

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE
ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA)
STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Housing Development Authority’s Strong Communities Program provides funding to municipalities, counties, and land banks to address blighted properties and eliminate factors that lower property values by providing funding for rehabilitation, or demolition in cases where properties are beyond repair and negatively impacting neighboring residences.

WHEREAS, Lee County (the “County”) prepared and submitted a grant application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority (Authority) for Round 2 of the Strong Communities Program (Program) in June of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County has been notified via a letter dated September 15, 2023, (attached Exhibit A) that it has been selected to receive One-Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$154,000) in Program grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the County’s receipt of said grant funds is contingent upon its submission of the Conditional Commitment Letter, Funding Agreement, and other documents, instruments, and certificates as may be necessary to comply with the Program guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board:

Section 1. The County Board hereby approves of the County’s participation in the Program, and that the County as the Grant recipient shall enter into the Funding Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the IHDA, wherein the IHDA agrees to fund the Grant in an amount not to exceed One-Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$154,000). The grant funding will be used by Lee County to preserve affordable housing efforts by assisting with the rehabilitation and/or demolition of abandoned properties within Lee County in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

Section 2. The Board Chairman is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver on behalf of the County, the Conditional Commitment Letter, Funding Agreement, and any and all documents, instruments, and certificates as may be necessary or desirable for the County to perform its obligations under the Agreement.

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Lee County Board Chairman

BY: _____
Lee County Clerk



111 E. Wacker Drive
Suite 1000
Chicago, IL 60601
312.836.5200

September 15, 2023

Lee County
112 E Second Street
Dixon, IL
Re: Strong Communities Program, Round 2

Dear Bob Olson,

Congratulations! We are pleased to announce your selection for participation in Round 2 of the Strong Communities Program (SCP). Your grant award amount is \$154,000.00.

Please note that your participation in Round 2 is contingent upon the execution of the Conditional Commitment Letter (CCL) and Funding Agreement. As part of the IHDA legal closing process, you will be required to submit various due diligence items, including agency/corporate documents.

Additionally, we will be hosting a legal closing webinar on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**, to discuss the required guidelines for the IHDA legal closing process, program participation, reporting, and payment schedules; your participation is required. The webinar's call-in information and timing as well as Round 2 program documents will be distributed in a separate email.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at SCPinfo@ihda.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Erdmier".

William Erdmier
Senior Program Officer & Team Lead
Community Affairs Department