

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Revised Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Approval to Allocate Anticipated 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Funding

Background

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, all applicants were invited to attend a public hearing and present their proposals to the Economic and Community Development Committee on September 12, 2014. For 2015 funds, a review process was put in place by staff to objectively rank projects. A panel was arranged to score each project based on this system (see table on page 3). The panel members were chosen due to their experience with CDBG regulations as well as to avoid conflicts of interest. The panel consisted of a representative from the Milwaukee County Housing Division, a representative from the City of Milwaukee Community Development Grants Administration and a representative from the City of West Allis.

Pending approval by the County Board, the 2015 Annual Plan will be published for comment for 30-days, as required. Any public comments will be incorporated into the final 2015 Annual Plan and it will then be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

Issue

The 2015 Milwaukee County CDBG estimated award totals \$1,394,806. Of the total funds, 20 percent can be used for administration and 15 percent can be set aside for public service projects. For 2015, the allocation continues to be split between at-large competitive projects and municipal projects. Although the municipal projects were not scored and ranked for the purpose of this report, they are included to show the complete allocation. As in years past, County CDBG staff will continue to review municipal projects to ensure that applicants meet national objectives and are following the Consolidated Plan. If the funds awarded by HUD differ from the amount in this report, projects will be adjusted equally on a percentage basis.

For the competitive applications, the recommendations in this report are based on the total points received for each project. Projects were ranked based on the following criteria:

- Project Approach
- Need and justification
- Benefit to Low-and-Moderate Income Persons
- Target population and jurisdiction
- Capacity and experience
- Financial controls and budget
- Past CDBG performance

For the 2015 HOME allocation process, applications were sought from outside agencies to provide first-time home buyer assistance and rental development similar to the Block Grant application process. The 2015 HOME funding is anticipated to be \$1,287,077. Two eligible applications were submitted from Select Milwaukee and Movin'Out and both are recommended for funding. Movin' Out will assist households with members with a disability to purchase suitable homes. Select Milwaukee will focus on working with employers and municipalities to assist first-time home buyers.

Two rental development applications were received and are under financial review. All rental development project must come back for Board approval. Over the years, annual funding has been set aside for these types projects and the board must approve each individual project.

West Allis has also submitted an application for use of their fair share of funding. This is done to ensure regulatory compliance and creates a scope of work for the written agreement the County is required to have with West Allis. Wauwatosa did not submit a HOME application, but Home Repair will continue to serve Wauwatosa and market to areas identified by the City of Wauwatosa.

Recommendation

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services, recommends that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Housing Division to allocate the anticipated 2015 Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds to the following projects:

CDBG

County-wide Projects	Public Service	Non-Public Service	Application Score
Metro. Milwaukee Fair Housing Council	\$35,337		300
Legal Aid – Foreclosure Mediation	\$26,693		300
Jewish Family Services – Peer Support	\$18,329		300
Hope House – Housing Case Management	\$17,795		300
United Community Center – Senior Outreach*	\$6,456		300
WWBIC – Job Creation		\$28,052	300
Milwaukee County Housing, Suburban Home Repair		\$151,818	300
Milwaukee County Housing, Architectural Barrier Removal		\$40,000	300
Grand Avenue Club - Employment		\$100,000	300
Hunger Task Force – Education Center		\$79,454	285
Milwaukee County Parks – Sheridan Park Electrical		\$53,988	223
At large total	\$104,610	\$453,312	\$557,922

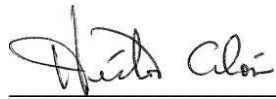
Suburban Set-Aside Projects	Public Service	Non-Public Service
Bayside – Senior Center Operations	\$3,093	
Brown Deer – Senior Club	\$4,419	
Cudahy – Property Maintenance	\$10,000	
Cudahy/St. Francis- Interfaith Project Concern	\$2,724	
Franklin – Senior Travel	\$5,000	
Glendale – WCS License Recovery	\$5,126	
Greendale – Adult Program Services	\$5,512	
Greenfield – Senior Services Staff	\$17,243	
Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach (various municipalities)	\$21,336	
Oak Creek/Salvation Army – Homelessness	\$6,000	
Oak Creek/Cudahy – UCC Senior Outreach*	\$6,859	
Shorewood – Senior Resource Center	\$6,316	
St. Francis – Code Compliance	\$6,136	
West Milwaukee – Community Center Maintenance	\$4,846	
Cudahy – Bus Stop Improvements		\$44,200
Franklin – Meal Program Roofing		\$15,000
Franklin – Home Repair Grant		\$20,000

Franklin – ADA Signage		\$10,000
Glendale – ADA Compliant Curb Ramps		\$31,000
Greendale – Hose Tower Improvements		\$30,000
Greenfield – Dan Jansen Playground		\$74,000
Shorewood – Senior Safety Repair Project		\$10,000
South Milwaukee – Farmers Market		\$27,000
South Milwaukee – Senior Center Improvements		\$41,000
St. Francis – Trail Project Phase III		\$42,333
West Milwaukee – Fire House Improvements		\$36,831
WWBIC – Job Creation (various municipalities)*		\$71,948
Suburban Total	\$104,610	\$453,312
TOTAL – Public and Non-Public Service (not including admin)		\$1,115,844
Total Allocation from HUD including reallocation	\$1,394,806	
Administration cap per regulation, 20%	\$278,962	
*Project is funded in both county wide and municipal		

HOME

Project	Amount
Administration (10% cap)	\$125,440
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside	\$139,561
West Allis (including West Allis program income)	\$314,271
Home Repair Loans	\$200,000
Down Payment Assistance – Movin’ Out	\$208,000
Down Payment Assistance – Select Milwaukee	\$149,805
Rental Development (final approval by Board)	\$150,000
HOME Total	\$1,287,077

Respectfully Submitted,



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