing our HUD-funded programs for the period 2021-2025.

The successful bidder is experienced in preparing this report for jurisdictions across the country, including jurisdictions within the St. Louis region. Each of the six participating jurisdictions will pay one-sixth ($11,880.83) of the selected bid of $71,285. Funding for the County’s share of this study has been approved as part of the Planning and Zoning Division’s 2020 Professional Services budget.

The Department of Community Development recommends approval.