

Glastonbury Pulls Grant Application

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GLASTONBURY —

Faced with strong criticism of its efforts to provide low-income housing, the town withdrew its application for a grant to develop its industrial park rather than receive a negative recommendation from a review committee of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

When a motion to deny the industrial park grant application because of the town's poor housing record was introduced, Community Development Director Richard Eigen withdrew it in order to provide additional information.

The regional group reviews and makes recommendations on applications by towns for state and federal grants.

One of the goals of the plan of development adopted

by the regional group is to promote industrial development in communities which offer housing at reasonable costs.

Members of the regional group mentioned more than once the recent rejection of plans to build 90 units of low-cost housing off Nye Road in their criticism that the town has not provided housing for low income families.

The town anticipates that the industrial park if developed would generate about 200 to 400 jobs.

Town Plan and Zoning Commission member T. James Murphy and Town Council member Sonya Goo-gins defended the town's housing record and cited its policy of requiring 10 to 15 percent low and moderate income housing in all large residential developments.