

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2012

TITLE: A Resolution Considering WISE Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Applications for the Venable Building - 302 West Weaver Street

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Project EstimatesB. Resolution, Worksheet, and Loan Application from Sophie PiesseC. Resolution, Worksheet, and Loan Application from Lauren BradleyD. Resolution, Worksheet, and Loan Application from Settlement Dispute Center	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Annette D. Stone, AICP Economic and Community Development Director 919-918-7319

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a request to loan money to three individual property owners of the Venable Building located at 302 West Weaver Street for Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan funds.

INFORMATION:

The property owners of the Venable Building are applying for Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Funds. The building consists of 8 units which have been deeded as condominiums. The project will include new HVAC (which is a shared system) and windows throughout the building. The energy savings from the up-fits will create 49% savings from the current annual energy cost for the whole building. This exceeds the minimum requirements for the grant and SEEA of 15%.

Attachment A is a project estimate from pre-qualified contractors. The work being proposed is approximately \$70,000.00 with a final figure to be determined once construction begins. The applicants are collectively requesting \$63,000.00, but they are applying for individual loans.

Sophie Piesse Architect who owns 1/8 interest in the building is requesting \$9000.00. LBBradley Properites, LLC, who also owns 1/8 interest in the building is requesting \$9000.00. The Dispute Settlement Center which owns 5/8 interest in the building is requesting \$45,000.00. Each applicant has submitted to the Economic and Community Development Department information regarding the ownership and outstanding debt on each unit owned, bank financials, and credit reports. The ECD staff has compiled a worksheet summarizing the financial information necessary for considering each loan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is \$70,000.00 currently in the WISE Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan pool of money to support this application. Under the recommendation of the ESC of \$49,000.00 funding for this project, there will be \$21,000.00 left for a future project(s).

RECOMMENDATION:

The ESC voted unanimously to fund the project at 80% of the cost and to extend loans to the applicants in the following amounts and under the following terms:

Sophie Piesse Architect, PA - \$7000.00 for a period of 10 years at an interest rate of 3%.

LBBradley Properties, LLC - \$7000.00 for a period of 10 years at an interest rate of 3%.

Dispute Settlement Center - \$35,000.00 for a period of 10 years at an interest rate of 3%.