Housing and Redevelopment Authority Resolution

H2026-005

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Sponsor: Community & Economic Development

Meeting Date: 1/13/2026

Title: Environmental Response Fund Grant Awards

File Number: 2025-548

Background and Rationale:

In 1997, the Minnesota Legislature enacted Minnesota Statutes Section 383A.80 enabling Ramsey County to impose a mortgage registry and deed taxes equal to .0001 percent of the value of transferred properties in Ramsey County to establish an environmental response fund. In December 2002, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners imposed these taxes for the express purpose of creating a fund to mitigate contamination and foster redevelopment.

Applications for Environmental Response Fund (ERF) program funding are accepted on May 1st and November 1st of each year in conjunction with similar redevelopment and clean-up programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County.

Four eligible ERF applications for funding assistance were submitted for consideration in November 2025 totaling $1,360,627 in funding requests. Submissions were evaluated based on adopted Ramsey County guidelines including the degree of soil contamination clean-up, financing gap, developer capacity, project readiness and short and long-term benefits to the community. Projects are also evaluated on their ability to address the following Ramsey County goals:

- Strengthening individual, family and community health, safety and well-being.
- Cultivating economic prosperity and invest in neighborhoods with concentrated financial poverty.
- Enhancing access to opportunity and mobility for all residents and businesses.

The review committee recommends awards to three projects, including one full funding award and two partial funding awards, for a total ERF funding amount of $900,000. These awards come with the express condition that funding may be withdrawn if not spent within 18 months of approval.

These grant awards will support the creation of 173 units of housing, over 200,000 square feet of commercial space, and over 66 new jobs. For project details, see attached project descriptions.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority resolved to:

1. Approve the selection of Roseville Economic Development Authority, GloryVille, and JB Vang to receive Environmental Response Funds.
2. Authorize the award of Environmental Response Funds to the following projects:
    a. Roseville Economic Development Authority, Twin Lakes Technology Center - $500,000
    b. GloryVille LLC, GloryVille - $200,000
    c. JB Vang, Hamm's West End Development - $200,000
    3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into necessary grant, loan or other agreements and execute amendments to those agreements in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.
Motion passed.
Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By:_____
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board