DATE: November 16, 2010

TO: Fairfield Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sean P. Quinn, City Manager, Eve Somjen, Community Resources Director, Lee A. Evans, Housing Operations Supervisor

SUBJECT: Resolution of the Fairfield Housing Authority Approving the Submission of a Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant Application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Adopt resolution.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing a grant for the salary and benefits of Family Self Sufficiency case managers up to $69,000 per position to Housing Authorities who administer the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program. The Fairfield Housing Authority currently has 78 FSS participants and is therefore eligible to apply for two FSS coordinator positions for a total of $138,000. The first position is funded under category one of the grant application. If funding is available after round one, the second position may be funded under the category two criteria. The grant application is due to HUD by December 6, 2010.

DISCUSSION
The Fairfield Housing Authority administers a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program that provides case management for Section 8 families who desire to improve their earning potential and move towards financial independence and homeownership.

Each FSS participant signs a five-year contract that includes short and long-range goals that will enable the family to become self-sufficient during the contract period. These goals may be related to employment, education, or life skills. The families are always encouraged to consider homeownership as their final objective.
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As of November 1, 2010, fifty-six (56) families have graduated from the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Eighteen (18) have become homeowners without Section 8 assistance. Five (5) are homeowners under the Section 8 Homeownership Option.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
If the grant application is approved, the Fairfield Housing Authority may receive up to $138,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to pay for salary and benefits for two FSS Coordinators beginning January 2011.

PUBLIC CONTACT/ADVISORY BODY RECOMMENDATION
N/A

ALTERNATIVE ACTION
The Fairfield Housing Authority Board of Commissioners could choose not to apply for this grant. However, these funds enable the Housing Authority to continue an existing successful program.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
Attachment 1: Resolution

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CITY OF FAIRFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. HA2010-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, in order to receive grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for two Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator positions beginning January 2011, the Fairfield Housing Authority must submit an approved funding application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by December 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has approved a Five Year Plan for fiscal year 2010-2015 and an Annual Plan for fiscal year 2010-2011 supporting the continuance of the Family Self Sufficiency Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAIRFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY, THAT:

Section 1. The Fairfield Housing Authority approves the submission of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to submit a grant application by December 6, 2010, in order to receive the maximum amount available to the Fairfield Housing Authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: ____________________________

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: ____________________________

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: ___________________________

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: ___________________________

ATTEST: ____________________________

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY