



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No:** 2006-0259 V4

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Ed Anzek, Planning & Development Department, ext. 2577  
**DATE:** May 27, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Danish Village Letter of Support for Federal Appropriation Request

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**REQUEST:**

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is seeking a Council resolution of support for its appropriation request in the FY 2007 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives account for renovation costs to Danish Village Apartments in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

**BACKGROUND:**

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM) is seeking to make renovations to Danish Village, to upgrade the facilities including kitchen areas and HVAC. City Council approved an Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance 501, Section 30-32 to Chapter 30, Community Development to modify tax exemption provisions relating to Danish Village. The amendment, approved in August, 2005, granted Danish Village tax exempt status and payment-in-lieu-of-taxes pending approval of MISHDA Credits from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. MISHDA is expected to rule on its request for credits shortly.

In addition, LSSM is seeking a \$750,000 appropriation in the FY 2007 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives account for renovation costs to Danish Village Apartments through Congressman Joe Knollenberg's sponsorship.

LSSM is the largest faith-based, non-profit human service organization in the State of Michigan. Their impact spreads across the Lower Peninsula by offering more than 80 programs in 43 Michigan cities. Services they offer include foster care, adoption, child care, subsidized housing, nursing homes, community centers, and services to the homeless.

One of the services offered by LSSM is Danish Village Apartments, a HUD Section 202 housing project. Danish Village, operated and owned by LSSM, provides 150 units of housing for low income, elderly Michigan residents. The facility provides numerous options to assist the residents in living full and healthy lives. However, in the last three decades, Danish Village has been in need of numerous facility upgrades. Some of the specific construction needs are removal of asbestos material, improvement of outdoor walkways, replacement of worn flooring, installation of air conditioning, upgrades to bathrooms and kitchens, and replacement of fire safety and detection equipment. The federal funding request made by LSSM will support these much needed renovations that will greatly improve the quality of life for all residents in Danish Village.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the attached Resolution.

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**RESOLUTION**

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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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