

RESOLUTION NO. 27 FOR 2003

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OREGON HOUSING REHABILITATION POLICY STATEMENT.

WHEREAS, our jurisdiction recognizes that rehabilitation and preservation of the existing housing stock is a cost effective way to meet the housing needs of our low-income citizens and enables them to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS, we further recognize that all areas of the State of Oregon have a need for rehabilitation for housing owned by low-income persons and that there are not sufficient resources to meet this need; and

WHEREAS, we believe it is important that limited resources be fairly distributed and that they be utilized effectively and in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, we believe that reasonable access to and full disclosure of public records is good public policy and will help ensure equitable access to and effective use of resources for housing rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sweet Home does resolve to support the following policy statement:

The State of Oregon should make it a policy to provide geographic distribution of the funds. Particular emphasis should be placed on funding counties and cities within counties that have never received prior funding, provided that they can demonstrate the ability to carry out the program.

The percentage of federal Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to housing rehabilitation should be restored to its traditional level of 25%.

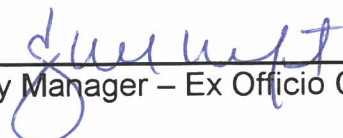
The State of Oregon should enforce the grant contract provision that requires all the money budgeted for housing rehabilitation to be committed to loans 90 days prior to the termination date. After being given the opportunity for technical assistance, funds should be recaptured from poorly performing program(s) as provided in the grant contract and given to programs that can perform.

The State should adopt a policy of full and open disclosure and reasonable, timely access to public records relating to the State's performance in administering the federal CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program.

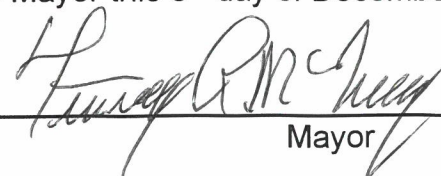
This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 9th day of December 2003.

ATTEST:



City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder



Mayor