



DATE: June 16, 2021

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

CC: Rory O'Sullivan, Acting County Counselor
Donna Vogt, County Council

FROM: Michael Hurlbert, AICP, Director of Community Development

RE: Item for the July 12, 2021 County Council Meeting

The Community Development Department herewith submits the following item for the July 12, 2021 County Council Agenda.

BILL FOR INTRODUCTION:

This bill would authorize the County Executive to execute a CDBG cooperation agreement between St. Charles County and the City of Dardenne Prairie. Doing so would enable qualified residents of Dardenne Prairie to apply for programs funded through the County's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) programs, including a Home Improvement Program and Transportation Services for essential trips.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has since 2011 recognized the St. Charles Urban County as a jurisdiction entitled to receive and administer CDBG funds to benefit low-to-moderate income persons and households, prevent or eliminate blight, and to otherwise meet urgent needs. Qualifying for Urban County status requires a minimum population of 200,000, and enacting cooperation agreements with multiple jurisdictions has made that possible. In 2021, the Urban County will receive more than \$1.1 million to fund programs designed to meet the need of St. Charles County residents. Currently, the Urban County is composed of unincorporated St. Charles County as well as the municipalities of Cottleville, Lake Saint Louis, New Melle, St. Charles, St. Paul, St. Peters, Weldon Spring, and Wentzville. The City of Dardenne Prairie recently notified St. Charles County that their jurisdiction wishes to join.

The Community Development Department recommends approval of the attached bill authorizing the County Executive to sign a CDBG cooperation agreement with the City of Dardenne Prairie.