Application for Brownfield Funding

Lake County Brownfield Fund Submitted June 11, 2009

Applicant:

City of Highland Park

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Date of Request:

June 11, 2009

Location of Property:

Karger Center

1850 Green Bay Road Highland Park, IL

(Legal Description, PIN, Property Survey, Aerial Photo attached)

Public/Private Partners:

Highland Park, as building owner, has extended a 35-year, \$10/per year lease to a private partner, Community Family Center (CFC), and its five long-established human service constituent agencies. The Community Family Center will provide a geographically-convenient facility family support services to young children, school age children, parents, and adults:

- Highland Park Community Nursery and Tri-Con Child Care Center: providing subsidized/affordable day care and nursery school services, to primarily income-qualified families;
- Family Network: providing parenting education, assistance, and skills-building, and Right From The Start/Desde El Principio program (RFTS), a prevention-based model that provides family support services to at-risk, primarily Spanishspeaking, low-income families with children from birth to three years of age.
- Family Services of South Lake County: providing family and individual counseling and related mental health services;
- Highland Park-Highwood Home Child Care Association: helping home-based child care providers

Description of the Project:

The City of Highland Park is partnering with CFC to re-use an existing 1960s-construction era building, which is functionally obsolescent and in need of substantial capital investment. Given the intended use of the site, environmental remediation is critical for health, life and safety reasons.

Most of the building has been vacant for a number of years, with small portions used by a professional theatre company and day care and nursery school provider (Highland Park Community Nursery). In providing a long-term, *deminimus* lease to CFC, the city is partnering to make human services available to residents of southeast Lake County in a downtown, transit-oriented, central business location. The site is adjacent to the Lake County North Shore Community Health Center, providing opportunities for cross-referrals for human services.

Economic Benefits: The project will provide a substantial number of construction jobs, as well as anticipated permanent employment for approximately 53 employees at the center. The downtown location is a hub of retail and restaurant jobs, and the center's subsidized day care services will help both employees and employers of downtown businesses.

Anticipated cost of assessment, remediation / clean-up efforts:

Two Environmental Reports have been prepared by Carnow Conibear & Associates: a Hazardous Materials Summary Report dated April 9, 2009 and a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment dated April 10, 2009 (attached). The two Reports were prepared at a cost of \$11,050. Without performing destructive testing, Carnow Conibear has documented the presence of asbestos building materials, lead-based paint, PCB and mercury containing equipment, and mold. Removal of a possible underground storage tank may also be required. The presence of further contaminatory materials, behind walls or buried underneath blacktop, is possible.

The U.S. EPA defines a "Brownfield site" to mean "real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant." (Public Law 107-118, H.R. 2869, Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, cited in LEED Reference Guide for Green Building Design and Construction, 2009 Edition, p. 37). The presence of these contaminant materials within a building of this vintage acts as a disincentive to its refurbishment and redevelopment, and so the site clearly is a Brownfield by US EPA definition. Furthermore, US Green Building Council LEED standards recognize asbestos sites as Brownfield sites if the presence of asbestos has been documented by means of an "ASTM E1903-97 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment" or an "EPA Reg 40CFR Part 763," which has been done.

The projected environmental costs are \$250,000 for remediation and \$30,000 for testing, monitoring, and documentation of the

removal of all known hazards. Removal of a possible underground storage tank may also be required. This is a "worst case" budget which anticipates both substantial asbestos-containing materials discovered during demolition and the presence of buried chemical storage tanks near the building's exterior perimeter.

Total Project Cost:

Approximately \$13 million including all furnishings, equipment, contingencies and escalation estimates.

County funds requested:

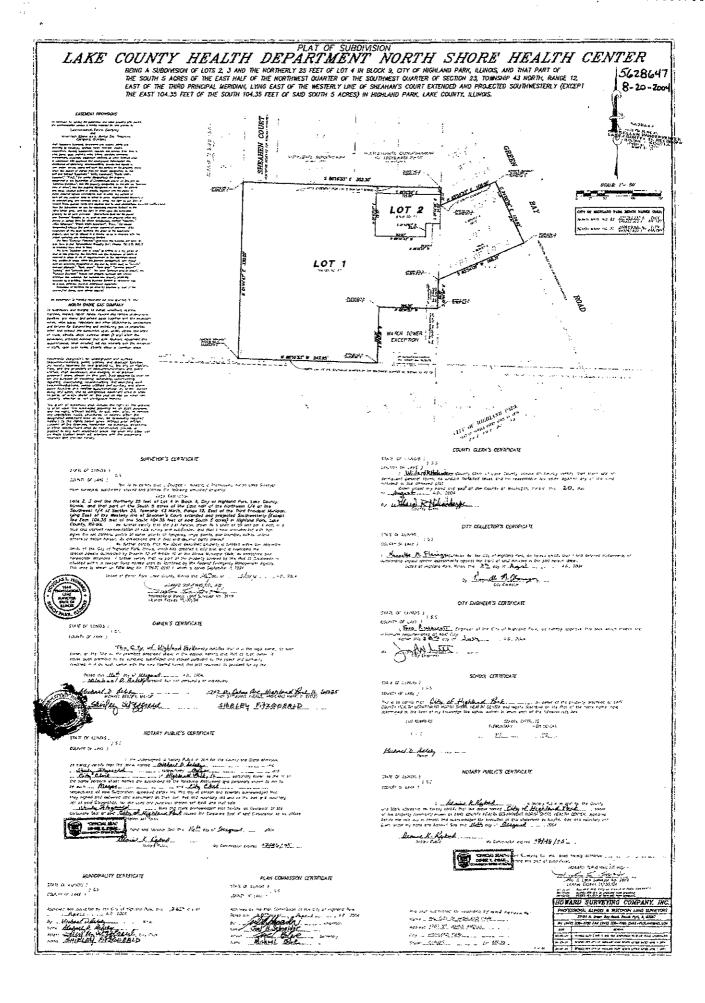
\$100,000

Detail of other funds:

