

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1859**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT RESTORATION OF THE STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS AND SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ALLOCATION OF 2013 FUNDS TO OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, in Chapter 22 of the Laws of 2001, the Arizona Legislature established the Arizona Department of Housing (the “Department”) and authorized it to, among other things, provide financial assistance to qualified housing participants and political subdivisions and provide advisory, consultative, planning, training and educational assistance for the development of safe, decent and affordable housing (including housing for low and moderate-income households); and

WHEREAS, the Department established and administers the State Housing Trust Fund (“HTF”) from which monies are spent for programs providing safe housing for low and moderate-income households to preserve and improve the long-term life of existing affordable owner occupied housing stock; and

WHEREAS, prior to the recent recession, approximately \$30 million was deposited into the HTF each year with over 70% of those funds being spent in rural Arizona but, by 2010, funding had been reduced to \$2.5 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the Department now indicates that it intends to reallocate \$2 million set aside for the Home Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”) Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR) in its 2013 action plan for special needs housing development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prescott Valley recognized the need for housing assistance and economic development and since 2002 has had in place an OOHR program funded by HOME distributed to the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, ARS §9-461.05(A) requires that each municipality adopt a comprehensive, long-range General Plan to guide development by establishing policies, goals, and strategies which promote the vision of the community and requires a Housing Element which addresses standards and programs for the elimination of substandard dwelling conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Prescott Valley General Plan 2025, Chapter 5, Housing, recognizes the need for revitalization of existing housing stock and neighborhoods to make a positive impact on the community by providing the neediest citizens with means to rehabilitate their homes to a safe and habitable condition; and

WHEREAS, this program addresses the objectives of the Prescott Valley General Plan 2025 as well as the priority objectives and outcomes outlined in the FY 2013 Action Plan implemented by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prescott Valley has assisted more than 68 homeowners over the past 11 years in rehabilitating or replacing their homes with funding from this program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, ARIZONA:

1. That the Town of Prescott Valley Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program described above is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Prescott Valley; and

2. That the Council authorizes all actions necessary to support restoration of the State Housing Trust Fund and request that funds allocated in the FY 2013 action plan by ADOH remain allocated to the OOHR program; and

3. That this Resolution be effective after its passage and approval according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Speaker of the House, Andy Tobin, Arizona Department of Housing Director, Michael Traylor, Assistant Deputy Director of Programs, Andrew Rael, and Community Development and Revitalization Administrator, Kathy Blodgett.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Prescott Valley this 19th day of December, 2013.

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Harvey Skoog, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Diane Russell, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ivan Legler, Town Attorney