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New Housing Stimulus Grants

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced the availability of \$995 million in Capital Fund Recovery Competition (CFRC) Grants. The announcement is available at the following web site <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/recovery-comp-grants.pdf>. Funding is available under four categories: 1) improvements addressing the needs of the elderly and/or persons with disabilities; 2) public housing transformation; 3) gap financing for projects that are stalled due to financing issues; and 4) creation of energy efficient, green communities. Cities may wish to make application themselves or work with regional agencies in your area. In either case if you need assistance in considering if this opportunity fits a community need, please contact **Joel West, Department Head of Planning and Landscape Architecture** at 651-681-9040 or 507-288-6474 or at jwest@yaggy.com.

Client News

City of Stewartville

Yaggy Colby Associates has nearly completed work on a Comprehensive Plan Update for the city. The final draft has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and we are awaiting review by the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments (ROCOG) before presenting to the City Council.

City of New Trier

The City Council of the City New Trier has selected **Yaggy Colby Associates** as its City Planner. We will be working with the city on future planning projects as they are identified. Also, the city will be holding "Treetop Days" on July 12th please come and join the city during their celebration.

City of Randolph

The City of Randolph has received comments from Dakota County regarding their updated Comprehensive Plan. **Yaggy Colby Associates** prepared the new plan for the city as it prepares for its future. We will be working with the city to finalize the plan with the Metropolitan Council.

Update on Annexation Bill

In our last Newsletter, we provided information on a bill pending in the legislature regarding annexation, Senate File (S.F.) 1163. It provided for a number of law changes such as, no more municipal incorporations after June 1, 2009, and an administrative law judge would have more authority to provide for the consolidation of the remaining land in a township with one or more cities if an annexation would create an undue hardship on the remaining township. The bill was introduced in March and has been referred to the State and Local Government Operations Committee in the Senate. No action has been taken by the legislature.

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