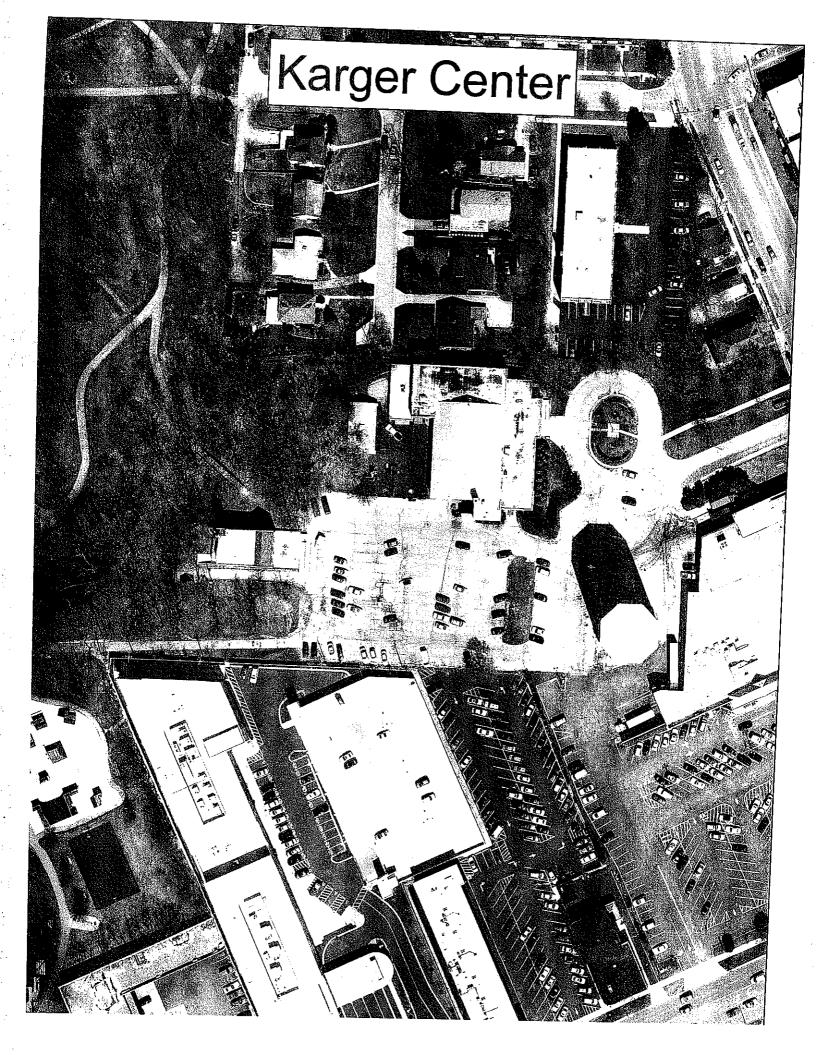
The City of Highland Park has contributed the value of a 35-year, \$10 per annum lease to the project. In addition, financial commitments for capital funding of \$1,000,000 and \$100,000 by the State of Illinois and Moraine Township respectively have been received. Other public/private sector grant funding, as well as grants for energy-efficient and green components in the project design, are being pursued. The balance of the funding is provided by private-sector fund-raising.

List of Contaminants known or suspected:

Asbestos, lead-based paint, PCB-containing materials, mercury-containing materials, and mold were confirmed to be present. An underground storage tank may be present on site.



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Enter the 10 or 14 digit Property Index Number (PIN) with or without dashes for the property:

Pin: 16-23-307-157

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Property Address Pin: 16-23-307-157 Street Address: 0 N GREEN BAY RD City: HIGHLAND PARK Zip Code: 60035 Land Amount: \$0 Building Amount: \$0

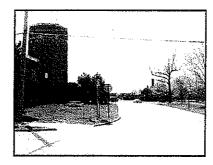
Land Amount: \$0

Building Amount: \$0

Total Amount: \$0

Township: Moraine

Assessment Date: 2008



NO SKETCH AVAILABLE

Property Characteristics

Neighborhood Number:	1816088
Neighborhood Name:	Exempt Parcels
Total Land Square Footage:	113492
House Type Code:	
Structure Type / Stories:	
Exterior Cover:	
Multiple Buildings (Y/N):	N
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Year Built / Effective Age: Condition: Quality Grade: Above Ground Living Area

(Square Feet):
Lower Level Area
(Square Feet):
Finished Lower Level
(Square Feet):

Basement Area (Square Feet): Finished Basement:

Area (Square Feet)
Number of Full Bathrooms:
Number of Half Bathrooms:

Fireplaces:

 Garage Attached/Detached/Carport:
 0 / 0 / 0

 Garage Attached/Detached/Carport Area:
 0 / 0 / 0

 Deck / Patios:
 0 / 0

 Deck / Patios Area:
 0 / 0

 Porches Open / Enclosed:
 0 / 0

 Porches Open / Enclosed Area
 0 / 0

 Pool
 0

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Property Sales History

Date of Sale	Sale Amount	Qualified Sale
3/30/2005	\$400,000.00	No

Changes made to the sketch drawings are uploaded to the website every two weeks. The property characteristics appearing on this page show any changes made by an assessor the following day.

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