

**Watertown Economic Development Authority**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**Agenda Item: 2018 Preliminary Levy & Budget****Request for Action: Adopt EDA Resolution #2017-04EDA, Approving Preliminary Levy for Pay 2018****Department: Shane Fineran, City Administrator****Background:**

The Watertown EDA has levying authority to support and promote economic development activities within the community. Annually a levy is certified for tax collection and is statutorily set based upon the previous years final taxable market value. The maximum levy that can be set by the EDA is governed by state statute and is based upon the taxable market value within the community. The preliminary levy has to be certified by September 30<sup>th</sup> with the final levy being set by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The City has experienced an overall market value increase in the community of 5.73% for pay 2018.

Staff has prepared a preliminary budget for EDA review that utilizes levy revenues and current cash on hand (\$431,842 as of August 30<sup>th</sup>) to fund EDA activities. The bulk of EDA reinvestment will come in the form of continued support of the Building Façade Improvement Program, Revolving Loan Fund, and the Housing Stock Reinvestment grant program. Staff will also continue to work with the CDA to implement the Emergency Repair Loan program. Staff is proposing that \$75,000 and \$55,000 be made available respectively for these programs. Staff anticipates with the implementation of the Minnesota DEED Small Cities Development Grant we will see additional funding requests for the RLF and BFI loan programs to supplement grant funding for commercial building improvement projects as well as greater opportunity to supplement housing reinvestment. Staff would also recommend that the Other Professional Services and Advertising line items be funded for additional market research related to senior housing needs as well as potential participation in another “developers day” type event.

The maximum EDA levy amount based upon a taxable market valuation within the community of \$275,913,800 is \$50,078. We also anticipate revenue from the sale of 313 Territorial in the amount \$15,000.

The EDA will continue to review and refine the 2018 budget during planned meetings this fall.

**Attachments:**

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Draft EDA 2018 Budget

**RESOLUTION 2017-04 EDA**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY 2017 TAX LEVY  
FOR THE WATERTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FOR COLLECTION IN 2018**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Watertown is dependent upon the collection of a tax to fund a portion of its economic development activities,

**NOW,** therefore be it resolved that the Watertown Economic Development Authority hereby adopts the following Year 2018 tax levy for collection upon taxable property in the City of Watertown for the following purposes:

Watertown Economic Development Authority         \$   50,078

Total Levy:   \$   50,078

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2017 by the Watertown Economic Development Authority.

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Ken Grotbo, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shane Fineran, Executive Director