

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Approval of uses of HOME CHDO Set-Aside and HOME Program Funds for Better Community Development, Inc.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>Staff proposes utilizing HOME Investment Partnership Program Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside and HOME Program Income Funds to produce affordable housing units. Better Community Development, Inc., (BCD) was one of three (3) CHDO's that returned proposals and that were qualified to receive 15% Set-Aside HOME Funds under the Federal requirement. BCD will receive \$400,000. The funds will be used to develop four (4) affordable housing units in the City of Little Rock. These costs include acquisition, developer's fees and construction costs.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>This project is funded by the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program. The funds are a part of the 15% CHDO Set-aside requirement for certified CHDO's and HOME Program Income. A RFP was completed to obtain CHDO Funds.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>	

BACKGROUND

The City of Little Rock receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop and/or rehabilitate housing for low to moderate-income persons. A statutory requirement is that 15% of the HOME Funds be set-aside for nonprofit organizations that meet specific criteria established by HUD and have been certified as CHDOs.