

**MOTION**

Motion expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County supporting the efforts of LifeSpan, Inc. in their creation of the Heritage Court/Heritage House Senior Resource Center and their application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for funding for the project.

**WHEREAS**, LifeSpan, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization which has been providing services and activities to Allegheny County's senior population for over 30 years through its 15 centers in western and southern Allegheny County; and

**WHEREAS**, LifeSpan has purchased an abandoned building in Homestead with the intent to renovate the property into a viable piece of real estate which will house the Heritage House Senior Resource Center as well as eight apartment units which will be built to accommodate low-income seniors, providing LifeSpan with the opportunity to expand their existing program areas and offerings; and

**WHEREAS**, the building is a historic structure whose façade will be maintained to protect the historic integrity of the facility while also renovating the building to eliminate the many physical barriers that LifeSpan's consumers face on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, LifeSpan, Inc. desires to obtain funds from DCED in the amount of \$200,000 to further provide for the prevention and elimination of blight; and

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2003, Allegheny County Council approved the Steel Valley Redevelopment Proposal # 1 within the Steel Valley Redevelopment Area located in the Borough of Homestead designated an area to be blighted and in need of redevelopment; and further, that the project for which LifeSpan seeks funding is within that area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Allegheny County Council supports the development plans of LifeSpan, Inc. which, when complete, will provide the opportunity for additional services and programs for area seniors, reclaim abandoned property in a blighted area of the County, maintain the façade of a historic structure in Homestead Borough and prevent further blight within the area; and further supports the endeavors of LifeSpan to secure funding from DCED to assist them in their development.

**Now, Therefore, it is moved**, and it is the Sense of the Council of Allegheny County, that its members support the efforts of LifeSpan, Inc. in their creation of the Heritage Court/Heritage House Senior Resource Center and their application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for funding for the project.

**SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JABBOUR & FITZGERALD**

In Council August 26, 2003. Read and Approved.

Rick Schwartz

**Rick Schwartz  
President of Council**

Attest: John Mascio  
**John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Leah Tazza, Development Director  
Life-Span, Inc.

**From:** John Mascio, Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

**Date:** August 29, 2003

**Subject:** Bill No. 1283-03 – Motion of Council

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At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 26, 2003, Council unanimously approved the above motion presented by Council members Jay Jabbour and Rich Fitzgerald.

As you will read, the motion supports your efforts in the creation of the Heritage Court/Heritage House Senior Resource Center and your application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for funding for the project.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this.

June 9, 2003

Councilman C.L. Jabbour  
Office of the County Council  
119 County Courthouse  
436 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Councilman Jabbour,

I am writing this letter on behalf of LifeSpan to request your assistance with securing an Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority Resolution in support of the organization's revitalization project taking place within the Borough of Homestead. This support is necessary in order for LifeSpan to pursue certain avenues of funding.

LifeSpan, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization has been providing services to Allegheny County's senior population for over 30 years. Even though, the organization's name is fairly new, the organization was a result of a merger between two of the area's most recognized organizations, Southwest Services, Inc. and New Heritage, Inc. Under the umbrella of LifeSpan, fifteen (15) centers provide activities and services for the over-60 population in southern and western Allegheny County. The administrative entity of LifeSpan, Care Management Unit, and one of four Home Delivered Meal programs are housed at 314 East Eighth Avenue in Homestead, along with the Heritage House Senior Resource Center.

LifeSpan has purchased an abandoned building next to its administrative entity in Homestead and has already undertaken steps to renovate this property into a viable piece of real estate. This building and the lot next to it, 308-310 East Eighth Avenue, will become the new home to the Heritage House Senior Resource Center and 8 apartment units built to accommodate low-income seniors of Allegheny County. The abandoned building is a historic structure, therefore, LifeSpan plans to maintain the façade of that structure and carry the historic integrity of Eighth Avenue through the project that will take place on the 310 lot and the current location of the administrative offices at 314.

Moving Heritage House Senior Resource Center from the second floor of 314 to its new location on the first floor of the new 308-310 building, will eliminate the many physical barriers that the consumers face on a daily basis, and the new Center will also allow LifeSpan to expand its program areas and offerings. The 8-unit apartments will answer the demand of low-income housing for the area's seniors. Individuals residing in the apartments would be able to utilize the many in-home and center services that LifeSpan has to offer, while being able to enjoy the conveniences of the Homestead and the Waterfront businesses.

The Heritage Court/ Heritage House Senior Resource Center already has the support of the Borough of Homestead, as well as, that of the Mon Valley Initiative and State Senator Jay Costa.

We are now looking to the County of Allegheny to provide us with the final piece of the puzzle. Your support of this project means more to LifeSpan than just helping to secure funding. Your support helps us maintain our commitment, and yours, in providing the highest quality of service delivery to the area's over-60 population.

I have enclosed a copy of a sample resolution and a LifeSpan brochure. If further information is needed, please feel free to give me a call at 412-464-1700 x 121. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss this very worthwhile project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Leah R. Tazza, MBA  
Development Director

Life-Span  
314 EAST 8th Ave  
Homestead 15120

Exhibit II

# Resolution of a Redevelopment Authority

Resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ is desirous of obtaining funds from DCED in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for prevention and elimination of blight under Section 4 (c) of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the \_\_\_\_\_ that a blighting influence exists because of \_\_\_\_\_

and the proposed project will prevent further blight and/or eliminate the existing influence by \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the DCED.

ATTEST

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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July 9, 2003

Mr. Jay Jabbour  
2501 Pennsylvania Avenue  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

in re: LifeSpan

Dear Mr. Jabbour:

Pursuant to our conversation last evening at Council meeting I am enclosing the papers that LifeSpan had sent you prior on June 9. As this project is currently ongoing, it is most critical to LifeSpan that all the support it can garner is achieved.

The enclosed documents outline what LifeSpan is needing via its Development Director Leah Tazza. I will inform Ms. Tazza that I have spoken with you and have passed these documents on to you. I will have Ms. Tazza follow up with you on this matter, as time is of the essence. If your schedule does not permit you to attend to this, while the center is not in my Councilman's District, I will ask for his help as LifeSpan's major coverage area of senior centers is from Homestead throughout the South Hills, which is predominantly in Mr. Gastgeb's District. As its headquarters is in your District, it would be more appropriate for you to sponsor this support.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter.

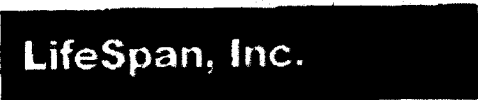
Very truly yours,

PAPPAS REPORTING SERVICE, INC.

Ursula H. Pappas  
(Board Member of LifeSpan)

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Encs.  
cc: L. Tazza

314 East Eighth Avenue - Homestead - PA - 15120



# Fax

**To:** Ursula Pappas **From:** Leah Tazza

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**Re:** Resolution for LifeSpan **CC:**

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Ursula,



I sent him a letter back in June asking for his support of the project in Homestead. The Community of Opportunities Grant will be for \$250,000 and it stresses the importance of having the support of the municipality (which we already have) and a redevelopment authority. Homestead does not have one, therefore, we are required to get the support of the County. This was determined by Bill number 1066-03, giving the County authority over the "Steel Valley Redevelopment Area."

I have included a copy of the letter, a sample resolution from the DCED application, and the Resolution from the Boro Council. We also have the support of the MonValley Initiative and Senator Costa. The County is our last piece.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you for your willingness to do this. I greatly appreciate it.

Leah

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*This is the information  
Life Span wanted you to have. Prompt attention  
is needed due to  
construction  
Schedule.*

*Ursula Pappas*